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PRAIRIE POSSIBILITIES

A monthly summary of available grant opportunities for North Dakota's rural communities and the Native Nations that share our geography.

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AARP

WHAT: Community Challenge Grant

WHEN: Deadline is April 14th, 2021.

GRANT RANGE: Grants can range from several hundred dollars for smaller, short-term activities to several thousand or tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects.

PURPOSE: AARP will prioritize projects that deliver inclusive solutions that meet the needs of diverse populations, as well as those that directly engage volunteers through permanent or temporary solutions that aim to achieve one or more of the following outcome areas:

- Create vibrant Public Places that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- Deliver a range of Transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- Support a range of Housing options that increases the availability of accessible and affordable choices.
- Increase Civic Engagement and demonstrate the tangible value of “Smart Cities” with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of inclusion.
- Support local recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic with an emphasis on economic development, improvements to public spaces and transportation services.
- Ensure a focus on Diversity and Inclusion while improving the built and social environment of a community.
- Other community improvements. In addition to these areas of focus, AARP wants to hear about local needs and innovative ideas for addressing them.



HOME DEPOT

WHAT: Community Impact Grants

WHEN: Apply by December 31, 2021

GRANT RANGE: Up to \$5,000

**ELIGIBLE
APPLICANTS:**

- 501(c) designated organizations recognized by and in good standing with the IRS for a minimum of one year
- Tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. using the power of volunteers to improve the community

PURPOSE:: The Foundation offers grant awards up to \$5,000 to 501(c)(3) designated organizations (recognized and in good standing with the IRS for a minimum of one year) and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials or services and are required to be completed within six months of approval date.

The project must begin within six to twelve weeks of application submission and be completed within the following six months. Please time your submission accordingly.



USDA Rural Development

WHAT: Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

WHEN: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

- Low interest direct loans
- Grants
- A combination of the two above, as well as USDA's loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

PURPOSE: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

ELIGIBLE AREA: Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.

