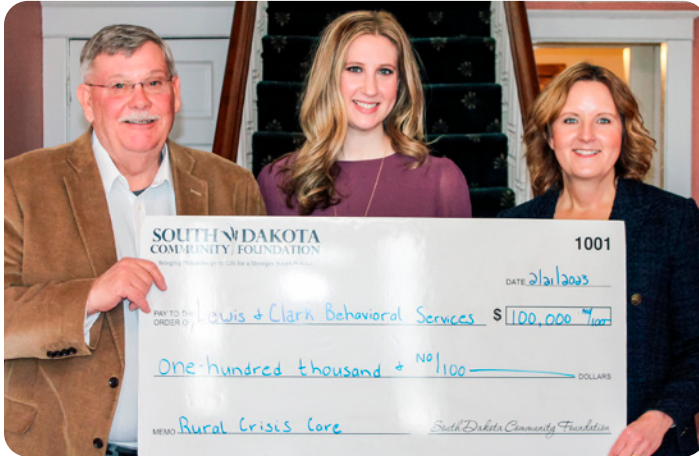


Investing in Community Innovation

Beyond Idea Grant Recipients Announced and a Program Success Story: Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services



▲ Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health received \$100,000 from SDCF's BIG Program.

South Dakota Community Foundation's (SDCF) Beyond Idea Grant (BIG) program was designed to support community-based problem solving in South Dakota. Started in partnership with the Bush Foundation in 2022, the BIG program aims to assist nonprofits to develop, test and spread their ideas and to connect leaders. SDCF recently announced BIG's 2024 grantees, awarding nearly \$1.2 million to 13 nonprofits in South Dakota (see box). Organizations seeking funding are finding innovative ways to solve problems in their communities, and investments from BIG are essential for that work to advance.

Funded ideas have included leadership development, food security and mental health initiatives. Since 2022, several grant recipients have completed their projects. Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services (LCBHS) is one such grantee.

With support from BIG, LCBHS launched a pilot program aimed at improving the response and follow-up when there are behavioral health crisis situations in rural Union County. Throughout the project, LCBHS identified four main barriers: transportation challenges necessitating involuntary holds for travel to the Yankton Crisis Center, care coordination difficulties due to the proximity of Iowa and Minnesota borders, communication issues between law enforcement and mental illness board chairpersons and the high costs and difficulty of spreading awareness about services in rural southeastern South Dakota.

LCBHS's idea created a crisis outreach coordinator role, which provided a reliable point of contact between families, law enforcement and service providers, reducing officer time and improving outcomes for patients and families. Law enforcement in rural areas face considerable hurdles in

behavioral health crisis response, including limited resources, staffing issues, social determinants of health affecting mental wellness, high turnover rates and transportation barriers. Communication challenges between agencies and service providers further complicate crisis care. However, the outreach role has effectively addressed these issues. Due to the success of the BIG pilot project, the program has expanded to Clay County and introduced a part-time position in Charles Mix County. This expansion underscores the model's scalability and effectiveness in addressing rural mental health care challenges. The position will continue to be funded through 2027 by a grant from the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, highlighting its sustained success and importance.

BIG RECIPIENTS: 2024

BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE/COMPASS
Statewide
\$132,000

EAT WELL SIOUX FALLS MOBILE MARKET
Sioux Falls
\$50,000

FAMILY CONNECTIONS CENTER
Pennington/Meade/Lawrence Counties
\$100,000

HELPLINE CENTER
Statewide
\$95,000

LOST&FOUND
Statewide
\$100,000

MIDWEST STREET MEDICINE
Sioux Falls
\$90,000

MITCHELL AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Davison County
\$100,000

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA ECONOMIC CORPORATION
Northeast South Dakota
\$100,000

SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
Statewide
\$100,000

SOUTH DAKOTA DISCOVERY CENTER
Central South Dakota
\$77,400

SOUTH DAKOTA NATIVE HOMEOWNERSHIP COALITION
Pine Ridge/Rosebud/Cheyenne River/Lake Traverse/Crow Creek Reservations
\$73,000

STRAIGHT UP CARE
Statewide
\$100,000

THE LEGACY FOUNDATION
Statewide
\$82,350

Learn more about the BIG program recipients and how to apply here: SDCommunityFoundation.org/BIG

South Dakota Fund Grants

From January 1 to May 31, 2024, SDCF awarded 16 South Dakota Fund grants totaling over \$276,000. The South Dakota Fund is an unrestricted fund that makes grants to nonprofits and charitable organizations across the state in support of culture, economic development, education, financial literacy, health and human services. SDCF accepts applications for South Dakota Fund grants on a rolling basis.



Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting

Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting received a \$10,000 South Dakota Fund grant for their "Explore South Dakota Fund." This project is dedicated to the creation of SDPB's award-winning television documentaries and on-the-ground programming about local life in South Dakota.



South Dakota Youth Foundation, Inc.

South Dakota Youth Foundation, Inc. received a \$20,000 South Dakota Fund grant to aid in the development of their Teens as Teachers program expansion. High school students mentor younger students to address physical and mental health and character development. Teens as Teachers will be expanding and implemented in 27 different schools and communities in South Dakota.



Crooks Community Child Care Center

Crooks Community Child Care Center provides affordable childcare that promotes growth and wellness for all children. They received a \$10,000 South Dakota Fund grant to support the kitchen and laundry room at their new facility. The new facility will expand their program capacity from 42 children a day to 124.



Gayville-Volin School District 63-1

A \$10,000 South Dakota Fund grant was presented to the Gayville-Volin School District. Funding will aid in supporting work to safely surface areas around wellness equipment and outdoor musical instruments at Raider Park. This park was created to benefit the entire community and surrounding area.

The South Dakota Fund grant program is competitive, and grants are awarded by the SDCF Board of Directors throughout the year. Please visit our website to learn more about grant recipients and the application process: SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants

Grantmaking Update

2024 Bush Prize: South Dakota Update



The Bush Prize: South Dakota is an award that celebrates organizations that are highly valued within their communities and have a track record of successful problem solving.

SDCF received 75 applications for the 2024 Bush Prize: South Dakota. Finalists will be selected in July and the prize winner(s) will be announced in October.

The Bush Prize: South Dakota is done in partnership between Bush Foundation and SDCF. SDCF will select and announce Bush Prize winner(s), as well as provide any support along the way.



Watch videos of the 2023 Bush Prize: South Dakota winners, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and Lost&Found, and learn more about the prize here: SDCommunityFoundation.org/grants/bush-prize-south-dakota

Nonprofit Completes Endowment Fundraising Challenge

Stavig House Museum

The historic Stavig House, built by Scandinavian craftsmen in 1916, combines elements of the Victorian era with Arts and Crafts style architecture. Listed on the National Historic Register, the museum tells the authentic story of a Norwegian immigrant family through three generations, from fishermen in Norway to homesteaders on the Dakota prairie to Main Street entrepreneurs in the new town of Sisseton.

The Stavig House Museum raised more than \$120,000 to establish a permanent endowment fund at SDCF and was awarded \$20,000 in matching funds from SDCF's Nonprofit Savings Account grant program.



Learn more about this challenge grant opportunity and the benefit of endowment funds on our website: SDCommunityFoundation.org/Nonprofit-Savings-Accounts

Nonprofit Savings Account (NSA)

SDCF's Nonprofit Savings Account (NSA) grant program challenges nonprofits in South Dakota to build endowment funds, creating a sustainable revenue source for their organizations for years to come. Successful applicants are challenged to raise an agreed-upon amount of money over two years – with SDCF contributing up to \$20,000 in matching dollars at a rate of \$1 for each \$4 raised. In 2024, two organizations have accepted this challenge grant opportunity: Family Connections Center, Inc. and Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village.

How Life Experiences Shape Philanthropy with DeMaris Nesheim

DeMaris Nesheim counts her blessings, and at the top of her list are the examples her parents set for her while growing up on a ranch near the community of Philip, South Dakota. Taught the value of working hard for something you want in life, DeMaris worked at the local telephone company as well as taught at a rural county school to afford her college tuition.

After overcoming challenges, including the unexpected passing of her first husband, Chuck Mathison, at just 45 years old, DeMaris raised her two children, Jodie and Jason, and had a successful career as a franchise business owner. DeMaris has spent her retirement years living in Hill City, after reconnecting with her now husband, Erv Nesheim. DeMaris and Erv are deeply involved in volunteer work, serving on countless boards including Salvation Army of the Black Hills.

DeMaris, a member of the SDCF Board of Directors, sat down with Beth Massa, SDCF Director for Foundation Relations, to discuss how her life experiences have shaped how she serves others. They also discussed DeMaris's passionate partnership with SDCF to jumpstart Community Savings Accounts that have led to the creation of the Hill City Community Foundation and the Philip Area Community Foundation.

An experience that altered DeMaris' life forever was the passing of her daughter, Jodie, to cancer at just 36 years of age. At the time of her passing, Jodie was the principal of a residential school in California for children who had experienced various forms of abuse.

"I was devastated, and I needed to find meaning in my life again," said DeMaris, "so I made it my life's mission to help children who have been abused and not given a fair shake in life."

She has served on boards that work to find solutions for children in need, such as the Children's Home

Society of South Dakota, Abbott House, Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army of the Black Hills and Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota.

DeMaris has never lost the value of working hard for something you believe in. When she and her husband Erv decide to support a nonprofit organization, they not only do so financially, but they are hands-on in their philanthropy. One such hands-on moment was when touring Canyon Hills Residential Treatment Center, she and Erv took it upon themselves to see that the kitchen could better meet the needs of the chef and residents.

DeMaris has a heart for serving not only her current community of Hill City, but also her hometown community of Philip. She partnered with SDCF to establish Community Savings Accounts for each community, utilizing SDCF's Community Savings Account Challenge Program. When she began the quest to encourage the citizens of Philip to help match her \$100,000 contribution, dollar-for-dollar, as well as SDCF's challenge, it was an emotional plea that struck a chord. In just a matter of days, her challenge was met.

"Starting a foundation in Philip was certainly a joyful experience," shared DeMaris, "and to know that some really good things were about to happen in Philip as a result of this foundation was so gratifying."



▲ DeMaris Nesheim

DeMaris noted how each foundation has continued to grow since its initial establishment.

"South Dakota Community Foundation has done an outstanding job helping to establish these foundations," added DeMaris. "I can't thank you enough for your help in making a difference."

DeMaris's story is an inspiring testament to the difference a single person can make to create a brighter future for countless people across South Dakota.

To listen to the podcast on which this story is based, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org, click News & Insights at the top right of the page, select South Dakota Podcast and Stories and scroll to this episode.





◀ Fred Cozad, Pat and Erin Goetzinger and Luella Cozad.

Making a Lasting Impact *with* Key Club Member Patrick Goetzinger

Philanthropy has a lasting impact on many lives throughout South Dakota. SDCF works to simplify philanthropy and help charitable donations leave a legacy within our state. One way this is done is by partnering with professional advisors who comprise the SDCF Key Club.

The Key Club recognizes and thanks professional advisors who have inspired their clients to give back and improve the lives of their fellow South Dakotans. Earning the trust of donors and partnering with SDCF staff, these advisors promote philanthropy through legacy building.

SDCF President & CEO Stephanie Judson recently joined Key Club member Patrick Goetzinger for a conversation about his work in estate planning and the charitable conversation. Pat is a partner with Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson, & Ashmore, LLP, in Rapid City, where he leads the firm's Business and Estate Planning Group and serves on the Executive Committee. He practices in business and estate planning, focusing on family-run businesses, affluent individuals, business transactions and real property law.

Pat has worked closely for many years with SDCF on behalf of his clients, who wanted to leave a legacy for generations to come. He is especially thankful for the

resources the Key Club offers to advisors.

"The Key Club helps me be a better advisor on philanthropic topics," said Pat, "and they are a great collaborator when the time comes to fulfill philanthropic objectives for my clients."

Pat has partnered with SDCF to make many clients' philanthropic dreams come true, but some especially memorable clients to work with were Fred and Luella Cozad. Fred Cozad established the Cozad Law Office, where Luella served as secretary. The Cozad Law Office operated as a steadfast Main Street practice in the Martin, South Dakota, community for 65 years, where Fred served in many capacities, including judge and state's attorney.

Pat grew up in Martin and counts Fred and Luella Cozad as longtime friends and mentors. Pat's career took him into Fred's office many times to discuss the practice of law and to seek advice from the seasoned lawyer on anything from philanthropy to family. Pat was honored when Fred and Luella asked him to be their advisor in estate planning.

"Other than my parents, Fred and Luella were incredibly influential in the career path that I chose in life," shared Pat. "I wanted to be the kind of person and lawyer that would make Fred, Luella and my parents proud."

For Fred and Luella, philanthropy was a central part of life. In 1997, Fred and Luella established the Martin Community Foundation alongside a dedicated group of people with a desire to create a sustainable asset for the community of Martin. Over \$173,000 has been donated to the fund allowing for \$73,000 in grants for community projects and programs, making Martin a better place.

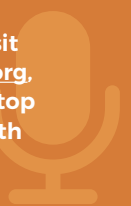
Fred and Luella knew when it came to establishing their estate plan, giving back to the community was going to be a strong priority. With Pat's guidance, the Cozads partnered with SDCF to establish several endowment funds, planned through the Cozad's estate.

Fred Cozad passed away in 2017, and Luella in 2019, and since their passing these funds have gone on to benefit multiple charities they cared for. The organizations that have felt the impact of Fred and Luella's philanthropy include the South Dakota Bar Foundation, Martin Community Foundation, USD Foundation, Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Martin, Westhills Village Foundation, Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Martin, St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Black Hills Playhouse.

"In their personal life and their professional life, Fred and Luella have had a profound impact on people throughout South Dakota," said Pat, "not just in Bennett County, and not just in South Dakota, but nationally."

To learn more about the Key Club, a part of SDCF's Legacy Society, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org, click on Giving in the top menu, then Legacy Society.

To listen to the podcast on which this story is based, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org, click News & Insights at the top right of the page, select South Dakota Podcast and Stories and scroll to this episode.



SDCF Hosting Regional CSA Conferences

For the third year in a row, SDCF will host four regional conferences this fall to allow Community Savings Account (CSA) advisory council members to get together and hear about best practices, share ideas and discuss ways to support their communities. In the past, SDCF held a Philanthropy Conference in one location in the state but shifted to the regional approach in hopes of increasing attendance by offering shorter travel. In 2022 and 2023, attendance in the regional meetings doubled the previous years' average annual attendance.

This year's conferences will be in the following communities with their host CSAs:

- » September 10: Webster, Day County Community Foundation
- » September 18: Freeman, Freeman Community Foundation
- » October 2: Miller, Miller Area Foundation
- » October 10: Rapid City

SDCF Makes Online Moves with Scholarships, Fund Access

SDCF is proud to partner with hundreds of donors who have created scholarship funds to assist South Dakota's young people advance their education. Thanks to the generosity of so many people and organizations, SDCF administers more than 300 scholarship funds. We are excited to announce our scholarship application process will move online in 2025. This move is in response to feedback from students, families, schools and the selection committees who choose scholarship recipients. SDCF's scholarships will be easier to search for matches with student eligibility, and the application and selection process will be made easier for all participants.

In addition, earlier this year, SDCF completed a conversion to a new online portal for fundholders to improve access to information about their funds. The portal includes recent donations, grants and investment activity and facilitates grant recommendations. Gofund, the new system, is a step forward from the previous system.

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SDCF's 2023 Annual Report was released earlier this year. It is a snapshot of how the Foundation celebrated the year as well as many stories about the ways South Dakotans are making a difference for their communities, state and world. Find the report at SDCommunityFoundation.org/Annual-Report. Also see our Bringing Philanthropy to Life podcast series which includes interviews with donors, grantees, and other people who partner with SDCF to improve our state. To find it, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org, click News & Insights at the top right of the page and select South Dakota Podcast and Stories.

