IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application #
(Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Acro Stars Gymnastics
PO Box 111
Ray, North Dakota. 58849

Contact Person
Tanya Hill
acrostarsgymnastics@gmail.com
701-641-6902

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Letter of determination could not be attached. Will be emailed to pr@mwec.com.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
81-4546148

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Acro Stars Gymnastics (ASG) is a youth gymnastics organization serving children and families in Williston and Ray, North Dakota, and the surrounding communities. Our mission is to provide opportunities for youth to develop gymnastics skills, improve physical fitness, build confidence, and learn valuable life skills in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Through our gymnastics programs, we help children develop strength, flexibility, coordination, discipline, perseverance, and teamwork. We encourage athletes to challenge themselves, set goals, overcome obstacles, and celebrate their accomplishments, both in and out of the gym. Our programs provide opportunities for children to stay active, develop healthy habits, build friendships, and grow at their own pace.

Acro Stars Gymnastics is committed to meeting the needs of our growing community by providing quality gymnastics instruction and positive experiences for local youth. We strive to make our programs accessible to families while maintaining safe facilities, appropriate equipment, and a welcoming environment for athletes of varying ages and abilities.

Our purpose extends beyond teaching gymnastics skills. We aim to make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of children by supporting their physical, social, and personal development. Through community partnerships, continued program growth, and support from local organizations and donors, Acro Stars Gymnastics works to ensure that youth in our region have opportunities to learn, grow, build confidence, and reach their full potential.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
NA

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 16,536.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
As soon as the order is received.

Describe the project and its need:
Acro Stars Gymnastics (ASG) is requesting funding to purchase essential gymnastics training equipment for our new Williston location. As participation in our gymnastics programs continues to grow, having appropriate, high-quality equipment is important to providing safe, effective instruction and helping athletes develop their skills, strength, coordination, and confidence.

The requested equipment includes a set of eight trench blocks, a back handspring/multi trainer incline, a giant folding incline, and a medium training incline. These training tools will allow our coaches to teach and reinforce gymnastics skills progressively, provide athletes with appropriate support as they learn new movements, and create more opportunities for athletes to practice safely. The equipment will benefit athletes at different stages of development and help our coaches accommodate a variety of skill levels during training.

Acro Stars Gymnastics currently offers recreational gymnastics programs at our Williston location, and we hope to expand our offerings by establishing competitive gymnastics teams. This equipment is an important step toward providing the training opportunities and resources needed to support this growth and prepare athletes to compete at the state and regional levels. Access to appropriate training equipment will help athletes develop foundational skills, improve technique, build strength and confidence, and progress toward more advanced gymnastics skills. By investing in this equipment, we can create additional opportunities for local youth to challenge themselves, develop discipline and perseverance, and pursue their gymnastics goals through both recreational and competitive programs.

Equipping our new Williston facility will help Acro Stars Gymnastics meet the needs of our growing program, provide quality instruction, and maintain a safe and effective training environment for recreational and competitive athletes alike.

The total project cost is $16,536, including shipping. The requested items are a set of eight trench blocks ($9,000), a back handspring/multi trainer incline ($980), a giant folding incline ($1,695), a medium training incline ($595), and shipping costs of $4,266.

Grant assistance would help offset this significant investment and allow Acro Stars Gymnastics to direct more of its available resources toward serving local youth and maintaining quality gymnastics programs. This equipment purchase is an investment in athlete safety, skill development, competitive opportunities, and the future success of the children and families we serve in the Williston area.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The project will serve the Williston community and surrounding rural communities throughout the region. Acro Stars Gymnastics provides local youth with opportunities to participate in gymnastics, develop physical

fitness, build confidence, and learn valuable life skills. By equipping our new Williston facility, we hope to serve more children and families in the area, expand our recreational programming, and create opportunities for athletes to participate in competitive gymnastics at the state and regional levels. This project will help increase access to quality gymnastics training for youth in Williston and nearby communities, where access to specialized athletic programs may be limited by distance.

Describe the community support for the project:
Acro Stars Gymnastics has received support from community organizations and local foundations that recognize the value of providing positive, healthy activities for youth in our region. Previous grant awards have helped support our efforts to develop and sustain our gymnastics programs and facilities. This support demonstrates a community investment in creating opportunities for children to learn, grow, and build confidence through gymnastics.

As we establish our new Williston location, we are working to expand recreational gymnastics opportunities and, in the future, establish competitive teams for athletes interested in advancing their skills. The requested equipment will help us meet the needs of local families, provide quality training opportunities, and create a stronger foundation for program growth. We believe this project will benefit not only the children who participate directly, but also their families and the broader community by encouraging physical activity, perseverance, teamwork, and a sense of belonging.

We are seeking continued support from local businesses, foundations, and community partners to help make this project possible. Their investment will help Acro Stars Gymnastics expand opportunities for youth in Williston and surrounding communities and strengthen our ability to provide a positive, life-enriching experience for children.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
This project directly supports the mission of Acro Stars Gymnastics to create a positive environment that impacts the lives of children through gymnastics while equipping them with the tools to be successful both in the sport and in life. Purchasing new equipment for our Williston location will allow us to provide a safer, more effective training environment where children can develop their skills, build confidence, learn perseverance, and experience the rewards of hard work and dedication.

The equipment will support our current recreational gymnastics program and help us work toward establishing competitive teams, creating additional opportunities for athletes to challenge themselves and reach their goals. Most importantly, this project will help us provide a welcoming environment where every child can feel a sense of belonging, experience personal growth, and participate in a life-enriching activity. By investing in quality equipment and expanding our program opportunities, we are investing in the physical, social, and emotional development of the children and families we serve.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative should support this project because it is an investment in the youth and future of the communities it serves. Acro Stars Gymnastics is committed to providing children in Williston and surrounding communities with a positive, safe, and supportive environment where they can develop physical skills, build confidence, learn teamwork, and gain valuable life lessons through gymnastics.

Funding for equipment at our new Williston location will help us strengthen our current recreational program and work toward establishing competitive gymnastics teams, creating more opportunities for local youth to participate and reach their goals. Quality training equipment is essential to teaching skills safely, supporting athlete development, and expanding access to gymnastics for children in our region.

As a community-focused organization, Acro Stars Gymnastics shares the importance of investing locally and helping families thrive. Support from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative would help us build a stronger

gymnastics program, provide meaningful opportunities for children, and contribute to a healthier, more connected community. By supporting this project, the Cooperative would be helping create lasting, positive experiences for local youth while investing in the next generation of our communities.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used to purchase gymnastics training equipment for our new Williston location. The requested equipment includes a set of eight trench blocks, a back handspring/multi trainer incline, a giant folding incline, and a medium training incline. The total project cost, including shipping, is $16,536.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The expected results of this project are improved training opportunities, increased athlete development, and continued growth of Acro Stars Gymnastics at our new Williston location. With the purchase of this equipment, we will be better equipped to provide safe, effective gymnastics instruction and help athletes develop strength, flexibility, coordination, confidence, and new skills.

The equipment will enhance our current recreational gymnastics program and help lay the foundation for establishing competitive gymnastics teams, giving local athletes the opportunity to pursue gymnastics at a higher level and potentially compete at state and regional competitions. We also expect the improved training resources to help us accommodate more athletes, support skill progression, and better meet the needs of families in Williston and surrounding communities.

Ultimately, this project will help Acro Stars Gymnastics create more opportunities for children to participate in a positive, inclusive, and life-enriching activity. By investing in quality equipment, we aim to strengthen our program, promote healthy physical activity, build confidence and perseverance in young athletes, and make a lasting positive impact on the youth we serve.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 16,536.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 1.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Funding is being sought for a one-time purchase of gymnastics training equipment for our Williston location. The equipment is expected to last approximately 10–15 years, depending on usage, care, and maintenance.

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
We have not yet applied to other grant providers specifically for this equipment project.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
No other funding sources have been secured or received for this project to date.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
NA

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
mwec-equipment-request.pdf (1.01 MB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Tanya Hill, President, and coaches
Acro Stars Gymnastics
701-641-6902

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Acro Stars Gymnastics will evaluate this project by monitoring the successful purchase, delivery, and use of the requested equipment at our Williston location. We will ensure that grant funds are used for their intended purpose and maintain records of equipment purchases and related expenses.

Once the equipment is in place, our coaches will evaluate its effectiveness in supporting safe gymnastics instruction, athlete skill development, and progression through training levels. We will monitor athlete participation, enrollment, and feedback from athletes and families to determine how the equipment contributes to the quality and growth of our recreational program.

Authorized Signer Name:
Tanya Hill

Authorized Signer Title:
President

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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TANYA HILL
10952 67TH ST NW
TIOGA, ND 58852

Ship via: BEST WAY

Qty	Um	Part#	Description	Each	Extended
1	ST	M902TB	SET/8 28"WX48"LX40"H TRENCH BL	9000.000	9,000.00
1	EA	BHI38	DAWN BACK HS INCLINE 3'X8'	980.000	980.00
1	EA	M169-CL	5'X10'X24"FOLDINCLINE FIRM TOP	1695.000	1,695.00
1	EA	M159	TRAINING INCLINE 48"X72"X16"	595.000	595.00
1	EA	FRT	FEDEX UPS USPS OR MTR FRT	4266.000	4,266.00

Please review the above quote for accuracy.
If any discrepancies, please notify your customer
service representative immediately.

Mdse 16,536.00

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Order Detail

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Review your order history below.

Order # E538914

Billing Address

Tanya Hill
Acro Stars Gymnastics
10952 67th St. NW
Tioga, ND 58852
United States

Shipping Address

Tanya Hill
Acro Stars Gymnastics
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Tioga, ND 58852
United States

Order Information

Date: 10/15/2026
Time: 12:00 AM
Payment:
Shipping:

Your Selected Items

Canyon / Trench Blocks Set of 8
Item # M902TB
Quantity 1
Each $9,000.00
Total $9,000.00

Dawn Back Handspring / Multi Trainer Incline
Item # BHI38
Quantity 1
Each $980.00
Total $980.00

Giant Folding Incline 60 x 120 x 22
Item # M169-CL
Quantity 1
Each $1,695.00
Total $1,695.00

Medium Training Incline 48 x 72 x 16
Item # M159
Quantity 1
Each $595.00

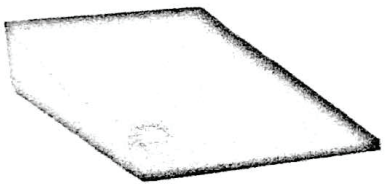
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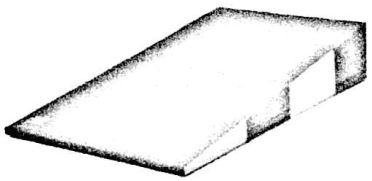
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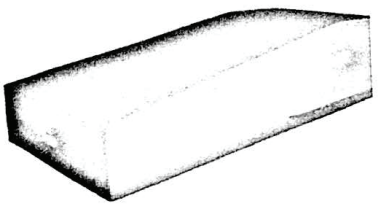
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Medium Training Incline 48
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Giant Folding Incline
Our Price $1,695.00



Dawn Back Handspring / Mult Trainer Incline
Our Price $980.00

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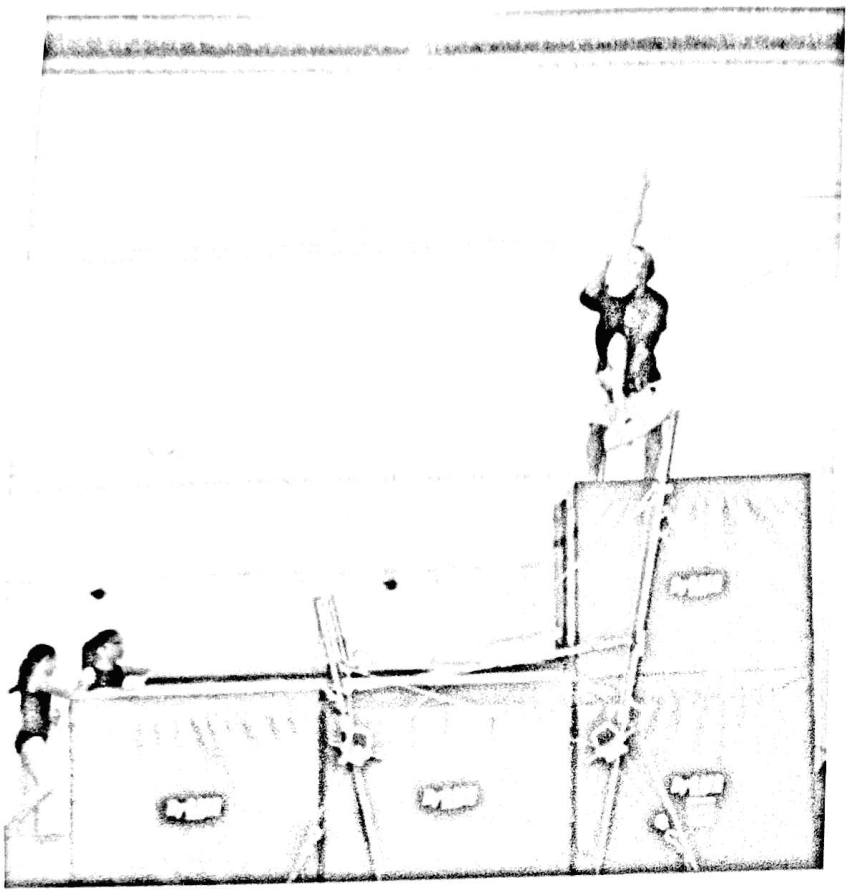
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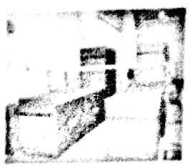
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About Us









Canyon / Trench Blocks

Item# M902TB MPN# M902TB

Set of 8 blocks makes an above ground trench. **Check out our "Trench Blog" below.**

Our Price: $9,000.00

$191 /mo

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Christian Crossroads Academy
6161 North Dakota 8
Stanley, ND, North Dakota. 58784

Contact Person
Dennis Alvin Lindahl
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501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
A copy of the IRS determination letter will be provided on 7/12/2026. (Applying on a Friday and I have limited access to documents)

Federal Tax Identification Number:
A copy of the IRS W9 TIN will be provided on 7/12/2026. (Applying on a Friday and I have limited access to documents)

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Christian Crossroads Academy is a nonprofit, Christ-centered Classical Christian school located in Stanley, North Dakota, serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Academy exists to partner with Christian families from across northwest North Dakota by providing an academically rigorous education grounded in biblical truth and the Classical Christian tradition.

The Academy's mission is to cultivate wisdom, virtue, and academic excellence while preparing students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and servant leaders. Through a curriculum that integrates faith with every area of learning, students are challenged to pursue truth, develop strong moral character, and grow intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially.

Christian Crossroads Academy is founded on the belief that education is a partnership between the school, parents, churches, and the broader community. The Academy welcomes families from a variety of Christian denominations and seeks to equip each student with the knowledge, character, and confidence to faithfully serve God, their families, and their communities.

Beyond academics, the Academy is committed to fostering the values embodied in its 5G Philosophy: Grit, Grace, Growth, Gratitude, and Generosity. These principles help shape students into resilient, compassionate, and responsible citizens who are prepared to lead lives of purpose and service.

As a nonprofit educational institution, Christian Crossroads Academy depends on the generosity of donors, foundations, businesses, churches, and community partners to help provide exceptional educational

opportunities and facilities for current and future generations of students.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
Not applicable.

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
August 15, 2027

Describe the project and its need:
Christian Crossroads Academy is a new Classical Christian school serving families throughout northwest North Dakota. Located in the former Stanley Lumber Yard building in Stanley, North Dakota, the Academy has transformed an existing commercial facility into a vibrant educational environment where students will receive a Christ-centered education rooted in academic excellence and biblical values.

The total investment in the acquisition, renovation, and preparation of the facility has exceeded $2.5 million, creating a safe, modern learning environment designed specifically for student success.

The Academy has also been blessed through generous community partnerships. Dickinson State University has donated interior furnishings, including lockers and room dividers, while Hope Christian School in Dickinson has provided classroom furniture, including student desks, chairs, and whiteboards. These in-kind contributions have significantly reduced startup costs and demonstrate the strong regional support behind the Academy's mission.

Funding Request

While the interior learning spaces are equipped and ready for students, the Academy is seeking grant funding to complete the outdoor playground and recreation area.

Grant funds will be used to purchase and install:

Playground structures, including slides and monkey bars
Swings and related play equipment
Safety surfacing, including engineered mulch and protective turf
Site preparation and installation necessary to create a safe, accessible play environment

A well-designed playground is an essential component of a child's educational experience. Outdoor play promotes physical health, social development, creativity, and teamwork while providing students with opportunities to build confidence, resilience, and healthy relationships.

By investing in the Academy's playground, this grant will help complete a learning environment that nurtures the whole child, supporting physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development for generations of students and families throughout the region.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
Our service area includes students for the communities in Mountrail County, Newtown, Stanley, Tioga, Berthold.

Describe the community support for the project:
Christian Crossroads Academy has received overwhelming support from individuals, churches, businesses, and educational partners throughout northwest North Dakota. From its inception, the Academy has been built through collaboration and a shared commitment to expanding educational opportunities for local families.

Community members have invested financially and through volunteer service to renovate the former Stanley Lumber Yard into a modern educational facility. Countless hours have been contributed by volunteers assisting with construction, painting, cleanup, planning, and preparation to ensure the Academy is ready to welcome students.

Several organizations have also made significant in-kind contributions. Dickinson State University donated lockers, room dividers, and other interior furnishings, while Hope Christian School in Dickinson provided classroom desks, chairs, and whiteboards. These generous donations have substantially reduced startup costs and enabled resources to be directed toward student programming.

The Academy also enjoys broad support from Christian families and churches representing multiple denominations across the region. This cooperative approach reflects the Academy's mission to serve the entire Christian community by providing a Classical Christian education grounded in biblical truth and academic excellence.

As enrollment continues to grow, local businesses, civic leaders, and community members have expressed enthusiasm for the Academy's role in strengthening the region by investing in the next generation of servant leaders. The requested playground project represents the next phase of this community effort, providing a safe and engaging outdoor environment where students can develop physically, socially, and emotionally alongside their academic and spiritual growth.

The broad base of financial support, volunteer involvement, donated materials, and community partnerships demonstrates that Christian Crossroads Academy is not simply a school project, but a community investment in the future of northwest North Dakota.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The proposed playground project directly advances the mission of Christian Crossroads Academy by supporting the development of the whole child through a Christ-centered, Classical Christian education. The Academy exists to cultivate wisdom, virtue, academic excellence, and Christ-like character, preparing students to become lifelong learners and faithful servant leaders.

While rigorous academics are central to our mission, we believe education extends beyond the classroom. Safe, engaging outdoor play provides opportunities for students to develop physical health, perseverance, cooperation, leadership, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Daily interaction on the playground encourages students to practice biblical principles such as kindness, respect, self-control, generosity, and love for one another in meaningful, real-world settings.

The playground will serve every student enrolled at the Academy, providing an environment where children

can build friendships, develop healthy habits, and return to the classroom ready to learn. It also creates an inviting space for families and school events, strengthening the relationships between students, parents, teachers, and the broader community.

By completing the outdoor learning and recreation area, this project helps fulfill the Academy's commitment to developing students intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. The investment will benefit current and future generations of students while reinforcing the Academy's mission to provide an education that equips young people to glorify God, serve others, and positively impact their communities.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Christian Crossroads Academy shares many of the same values that have guided Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative for generations: strengthening rural communities, investing in families, developing future leaders, and improving the quality of life throughout northwest North Dakota. Supporting this project is an investment in the children who will one day become the workforce, business owners, community volunteers, and civic leaders who will shape the region's future.

The Academy serves families from multiple communities across the Cooperative's service area, providing an educational option that emphasizes academic excellence, strong character, servant leadership, and community responsibility. A safe, well-equipped playground is an essential part of that educational environment, promoting physical health, teamwork, confidence, and social development while complementing classroom instruction.

The requested funding will help complete an important phase of the Academy's campus by providing playground equipment and safety surfacing that will be used daily by students for years to come. This investment will have a lasting impact, benefiting hundreds of children and families as the Academy continues to grow.

As a member-owned cooperative, Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative has a long tradition of supporting projects that strengthen the communities it serves. By partnering with Christian Crossroads Academy, the Cooperative will help create a safe, engaging environment where children can learn, grow, build healthy relationships, and develop the values and leadership skills needed to contribute positively to the future of rural North Dakota.

This project is more than a playground. It is an investment in the next generation and in the long-term vitality of the communities that Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative proudly serves.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Grant funds awarded by Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative will be used to purchase and install outdoor playground equipment and safety surfacing for Christian Crossroads Academy's new campus. Specifically, funding will support the acquisition of age-appropriate play structures, including slides, monkey bars, swings, and other interactive equipment designed to encourage physical activity, coordination, and social development.

In addition, grant funds will be used to purchase and install safety materials, including engineered playground mulch and protective turf, to create a safe and accessible play environment that meets recommended safety standards for school-aged children.

These improvements represent the final phase of preparing the Academy's outdoor learning environment. The playground will serve all enrolled students during recess, physical education activities, and school events, providing daily opportunities for healthy recreation, teamwork, and character development.

Every dollar contributed by Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative will directly support the creation of a safe, durable, and welcoming outdoor space that will benefit students and families for many years to come.

We are currently working with our insurance provider to determine if this space can be utilized by the general public if they wish to do so. In the future we intend this space will also be home to a regulation size soccer field.

Describe the expected results from the project:
Completion of the playground will provide Christian Crossroads Academy students with a safe, engaging outdoor environment that supports their physical, social, emotional, and academic development. The project will enhance the overall educational experience by giving students daily opportunities for active play, exercise, teamwork, problem-solving, and relationship building.

The completed playground is expected to:

Provide a safe outdoor recreation area for all Academy students.
Promote physical fitness, coordination, and healthy lifelong habits.
Encourage cooperation, leadership, creativity, and positive social interaction among students.
Complement the Academy's Classical Christian educational model by supporting the development of the whole child: body, mind, and spirit.
Improve the school's ability to attract and retain families seeking a high-quality educational environment.
Create an inviting outdoor space for school events, family activities, and community gatherings.

The playground will serve students every school day and will remain a long-term asset for the Academy and the surrounding communities. As enrollment grows, hundreds of children over the coming years will benefit from a safe, well-equipped outdoor learning environment that reinforces the Academy's mission of developing students who are academically prepared, grounded in Christian character, and equipped to serve their families and communities.

In addition to serving Academy students, Christian Crossroads Academy is currently working with its insurance provider to determine whether the playground can be made available for public use outside of school hours. If approved, the facility would provide an additional recreational resource for children and families throughout the Stanley area, further extending the community impact of the project.

Looking ahead, the Academy also plans to expand the outdoor campus by developing a regulation-size soccer field adjacent to the playground. This future addition will create additional opportunities for physical education, youth athletics, school events, and community recreation, making the campus an even greater asset for families across the region.

Ultimately, this project represents an investment in the future of northwest North Dakota by creating a place where children can learn, grow, play, and thrive in a safe, Christ-centered environment.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 105,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 9,500.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Christian Crossroads Academy anticipates completing the fundraising, procurement, and construction of the

playground over a 12-month period.

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
$9,500 private funding. No other funding received at this time.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
$9,500 private funding.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Undetermined.

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
cca-playground-grant-mwec.pdf (394.26 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
CCA Board members;
Ty Mitchell
Jackie Nelson
Corey Fleck
Chris Kumpula
Megan Fritel

Project Manager Danita Bye

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
The Christian Crossroads Academy Board of Directors will oversee the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the playground project to ensure grant funds are used responsibly and project objectives are achieved. Regular progress updates will be provided throughout the one-year project period, including reviews of the project budget, fundraising progress, construction milestones, and overall project quality.

Project oversight will be provided by Project Manager Danita Bye, who will coordinate vendors, monitor project timelines, oversee installation, and ensure work is completed in accordance with applicable safety standards and project specifications.

The Board of Directors will evaluate the project based on the following criteria:

Adherence to the approved project budget.
Timely completion of project milestones.
Compliance with playground safety and accessibility standards.
Quality of workmanship and installed equipment.
Successful completion of the playground within the planned one-year timeframe.
Achievement of the project's intended educational and recreational objectives.

Upon completion, the Board will conduct a final project review to verify that all grant funds were used for their intended purpose and that the playground meets the needs of Academy students. The Board will also evaluate opportunities for future enhancements, including the planned development of a regulation-size soccer field and potential community access to the facility, pending approval by the Academy's insurance provider.

Christian Crossroads Academy Board of Directors

Ty Mitchell
Jackie Nelson
Corey Fleck
Chris Kumpula
Megan Fritel

Project Manager

Danita Bye

Authorized Signer Name:
Dennis A. Lindahl

Authorized Signer Title:
Dennis A. Lindahl

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
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Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date:
12/08/2025

Employer ID number:
33-4423640

Person to contact:
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ID number: 5309922
Telephone: (877) 829-5500

Accounting period ending:
December 31

Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(ii)

Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes

Effective date of exemption:
March 28, 2025

Contribution deductibility:
Yes

Addendum applies:
No

DLN:
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CHRISTIAN CROSSROADS ACADEMY
PO BOX 1114
STANLEY, ND 58784

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Co (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. T letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part o this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charit Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen a. martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization

Eckert Youth Homes
1102 7th Ave E
Williston, North Dakota. 58801

Contact Person
Leah Hoffman
leah.hoffman@eckertyouth.com
701-770-5309

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Will attach.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-6016766

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Eckert's mission statement is to provide quality treatment services which encourage the spiritual, educational, behavioral, emotional and physical development of children, youth and their families. Eckert's core values are Faith, Integrity, Excellence, and Caring. Eckert's purpose is to provide residential substance use disorder treatment for North Dakota youth ages 13-17 years old. Length of stay is based on individualized treatment needs and typically ranges anywhere from 4-6 weeks. The youth spend approximately 20 hours per week in a combination of group, individual, and family therapy. The remaining hours in the day are filled with activities focused on life skills, feelings management, and worthiness of life. Eckert takes pride in being North Dakota's only residential addiction treatment facility for youth. Because we are the only facility of this kind, ND families in need of this service travel to Williston from all areas of the state. Eckert began preparing for this level of treatment in April 2019 and the program launched in March 2020. At the time of this writing, (July 2025) our residential treatment program welcomed 332 different youth into our homes. Since 2021, our outpatient treatment program has served over 200 youth from Williams County and surrounding areas.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
NA

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 18,965.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
November 2027

Describe the project and its need:
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Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The continuation of the greenhouse project will serve youth from throughout North Dakota. By the greenhouse being placed on Eckert's residential campus, it will serve not only our residential residents, but our outpatient youth as well, which will have a wide impact on our Williams County adolescents.

Describe the community support for the project:
Eckert's campus remains in the heart of Williston and is commonly viewed by foot traffic to and from the college, as well as a large amount of vehicle traffic. Eckert strives to keep the campus appealing, clean, and inviting. Eckert has received quotes from Joe's Digging Service as well as White Mountain Electric, both local businesses eager to assist with enhancing and improving the greenhouse.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Eckert Youth Homes is a trauma-informed care facility, and our goal is to meet the youth where they are at and implement treatment strategies and methods that work for them, individually. By adding a greenhouse to our campus, an additional treatment approach will be accessible which supports our mission of providing services that encourage further development. The addition of a greenhouse will allow residents to be educated on horticulture, sustainability, STEM skills, food awareness, and provide hands on learning related to science and environmental education.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's initial investment in Eckert Youth Homes' greenhouse project has already resulted in a valuable addition to our residential treatment campus. With MWEC's support, Eckert successfully purchased and installed the greenhouse, establishing a space intended to support therapeutic programming, education, and life skills development for North Dakota youth.
While water and electrical access were part of the original project vision, the costs associated with these improvements were significantly higher than initially anticipated. Eckert is committed to completing the project and has preserved remaining funds from the original grant to contribute toward these expenses. Continued support from MWEC will allow Eckert to build upon the cooperative's previous investment rather

than leave the greenhouse's potential limited by seasonal conditions. By providing the infrastructure necessary for year-round use, MWEC will help ensure that the greenhouse remains a sustainable, long-term resource for adolescents receiving substance use disorder treatment in North Dakota.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used to complete the second phase of Eckert Youth Homes' greenhouse project, expanding the existing greenhouse from seasonal to year-round use. Specifically, funds will support the relocation of a water hydrant, installation of electrical service, and purchase and installation of a heating system. These improvements will make the greenhouse more accessible and functional throughout North Dakota's colder months, allowing youth to participate in therapeutic activities, gardening, and life skills development year-round. Remaining funds from MWEC's 2025 grant award will also be applied toward these improvements.
AMOUNT REQUESTED:

Flooring Kit: $949.99 - to be covered with remaining 2025 grant
Heater: 1,079.79 to be covered with remaining 2025 grant

Relocation Of a Hydrant (Water to Greenhouse): $5,500.00
Power to Greenhouse: $13,495.00

Describe the expected results from the project:
The Greenhouse Enhancement Project is expected to expand the therapeutic and educational opportunities available to youth receiving treatment at Eckert Youth Homes by making the greenhouse accessible and functional throughout the year. The installation of electricity, heating, and improved water access will allow youth to participate in greenhouse activities during North Dakota's colder months, when outdoor recreational and therapeutic opportunities are limited.
Youth will have opportunities to develop practical life skills, including responsibility, patience, teamwork, problem-solving, and maintaining a consistent routine through planting, growing, and caring for plants. The greenhouse will also provide an alternative setting for therapeutic groups, individual activities, and hands-on education related to horticulture, sustainability, nutrition, and environmental awareness.
These improvements will maximize the impact of MWEC's initial investment by transforming the existing greenhouse into a more sustainable, year-round resource. Eckert anticipates that the completed greenhouse will benefit multiple groups of residential and outpatient youth annually, providing an ongoing therapeutic and educational resource for years to come.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 21,024.78

Amount secured to date:
$ 2,186.29

Over what time period is funding being sought:
All work is expected to be completed by Fall 2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative provided initial funding through its 2025 Impact Grant program, allowing Eckert Youth Homes to purchase and install a greenhouse on its residential campus. Approximately $2,186.29 remains from the original award, pending final expense reconciliation, and will be applied toward the next phase of the project.
Eckert has also obtained estimates from local contractors, including Joe's Digging Service and White Mountain Electric, for the infrastructure improvements necessary to complete the project. These estimates have helped establish the anticipated costs of relocating water access, installing electrical service, and supporting year-round greenhouse operation.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Eckert Youth Homes will apply the remaining funds from the 2025 MWEC Impact Grant, currently estimated at $2,186.29, toward the greenhouse infrastructure improvements. These funds were preserved after the initial greenhouse installation because the costs of water and electrical improvements exceeded the original project estimates.
The Fred and Clara Eckert Foundation for Children will continue to support the greenhouse through ongoing operational expenses, maintenance, gardening supplies, and staff oversight. These commitments will help ensure that the greenhouse remains a sustainable resource for youth receiving treatment at Eckert.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Eckert has received quotes for the labor.

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
eckert-application-budget.pdf (139.6 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Eckert's facility administrator, program director, and maintenance staff.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Eckert Youth Homes will evaluate the success of the Greenhouse Enhancement Project by confirming the

successful installation of electricity, heating, and improved water access, allowing the greenhouse to be utilized during all four seasons.
Following completion, Eckert will monitor youth participation in greenhouse activities, including gardening, therapeutic groups, and life skills development. Youth feedback will be gathered through existing program evaluation processes and informal discussions.
Eckert's leadership team will periodically review greenhouse utilization and maintenance needs to ensure the space remains a sustainable therapeutic and educational resource for North Dakota youth.

Include attachments for funding request
eckert-application-attachments.pdf (3.69 MB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Leah Hoffman

Authorized Signer Title:
Chief Operating Officer and Clinical Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

Revised 3/4/2025

Joe's Digging Service
PO Box 452
Williston, ND 58802
701-572-9456
joesdigginginc@gmail.com

Date	Estimate #
9/15/2026	1765

Name / Address
Eckert Youth Homes Brian Salveson 1102 7th Ave East Williston, ND 58801

Description	Total
09/15/2026 Estimate to Relocate a Hydrant	
Labor and Equipment	3,000.00
Materials	1,500.00
Sand	500.00
Core Floor	500.00
Total	$5,500.00

1. Joe's Digging Service Inc. reserves the right to withdraw from this estimate if not accepted within 30 days.
2. Contract amount is 50% and remainder due upon completion. Any and all collection costs will be charged to customer and paid for by customer, including all attorney fees, court costs, and collection fees associated with money due to Joe's Digging Service, Inc. Interest may also be added from day invoice is due.
3. By both parties signing and receiving a copy of this acceptance they have agreed to the terms discussed in this acceptance.
4. 811 will not locate private utilities for contractors. Any private utilities such as gas lines and power lines after the meter are the responsibility of the homeowner to locate within 2 feet and make us aware of them to prevent damage and costs associated with repairs.

Customer Signature

Joe's Digging Service, Inc

White Mountain Electric, Inc.

3015 2nd St W
Williston, ND 58801

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
9/23/2026	20251777

Name / Address
Eckert Youth Home John Harper 1102 7th Ave E Williston, ND 58801

Project
113129 QT

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Run conduit and wire from the panel in the basement of building 719 11th St E to the new greenhouse and install a 100 amp sub panel Install a receptacle by the water entrance for heat tape Install electrical for a 30 amp 240 volt heater (heater not included)		10,695.00	10,695.00
Trenching and backfill This does NOT include landscape or sprinkler system repair that may be necessary		2,800.00	2,800.00
This includes all materials supplied at cost, labor, trenching and an electrical cert and inspection			
50% down payment is due upon approval Remainder is due at the completion of the project			
This quote is valid for 14 days from the date issued. Due to market volatility, material prices are subject to change if supply costs increase by 5% before work begins or if the scope of work is altered. Any changes, additions, or deviations from the original specifications will be executed only upon verified authorization and may result in adjusted labor and materials charges.			

Thank you for the opportunity to bid this project.

Total $13,495.00

Phone # 7015804690 joeln@whitemountainelectric.com www.whitemountainelectric.com

Internal Revenue Service

Date: May 7, 2004

Fred & Clara Eckert Foundation For Children
PO Box 2291
Williston, ND 58802-2291

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

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Customer Service Representative
Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-263-3756
Federal Identification Number:
45-6016766

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of May 7, 2004 regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

In December 1966 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is an exempt operating foundation described in section 4940(d)(2) of the Code.

Your organization is required to file Form 990-PF, *Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as a Private Foundation*. Form 990-PF must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of $20 a day, up to a maximum of $10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed $5,000 or 5 percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be imposed if a return is not complete, so please be sure the return is complete before filing it.

If your organization's purposes, character, method of operation, or sources of support have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the organization's exempt status and foundation status.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of $100 or more paid to each of their employees during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Donors may deduct contributions made to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Fred & Clara Eckert Foundation For Children
45-6016766

Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, *Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return*. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. The law also requires organizations that received recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, or later, to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. Organizations that received recognition of exemption before July 15, 1987, and had a copy of their exemption application on July 15, 1987, are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. For additional information on disclosure requirements, please refer to Internal Revenue Bulletin 1999 - 17.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

Janna K. Skufca

Janna K. Skufca, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services

ECKERT YOUTH HOMES

2026 MWEC Impact Grant | Greenhouse Enhancement Project Budget

Project purpose: Complete water and electrical infrastructure for the existing greenhouse, expanding its use beyond the warmer months. The heater and flooring kit are planned purchases using remaining funds from the 2025 MWEC award.

Project expenses and funding

Category	Description / vendor	Estimated cost	Funding source
Other / capital	Hydrant relocation — Joe's Digging Service	$5,500.00	2026 MWEC request
Other / capital	Electrical installation — White Mountain Electric	$13,495.00	2026 MWEC request
Other / capital	Heater and flooring kit (amounts not yet itemized)	$2,186.29 available	Remaining 2025 MWEC funds
Administrative	No separate administrative costs requested	$0.00	Not requested
Operational	Ongoing operation and maintenance; no separate costs requested	$0.00	Eckert ongoing support
Promotional	No promotional costs requested	$0.00	Not requested

Funding summary

Quoted water and electrical work	**$18,995.00**
2026 MWEC grant request	$18,800.00
Eckert contribution toward quoted work	$195.00
Remaining 2025 MWEC award for heater and flooring kit	$2,186.29 (pending reconciliation)
Total planned funding, including prior award	$21,181.29

Budget notes

- The 2026 MWEC request is allocated to the two quoted infrastructure projects only. The difference between those quotes and the $18,800 request is $195, to be covered by Eckert.
- The estimated $2,186.29 remaining from the 2025 grant is reserved for a heater and flooring kit; their individual prices have not been provided and should not be represented as confirmed expenses.
- White Mountain Electric's estimate includes wiring for a heater but explicitly excludes the heater itself. Quotes may require reconfirmation before work begins.
- Supporting contractor estimates: Joe's Digging Service, September 15, 2026 ($5,500); White Mountain Electric, September 23, 2026 ($13,495).

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Family Crisis Shelter
PO BOX 1893
Williston, North Dakota. 58802

Contact Person
Marie Collins
fcs.director@outlook.com
701-334-4299

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Attached below is the letter of determination

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-0361519

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Family Crisis Shelter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safety, support, advocacy, and resources to individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crisis situations. Serving Williams, McKenzie, and Divide Counties in northwest North Dakota, our organization provides confidential emergency shelter, crisis intervention, safety planning, protection order assistance, court advocacy, counseling, emergency financial assistance, and referrals to community resources.

Our purpose is not only to provide immediate safety during a crisis but also to help individuals and families rebuild their lives, regain independence, and achieve long-term stability. We recognize the unique challenges faced by those living in rural communities, including limited transportation, housing shortages, financial barriers, and difficulty accessing essential services.

Family Crisis Shelter is committed to expanding our reach and strengthening the resources available throughout our service area. Through initiatives such as Nova Hope, we are working to create additional opportunities for individuals and families to access affordable necessities, develop job skills, volunteer, and connect with supportive community resources.

Our mission extends beyond providing shelter. We strive to restore hope, empower individuals, strengthen families, and build a safer, more supportive community where everyone has the opportunity for a fresh start.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A
Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
12/31/2027

Describe the project and its need:
Family Crisis Shelter is transforming the former Williston Herald building, purchased in April 2026, into Nova Hope, a community resource hub designed to expand services, strengthen community connections, and provide new opportunities for individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota.

The building requires significant interior and exterior renovations to create a safe, functional, accessible, and welcoming environment. Planned improvements include flooring, plumbing, doors, interior renovations, exterior updates, building signage, and other essential improvements. The exterior will receive a much-needed facelift, including updated signage and improvements that will help establish Nova Hope as a recognizable and inviting community resource.

Nova Hope was developed in response to the growing needs of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, financial hardship, and other crises. Many individuals face challenges that extend well beyond their immediate safety needs, including limited access to affordable household necessities, employment opportunities, transportation, and resources that support long-term independence.

A major component of Nova Hope will be a community thrift store offering affordable clothing, furniture, and household essentials. Beyond providing these necessities, Nova Hope will create opportunities for individuals served by Family Crisis Shelter to develop job skills, gain work experience, volunteer, and build confidence in a safe and supportive environment. Many individuals entering our shelter have never worked outside the home or have spent years financially dependent on someone else. This project will help provide opportunities to develop independence and rebuild their lives.

Family Crisis Shelter is requesting $25,000 from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative to assist with building renovations and capital improvements, including interior upgrades, exterior improvements, and signage. These investments are essential to transforming the existing building into a welcoming and functional space that can serve the community for years to come.

Nova Hope is about much more than renovating a building or opening a thrift store. It is about creating a place where individuals feel safe, supported, and empowered to move forward. With community partnerships and investments like MWEC's Impact Grant, we can transform this building into a lasting resource that provides opportunities, strengthens families, and brings renewed hope to northwest North Dakota.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
Nova Hope will be located in Williston, North Dakota, and will primarily serve individuals and families throughout Williams, McKenzie, and Divide Counties, the three-county service area of Family Crisis Shelter. This region encompasses a large rural and frontier area of northwest North Dakota, including communities where access to affordable resources, transportation, employment opportunities, and supportive services can be limited.

While Nova Hope will be centrally located in Williston, its services and resources will be available to individuals and families from surrounding communities, including those living in rural and underserved areas.

The region's geographic isolation, housing challenges, and financial barriers often make it difficult for individuals experiencing crisis to access the assistance they need.

Through its community thrift store, resource connections, and opportunities for job skills development, Nova Hope will benefit not only individuals served by Family Crisis Shelter but also other community members facing financial hardship or seeking affordable household necessities.

By establishing Nova Hope in Williston, Family Crisis Shelter aims to create a centralized, welcoming resource that strengthens connections between communities, expands access to essential services, and provides lasting benefits to individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota.

Describe the community support for the project:
The Nova Hope project has received tremendous support from local businesses, community members, volunteers, and organizations that recognize the importance of expanding resources for individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota.

Since purchasing the former Williston Herald building in April 2026, Family Crisis Shelter has been fortunate to have community members, volunteers, and local businesses contribute their time, skills, and resources to help bring this vision to life.

The timing of this project has become especially meaningful. Just one month after purchasing the building, the Salvation Army thrift store in Williston closed its doors in May 2026. This closure created an additional need for affordable clothing, furniture, household essentials, and a place where community members can donate gently used items. While Nova Hope was already in development, the closure reinforced the importance of our vision and the opportunity to fill a gap in community resources.

One of the strongest demonstrations of community support was our inaugural Second Chance Runway fundraising event, which raised over $111,000. The generosity of local businesses, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees demonstrated the community's belief in our mission and excitement for Nova Hope. This successful event not only provided significant financial support but also helped raise awareness and build momentum for the project.

In addition to community fundraising and donations, Family Crisis Shelter has actively pursued additional financial support through grant applications and funding requests to Community Builders, MDU, and other grantors and charitable foundations. These efforts reflect our commitment to securing diverse funding sources and building partnerships that will help complete the renovations and support the long-term success of Nova Hope.

Community members and businesses have also contributed through volunteer labor, donated materials, and other resources. Their involvement reflects a shared commitment to creating a space that offers more than affordable necessities. Nova Hope will provide opportunities for individuals to develop job skills, gain work experience, build confidence, and work toward greater independence.

The continued generosity, encouragement, and involvement of our community demonstrate that Nova Hope is more than a Family Crisis Shelter project. It is a community-supported investment in creating opportunities, strengthening families, and providing hope for generations to come.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Nova Hope is a natural extension of Family Crisis Shelter's mission to provide safety, support, advocacy, and resources to individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crises. While providing immediate safety and emergency shelter is essential, our mission goes beyond helping individuals escape difficult situations. We strive to empower them with the tools, resources, and opportunities needed to rebuild their lives and achieve long-term independence.

Many individuals entering our shelter face significant barriers, including financial dependence, limited employment experience, housing instability, and a lack of access to basic household necessities. Some have never worked outside the home, while others are starting over with little more than the clothes they arrived with. Nova Hope will help bridge the gap between surviving a crisis and building a stable, independent future.

Through its community thrift store and resource hub, Nova Hope will provide affordable clothing, furniture, and household essentials while creating opportunities for individuals to gain valuable job skills, work experience, and confidence. Clients will have opportunities to volunteer, learn new skills, and give back to the community that supported them during their most difficult times. For many, having a safe and encouraging environment to take these first steps can make a lasting difference.

Nova Hope will also allow Family Crisis Shelter to expand its community presence, strengthen partnerships, and reach individuals and families who may not otherwise know what services and resources are available to them. By creating a welcoming and recognizable community space, we hope to reduce barriers to seeking assistance and increase awareness of the support our organization provides throughout northwest North Dakota.

Ultimately, Nova Hope represents our belief that helping someone through a crisis is only the beginning. True healing and independence come from having opportunities, support, and a community that believes in second chances. This project will allow Family Crisis Shelter to expand its impact beyond emergency services by helping individuals and families move from crisis to stability, self-sufficiency, and renewed hope.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative has a strong commitment to strengthening communities and improving the quality of life for the people it serves. As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Family Crisis Shelter shares that commitment through our mission of providing safety, support, advocacy, and resources to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crisis situations. Supporting Nova Hope would be a meaningful investment in a community-driven project that expands essential resources, creates opportunities, and helps individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota build stronger, more independent futures.

Family Crisis Shelter is transforming the former Williston Herald building into Nova Hope, a community resource hub that will provide affordable clothing, furniture, household essentials, supportive resources, and opportunities for job skills development, volunteerism, and personal growth. For individuals rebuilding their lives after experiencing trauma or financial hardship, access to these resources can make a tremendous difference in achieving stability and independence.

The closure of Williston's Salvation Army thrift store in May 2026 further demonstrated the need for a community resource like Nova Hope. Our project will help fill that gap while offering something even greater: a welcoming place where individuals can feel safe, supported, valued, and empowered to move forward.

A $25,000 investment from MWEC would directly support much-needed building renovations and capital improvements, including interior upgrades, exterior improvements, signage, and other essential renovations needed to transform the building into a functional and inviting community space. This investment would build upon the tremendous support already demonstrated by local businesses, volunteers, and community members, including more than $111,000 raised through our inaugural Second Chance Runway fundraising event.

We would also be honored to recognize MWEC's generosity through our Building Hope, Brick by Brick campaign, which provides lasting recognition for businesses and individuals who invest in Nova Hope. Through this campaign, MWEC would receive recognition with an engraved brick featuring its name or logo, creating a permanent reminder of its commitment to strengthening our community.

Our campaign also offers sponsorship opportunities for individual offices, community rooms, and specialty spaces, including a $25,000 Specialty Space Sponsorship. Should MWEC wish to explore additional involvement, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss sponsoring a designated space within Nova Hope, providing a meaningful and visible connection between MWEC and the individuals and families who benefit from the facility.

By supporting Nova Hope, MWEC would be helping create more than a renovated building. It would be investing in a lasting community resource where families can find support, individuals can discover new opportunities, and people facing difficult circumstances can begin rebuilding their lives. As a nonprofit organization, our focus is on reinvesting resources into services and opportunities that strengthen our community and support those who need them most.

Together, we can build more than a building. We can build hope, create opportunities, and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Family Crisis Shelter is requesting $25,000 from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative to assist with the ongoing renovation and transformation of the former Williston Herald building into Nova Hope, a community resource hub serving individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota.

Grant funds will be used specifically for building renovations and capital improvements necessary to create a safe, accessible, functional, and welcoming environment. These improvements may include interior renovations, flooring, plumbing, doors, electrical upgrades, exterior improvements, building signage, and other essential construction-related expenses.

A portion of the funding may also support improvements to the building's exterior, including a much-needed facelift and new signage to establish Nova Hope as a recognizable community resource. Creating an inviting and easily identifiable location is especially important for individuals and families who may be unfamiliar with Family Crisis Shelter or the services available to them.

These renovations will help prepare the building to accommodate a community thrift store, resource areas, and spaces where individuals can access supportive services, develop job skills, gain work experience, and participate in volunteer opportunities. Our goal is to create an environment that promotes dignity, independence, and a sense of belonging for everyone who walks through the doors.

The $25,000 grant will be applied directly toward eligible renovation and capital improvement expenses rather than general operating costs or staff salaries. Family Crisis Shelter will continue utilizing approved project funding, community donations, fundraising proceeds, and other funding opportunities to support the overall renovation.

MWEC's investment will help us move closer to completing the renovations and opening Nova Hope as a lasting community resource. Every improvement brings us one step closer to creating a space where individuals and families can find essential resources, build confidence, and discover new opportunities for a brighter future.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The successful completion of Nova Hope will provide Family Crisis Shelter with a renovated, functional, accessible, and welcoming community resource hub that will serve individuals and families throughout Williams, McKenzie, and Divide Counties. By transforming the former Williston Herald building, we will create a lasting community asset that expands access to essential resources, strengthens community partnerships, and provides new opportunities for individuals working toward stability and independence.

One of the primary expected outcomes is the establishment of a community thrift store that will provide affordable clothing, furniture, household goods, and other necessities. With the closure of Williston's Salvation Army thrift store in May 2026, Nova Hope will help fill an important gap by providing another location where community members can purchase affordable items and donate gently used goods to benefit others.

Another significant outcome will be the creation of opportunities for individuals served by Family Crisis Shelter to develop job skills, gain work experience, build confidence, and work toward financial independence. Through volunteer opportunities, hands-on learning, and potential future employment opportunities, individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or other crisis situations will have a supportive environment to develop skills and rebuild their lives.

Nova Hope will also strengthen Family Crisis Shelter's visibility and community outreach. By establishing a recognizable, welcoming location with improved signage and expanded resource areas, we hope to increase awareness of our services and reach individuals and families who may not otherwise know where to turn for assistance.

The project is also expected to strengthen community involvement through continued partnerships with local businesses, organizations, donors, and volunteers. We envision Nova Hope becoming a place where community members can give back, share resources, and work together to support individuals and families in need.

The $25,000 investment from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative will contribute directly to completing essential building renovations and capital improvements, bringing us closer to opening the facility and making these services available to the community.

Ultimately, the success of Nova Hope will be measured not only by the completion of the building renovations but also by the number of individuals and families accessing resources, the opportunities created for skill development and volunteerism, and the positive impact on those working toward greater independence.

Our goal is to create more than a thrift store or community building. We want Nova Hope to become a place of second chances, renewed confidence, stronger families, and lasting hope for generations to come.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 1,500,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 797,152.92

Over what time period is funding being sought:
11/01/2026-10/31/2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Family Crisis Shelter has received support from local businesses, including KTJ Consulting and Service LLC ($4,000) and OK Tire Store ($2,100), along with numerous businesses that contributed sponsorships, merchandise, services, and auction items to our Second Chance Runway fundraising event.

These contributions demonstrate strong local business support for Family Crisis Shelter and our efforts to develop Nova Hope into a community resource hub.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Family Crisis Shelter is supporting the Nova Hope project through a combination of organizational investments, building financing, charitable contributions, community fundraising, and grant opportunities.

Family Crisis Shelter secured a $580,000 building loan to purchase the former Williston Herald building and has committed funds from its IMA investment account toward renovations and improvements. The John & Elaine Andrist Charitable Trust contributed $5,000 specifically toward Nova Hope. Additional community support includes contributions from the American Legion Trust Fund ($21,000) and Williston Basin Chapter API ($5,000).

Our annual fundraising events also provide important financial support. In 2026, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes raised over $50,000, while our inaugural Second Chance Runway raised over $111,000 in gross proceeds. Both events are planned again for 2027 to continue generating community support and funding.

Additional grant applications to Williston Community Builders and the MDU Resources Foundation are pending.

Most importantly, Nova Hope is designed to create a sustainable source of revenue for Family Crisis Shelter through its thrift store operations. Once operational, proceeds from the thrift store will help support shelter operations, victim services, and essential resources for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crisis situations.

Every purchase will have a purpose, allowing community members to shop affordably while directly contributing to the safety, stability, and independence of those we serve.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
Yes

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Job Service North Dakota
Korner Lions Club

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
letters-and-budget_0.pdf (325.24 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Marie Collins, Executive Director of Family Crisis Shelter, will be responsible for evaluating the Nova Hope project, with financial oversight and support from the Family Crisis Shelter Board of Directors.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Family Crisis Shelter will evaluate the Nova Hope project by monitoring renovation progress, project expenditures, completion of construction milestones, and the overall impact on the community.

Throughout the renovation process, contractor invoices, receipts, financial records, and project budgets will be reviewed to ensure funds are used appropriately and improvements remain within the approved budget. Progress will be documented through regular updates, photographs, and reports to the Board of Directors.

Once Nova Hope is operational, we will evaluate its success by tracking thrift store revenue, donated merchandise, volunteer participation, and the number of individuals and families accessing affordable clothing, furniture, household necessities, and community resources.

We will also monitor how thrift store proceeds contribute to supporting Family Crisis Shelter's emergency shelter operations and victim services.

The overall success of Nova Hope will be measured by the completion of a safe, functional community resource hub, its ability to serve individuals and families throughout northwest North Dakota, and its long-term financial contribution to Family Crisis Shelter.

Authorized Signer Name:
Marie Collins

Authorized Signer Title:
FCS Executive Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

Revised 3/4/2025

October 29, 2026

MWEC Board of Directors
Impact Grant
PO Box 1346
Williston, ND 58802

Re: Letter of Support for Family Crisis Shelter's Impact Grant Application

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Korner Lions Club, I am writing to support the Family Crisis Shelter's application for a Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant to renovate the Herald Building in Williston.

For more than four decades, Family Crisis Shelter has been a lifeline for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Williams County. It provides emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, safety planning, legal advocacy, and counseling for women, children, and families when they have nowhere else to turn. These services protect our neighbors at their most vulnerable moments and help them rebuild stable, independent lives.

The renovated Herald Building will bring three important services under one roof. It will house a community information center where residents can learn about available resources and how to get help. It will also hold a Family Bridges exchange center, giving children and families a safe, neutral place for visitation and custody exchanges. Finally, it will include the Nova Hope thrift store, whose proceeds go directly toward supporting survivors and their families. By turning an existing downtown building into a lasting community asset, this project will strengthen the shelter's services and its financial stability for years to come. It is exactly the kind of capital investment the Impact Grant was created to support.

The Korner Lions Club has a close, long-standing relationship with Family Crisis Shelter. Our organizations have partnered on a variety of community projects, and shelter staff have spoken at our meetings about their work. We have seen first-hand the care and professionalism they bring to some of the hardest situations families in our area face.

The Lions motto is "We Serve," and few organizations embody that spirit in our community more than Family Crisis Shelter. We respectfully urge the Board to fund this request.

Sincerely,

Alex Monk

President, Korner Lions Club
701-739-4343 | amonk948@gmail.com

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October 29, 2026

Family Crisis Shelter
PO Box 1893
Williston, ND 58802

Reference: Letter of Support/Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Job Service North Dakota, I am pleased to express our full support for the Williston Family Crisis Shelter. This shelter directly aligns with our mission to support economic growth and workforce readiness in western North Dakota.

In the North Dakota WIOA Unified State Plan for Program Years 2024-2027, Job Service North Dakota is the state agency designated as the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act program (WIOA) Title I Fiscal Agent, Grant Subrecipient and State Administrative Entity. JSND also serves as the One-Stop Operator as designated by the ND Workforce Development Council, overseeing the nine American Job Centers in the state.

WIOA provides the opportunity to improve job and career options for North Dakota workers and job seekers through an integrated, job-driven, public workforce system that links diverse talent to businesses. JSND supports this grant application which aligns with the Governor's strategic initiatives:

Additionally, Job Service North Dakota is pleased to support the project in the following ways:

- Aid in developing an awareness of the training opportunities with potential participants.
- Assist in identification and assessment of potential participants.
- Recruitment and referral of qualified WIOA participants, including unemployed and dislocated workers, within the limits of available funding.
- Provide access to job search assistance services when appropriate.

We believe this grant provides an opportunity to grow and retain individuals who are struggling in their daily lives while experiencing barriers to sustainable employment.

If further support is needed, please contact me at (701) 328-5040.

Sincerely,

Phil Davis
Interim Executive Director
Job Service North Dakota

PO Box 5507 • Bismarck, ND 58506-5507
701-328-5040 (Phone) • 800-366-6888 (TTY) • 701-328-2728 (Fax)

NOVA HOPE | CONTRACTORS – NO DUPLICATED PAYMENTS		
Contractor	**Scope/Service**	**Full known scope / estimate**
	Timeline for completion is 12/31/2026	
Phase 1		
Exterior/first floor work:		
Building	Building purchase	$580,000.00
Badlands Brick Works & Construction	Exterior repair for brick, windows; interior concrete repair	$96,324.00
Arrow Electric	Electrical system - up to code; additional work needed	$55,630.00
EAPC Architects Engineers	Engineer plans for grant funding opportunities	$8,940.12
Braaten Plumbing, Inc.	HVAC replacement and installation	$37,500.00
Braaten Plumbing, Inc.	Plumbing repairs	$37,500.00
Forge & Grain	Flooring repair and replacement	$91,554.14
Bayer Built	Exterior and interior doors	$29,236.73
Allguard Security	Security system installation	$40,716.00
Insulation work – estimate only	Building insulation	$24,160.00
NCC	IT/internet wiring	$9,353.08
Vendor TBD - Exterior	Exterior walls (painting), signage	$70,000.00
Vendor TBD - Family Bridges Office	Furniture and general fixtures	$15,000.00
Vendor TBD - Resource Center	Furniture and general fixtures	$15,000.00
Vendor TBD - Specialty Space / Large Room	Furniture and general fixtures	$25,000.00
Vendor TBD - Family Bridges - 2 visitation rooms, small kitchen area	Furniture and general fixtures	$65,000.00
Vendor TBD - Bathroom (3)	Shower, general bathroom repair with handicap accessibility	$45,000.00
Vendor TBD - Industrial Washer/Dryer	Commercial front-loader, dryer	$15,000.00
Phase 2	**Timeline based on funding**	
Second floor work:		
Vendor TBD	Security system installation	$20,358.00
Vendor TBD	Flooring repair and replacement	$45,777.07
Vendor TBD	Electrical	$27,815.00
Vendor TBD	General construction on walls, ceilings	$25,000.00
Vendor TBD - Thrift Store	Furniture and general fixtures	$25,000.00
Vendor TBD - Community Room	Furniture and general fixtures	$15,000.00

Vendor TBD - Office Space	Furniture and general fixtures	$15,000.00
Vendor TBD - Bathroom (1)	Shower, general bathroom repair with handicap accessibility	$15,000.00
Recurring Expenses		
Utilities	Roughly $1,500/month	$18,000.00
Insurance		$10,000.00
General project cushion for unforeseen repairs/issues		$25,000.00
TOTAL		**$1,502,864.14**

MWEC IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Instructions:
Applicant requests for $2,500 or more are requested to submit a complete application to:
MWEC
Impact Grant
PO Box 1346
Williston, ND 58802

Please type or print in black ink. Attachments may be necessary due to space limitations. Attachments should be paper clipped to the application forms.

Part I: *Organization Information*

Name of Organization: Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association

Address: PO Box 159 (Street) Williston (City) ND (State) 58801 (Zip)

Contact: Ben Gjorven, President (Name/Title) 701-770-8143 (Phone) flintwestwood@hotmail.com (E-mail)

Has organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- [x] Yes - If yes, please supply a copy of such ruling with this application form
- [ ] No - If no, please explain _____

Federal Tax Identification Number: 90-0619157

Describe your organization and its purpose:

See Attached Appendix

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of the circumstances:

Part II: *The Project*

What is the total funding requested: $ 20,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project: August 2, 2028

Describe the project:

See Attached Appendix

Describe the need for the project:

See Attached Appendix

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:

See Attached Appendix

Describe the community support for the project:

See Attached Appendix

Part II: *The Project (continued)*

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:

See Attached Appendix

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:

See Attached Appendix

Describe the expected results from the project:

See Attached Appendix

I acknowledge that all the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the funds applied for will benefit charity or a non-profit purpose.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: 10/13/26

Title: President, Fort Buford 6th Infantry Assn.

Part III: *Budget*

Total funding amount: $ 125,000.00 Amount secured to date: $ 14,000.00

Over what time period is the funding being sought? September 1, 2026 - August 2, 2028

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:

See Attached Appendix

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:

See Attached Appendix

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:

See Attached Appendix

Part III: *Budget (continued)*

Fiscal Period: October (Month) 2026 (Year) to: December (Month) 2027 (Year)

Project Costs:		Total		Funds, you are committing to the project
Administrative: *(Includes salaries, benefits, other personnel expenses)*	$	3,500.00	$	800.00
Operational: *(Supplies, equipment, daily expense items)*	$	111,000.00	$	12,200.00
Promotional: *(Fund raising, advertising, marketing expenses)*	$	4,500.00	$	1,000.00
Other Costs: *(Please explain below)* Interp. Panel, Hardware, PPE	$	6,000.00	$	-0.00-
TOTALS:	$	125,000.00	$	14,000.00

Explanation of other costs (if applicable):

See Attached Appendix

I acknowledge that all the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the funds applied for will benefit charity or a non-profit purpose.

Authorized Signature: Ben Date: 10/13/26

Title: President, Fort Buford 6th Infantry Assn.

Part IV: *Project Evaluation*

Who will be responsible for the project evaluation?

See Attached Appendix

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:

See Attached Appendix

I acknowledge that all the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the funds applied for will benefit charity or a non-profit purpose.

Authorized Signature: Ben L Date: 10/13/26

Title: President, Fort Buford 6th Infantry Assn.

Please return completed application form to
MWEC, Impact Grant, PO Box 1346, Williston, ND 58802.

For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date:
09/28/2020
Employer ID number:
90-0616157
Person to contact:
Name: K. McEntyre
ID number: 0194881
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
April 30
Form 990-PF required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
September 16, 2020
Addendum applies:
No

PORT BUFORD SIXTH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
c/o TIM SOINETH
PO BOX 159
WILLISTON, ND 58802

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a).

You're required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation, annually, whether or not you have income or activity during the year. If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PF" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PF, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Private Foundations, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Part I: Organization Information Fields

- **Name of Organization:** Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association
- **Address:** PO Box 159, Williston, ND 58801
- **Contact (Name/Title):** Ben Gjorven, President / Chairman, Restore 3059 Committee
- **Contact Phone:** 701-770-8143
- **Contact E-mail:** flintwestwood@hotmail.com
- **IRS 501(c)(3) Status:** Yes – Copy Included
- **Federal Tax ID Number:** 90-0619157
- **Lawsuits Question:** No
- **Adverse Publicity Question:** No

Describe your organization and its purpose:

The Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association was founded in 1962 as a premier Living History and historical preservation organization, dedicated to its core purpose of promoting, protecting, and educating the public on the rich heritage of the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Region. For over six decades, our association has served as a vital cultural institution and civic anchor in the MonDak region. Through highly immersive living history encampments, public educational programming, and rigorous artifact preservation, we bring the unvarnished frontier history of the area to life for thousands of local school children, regional families, and national tourists every year. Our organization acts as the primary guardian of regional identity, managing grassroots volunteer pipelines, raising independent capital, and coordinating closely with municipal partners to execute high-signal public landmarks. The Railroad Park Heritage Campaign is a natural and vital extension of our 64-year mission: by preserving Great Northern Locomotive #3059 and Caboose X-394, we are honoring the direct industrial legacy, master-builder grit, and multi-generational rail worker history that legally founded the very communities our cooperative serves today.

Part II: The Project Fields

- **Total Funding Requested:** $20,000.00
- **Estimated Completion Date of the Project:** 08/02/2028 (Anchored to the historic 70th Anniversary of Locomotive #3059 in Railroad Park)

Describe the project:

The Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association is actively executing a comprehensive, multi-phase historical restoration and infrastructure campaign at Railroad Park in Williston, North Dakota, to stabilize and protect the region's premier transcontinental rail assets. The core of this campaign focuses on the meticulous cosmetic restoration of Great Northern Railway Steam Locomotive #3059. As part of our commitment to absolute museum-grade prototype accuracy, our association is executing a strategic equipment exchange. We are removing the historically inaccurate Northern Pacific caboose currently paired with the engine and replacing it with authentic Great Northern Caboose X-394, currently located at Williston's Frontier Museum. Our volunteer crews and youth labor pipelines will completely reconstruct and re-skin X-394's weathered exterior shell using premium, mill-ordered 1x4 tongue-and-groove carsiding planks to match her original High Line profile. Locomotive #3059 has stood a silent, faithful watch in Railroad Park for 68 years. The immediate milestone of this campaign is to have both the 210-ton Mikado steam chassis and Caboose X-394 fully restored, painted, and detailed in time for the engine's landmark 70th Anniversary in the park on August 2, 2028. The long-term architectural goal of this project is the construction of a permanent public display pavilion. This heavy-frame roof structure will feature a low-voltage LED electrical illumination grid and a high-durability historical interpretive panel mounted outside the perimeter fence line. When completed, this pavilion will stand as the finest, most advanced railroad heritage site in the entire country.

Describe the need for the project:

The immediate need for this project is driven by urgent environmental erosion and historical preservation triage. For nearly seven decades, Locomotive #3059 has been completely exposed to the brutal, cyclical extremes of North Dakota weather. Without immediate structural stabilization—including industrial scaling, rust-preventative sealants, and the replacement of decayed wood panels on Caboose X-394—these irreplaceable community assets face permanent, irreversible degradation. Furthermore, there is a profound civic and educational need within our region. As the only surviving Great Northern steam locomotive remaining in the state of North Dakota, #3059 is a priceless cultural gateway asset. Leaving it un-sheltered and un-illuminated deprives local families, school districts, and visiting tourists of a safe, high-signal educational landmark. Grant funding from the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative will directly answer this need, purchasing the raw physical materials required to halt environmental decay, secure the rolling stock, and build a lasting monument to the industrial grit that built the MonDak region.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:

The primary geographic area served by this project encompasses the immediate communities of the MonDak region, the entire state of North Dakota, and a highly active nationwide network of historical rail enthusiasts. On a local and regional level, the project directly serves the families, school districts, and municipal visitors across Williams, Mountrail, and surrounding cooperative service counties. Located centrally within Williston's Railroad Park, the completed display pavilion will act as a permanent educational asset and a prominent civic gateway landmark for the thousands of regional residents who utilize the park's community spaces year-round. On a broader scale, because Great Northern Railway Locomotive #3059 stands as the only surviving Great Northern steam locomotive remaining in the entire state of North Dakota, the geographic reach of this project expands statewide. It creates a premier heritage tourism anchor that will draw families, historians, and school field trips from every corner of North Dakota. Furthermore, due to the unique historical significance of this standard-gauge High Line asset, the project commands significant national interest. It directly serves a cross-country demographic of industrial preservationists and rail historians who travel the northern transcontinental corridor, bringing multi-state tourism traffic and visibility directly into the Williston area.

Describe the community support for the project:

Support both locally and nationally for this project has been exceptionally well received, reflecting a deep, widespread public desire to see both Locomotive #3059 and Caboose X-394 fully restored back to their prime. On a local level, the project is backed by immense grassroots enthusiasm from the families, civic organizations, and businesses of the MonDak region. Our recent public living history and heritage campaigns have drawn direct, high-signal engagement—including over 216 active local attendees at our single weekend events—demonstrating a powerful, community-wide commitment to supporting the preservation of our shared identity. Local residents consistently voice a deep desire to see these iconic pieces of historic rolling stock transformed into a safe, dignified, and highly visible landmark inside Railroad Park. Nationally, the campaign has captured the active attention of historic rail preservationists, Great Northern enthusiasts, and industrial historians across the United States. Through our digital outreach portals and collaboration with national historical networks, we receive continuous tracking support and technical guidance from individuals who recognize that Locomotive #3059 is North Dakota's only remaining standard-gauge Great Northern steam locomotive asset. This combined local and national momentum guarantees a robust volunteer pipeline and a highly receptive public audience, ensuring the project's long-term educational and promotional success for decades to come.

Part II (Continued) & Part III: Budget Fields

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:

The restoration and stabilization of Great Northern Locomotive #3059 and Caboose X-394 directly fulfill the core historical preservation, civic education, and community heritage mission of the Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association. Locomotive #3059 and its caboose companion represent the structural foundation of Williston in and of themselves. Our community was named directly by James J. Hill, the legendary President of the Great Northern Railway, in honor of his primary financier, Daniel Willis James. From that historic founding up until the final, thunderous end of the Great Northern's use of steam power in the late 1950s—which closely synchronized with the arrival of the area's landmark first oil boom—the railroad stood as Williston's definitive major employer. The vast majority of families throughout our cooperative's service area have deep, personal roots tied to the High Line, with parents, grandparents, and relatives who dedicated their lives to working on these very tracks. Railroading is indisputably Williston's past, present, and future. By stepping up to spearhead this $125,000.00 preservation campaign, our association is doing far more than protecting rolling stock; we are honoring the multi-generational identity of our community. This project directly advances our organizational mission by transforming these exposed, weathering assets into a permanent, highly visible public educational pavilion. It ensures that the engineering grit, work ethic, and historical legacy of the rail workers who built the MonDak region are permanently preserved to inspire, educate, and ground local families for centuries to come.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative should support the Railroad Park Heritage Campaign because this project represents a direct, long-term investment in the community infrastructure, educational enrichment, and cultural identity of the MonDak region. As a member-owned cooperative dedicated to powering the communities we call home, MWREC shares a core mission with the Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association: keeping local history, civic pride, and regional heritage alive for generations of co-op families. By funding the structural stabilization and cosmetic preservation of Great Northern Locomotive #3059 and Caboose X-394, MWREC is directly enabling the creation of a premier, museum-grade public educational pavilion right here in Williston. Furthermore, this campaign actively fosters a vibrant workforce pipeline by directly engaging local youth and volunteer groups in advanced carpentry, precision craftsmanship, and industrial preservation. A grant investment from MWREC will act as a critical funding catalyst, ensuring that North Dakota's only remaining standard-gauge Great Northern steam asset is permanently protected, safely housed, and transformed into a historic gateway landmark that will educate, inspire, and unite cooperative families for the next century.

Describe the expected results from the project:

The execution of this project will yield a permanent, highly visible, and historically authentic educational gateway landmark within Railroad Park, transforming an exposed, deteriorating asset into a community showcase. By successfully integrating the locomotive, the caboose, and the structural pavilion protection, the campaign delivers three definitive results for the region:

1. Complete Historic Stabilization of Locomotive #3059: The 210-ton standard-gauge Mikado steam engine—the only remaining Great Northern steam locomotive in North Dakota—will be completely halted from environmental erosion. The boiler skin will be sealed with heavy industrial coatings, missing cab appliances will be restored, and the entire locomotive will carry its historically accurate, prototype-correct Great Northern appearance.
2. Museum-Grade Architectural Restoration of Caboose X-394: The heavily decayed exterior wooden car body will be entirely stripped, structurally reinforced, and re-skinned with fresh, mill-ordered 1x4 tongue-and-groove exterior carsiding planks. Sealed in traditional mineral-oxide Regal Red enamel, the caboose will serve as a pristine, authentic companion positioned directly behind the locomotive tender, fully weather-proofed for the next century.
3. A Fully Illuminated Public Educational Pavilion: The physical construction of the master pavilion roof structure, outfitted with a dedicated low-voltage LED lighting grid and a high-durability historical interpretive panel outside the perimeter fence line. The entire site will become a brightly lit, safe, and prestigious night-time landmark for Williston. Park visitors and school groups can view the illuminated locomotive cab and caboose interior year-round, while learning the direct history of the High Line division point from the outdoor information panel.

Part III: Budget Entry Fields

- **Total Funding Amount (Total Project Cost):** $125,000.00
- **Amount Secured to Date:** $14,000.00 (Guaranteed liquid cash reserves on hand)
- **Over what time period is funding being sought?** October 2026 to August 2028 (For the primary rolling stock milestones)
- **Support from United Way:** No
- **Affiliation/Collaboration with other agencies/organizations:** Yes

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:

1. The Williston Parks & Recreation District (WPRD): Approved / In-Kind Municipal Partnership. The city has formally accepted full logistical and financial responsibility for executing the high-liability Phase 1 industrial asbestos abatement on Locomotive #3059's boiler jacket, alongside underwriting the heavy crane mobilization logistics required for site placement. This absorbs a massive chunk of the project's high-risk infrastructure liability off our direct ledger.
2. Great Northern Railway Historical Society (GNRHS) Grant: Pending / Review Cycle — $5,000.00. Earmarked specifically to fund the sourcing and procurement of authentic, missing Great Northern cab appliances and historical stencils.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:

1. Internal Cash Reserves (Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association): Received / On Hand — $14,000.00. Direct organization capital allocated as an immediate liquid buffer to cover carpentry tools, structural sealants, and volunteer site logistics.
2. The 'Buy-a-Board' Material Campaign: Pledged / Launching Q4 2026 — $20,800.00. Grassroots lumber campaign selling exactly 416 individual carsiding plank slots at $50.00 each to local families and regional businesses to fund the raw exterior lumber order for Caboose X-394.
3. The Promotional Rifle Raffle Draw: Pledged / Scheduled 2026/2027 Expo Route — $25,000.00. Staged to launch across the upcoming winter show routes—including The 26th Annual Williston Gun Show—leveraging high-demand collector firearms to turn public trust into material power for the permanent pavilion infrastructure.
4. Public GoFundMe Digital Pipeline: Active / Ongoing — Variable rolling electronic donations from national rail preservationists.

United Way Checkbox Justification (If Box Provided):

No. The Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association does not receive nor request support from the United Way for this campaign. The United Way strictly allocates its funding to health, poverty relief, and human service crisis programs. Because our campaign is a specialized historical preservation, architectural reconstruction, and civic public park infrastructure project, it falls completely outside the United Way's funding mandate.

Collaboration/Affiliation Details:

1. Williston Parks & Recreation District (WPRD) - Municipal site/asbestos partner.
2. Great Northern Railway Historical Society (GNRHS) - Technical blueprint/curatorial advisory support.
3. Regional Youth & Volunteer Networks - Providing community hands-on advanced carpentry and preservation workforce training.

Page 5 Form Field: Project Costs Financial Grid

President Gjorven, hand-write these exact balanced numbers straight into the corresponding grid cells on Page 5 of the MWEC paper form. The Fiscal Period lines at the top of Page 5 should be filled out as: From October 2026 to December 2027.

Project Cost Category	Total Project Costs	Funds You Are Committing
Administrative (Permits, Prints, Software Tools)	$3,500.00	$800.00
Operational (Lumber, LED grids, Steel, Seals)	$111,000.00	$12,200.00
Promotional (Flyers, Certificates, Expo Banners)	$4,500.00	$1,000.00
Other Costs (Interpretive Panel, Hardware, PPE)	$6,000.00	$0.00
TOTALS	**$125,000.00**	**$14,000.00**

Explanation of other costs (if applicable):

Other costs encompass the specialized fabrication and permanent regional site installation of the high-durability historical interpretive panel to be mounted outside the security perimeter fence line ($3,500.00). This category also covers industrial-grade fasteners, structural joining bolts, and heavy mounting hardware ($1,500.00), alongside volunteer personal protective equipment (PPE) safety bins, heavy work gloves, and specialized manual wood scrapers ($1,000.00).

Part IV: Project Evaluation Fields

Who will be responsible for the project evaluation?

The Executive Board of the Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association holds direct operational responsibility for the continuous verification, physical auditing, and final quality control evaluation of this historic preservation campaign.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:

To guarantee the $125,000.00 total infrastructure blueprint maintains a 100% precise technical tolerance, the project evaluation will be executed through a rigorous multi-stage procedure combining direct physical auditing, historical cross-referencing, and fiscal oversight:

1. Physical Engineering & Structural Audits: The Director of Operations will execute mandatory weekly on-site physical inspections of all active construction zones within Railroad Park. Evaluation metrics include verifying the mechanical scaling and seal integrity of Locomotive #3059's boiler jacket, performing moisture and joinery checks on the mill-ordered 1x4 tongue-and-groove exterior carsiding planks being hung on Caboose X-394, and ensuring all structural steel welding and anchoring systems for the master pavilion roof meet local commercial building tolerances.
2. Historical & Prototype Accuracy Verifications: Before any decorative or component installation phase is cleared, the engineering team will perform a formal blueprint compliance review. Evaluation metrics include cross-referencing all exterior enamel paint formulas, letter stenciling dimensions, and cab appliance replacements directly against original Great Northern Railway archival diagrams. Final completion is evaluated by achieving a museum-grade, historically accurate presentation profile.
3. Continuous Fiscal Allocation Compliance Tracking: The association bookkeeper will manage a dedicated project ledger to perform a continuous financial audit of all capital movement. Evaluation metrics include matching every single dollar drawn from the $20,000.00 MWEC grant allocation to an explicit material invoice or lading bill, ensuring zero administrative bleed and verifying that 100% of the cooperative's grant capital is deployed directly into raw physical infrastructure.
4. Milestone Reporting & Stakeholder Reviews: Upon the physical completion of each designated phase (Locomotive, Caboose, Pavilion Structure), a formal evaluation brief will be compiled. Evaluation metrics include generating comprehensive progress portfolios—complete with high-resolution photographic documentation, material receipts, and youth workforce volunteer logs—to be submitted directly to the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative board, ensuring transparent accountability from inception to the final ribbon-cutting.

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application #
(Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Grenora Public School
P.O. Box 38
Grenora, North Dakota. 58845

Contact Person
Dr. Jeff Spaletta
jeff.spaletta@gpsd99.org
701-334-4149
501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Attached.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-6001992

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Grenora Public School is a rural K–12 public school district located in northwestern North Dakota, serving approximately 145 students and employing 35 staff members. Our mission is "to provide students with diverse educational opportunities, which will prepare them for the 21st century."

As a small rural district, we are committed to providing a high-quality, well-rounded education that prepares students for academic success, postsecondary education, employment, and lifelong learning. Our school offers opportunities in academics, career and technical education, fine arts, athletics, technology, and hands-on learning. We strive to ensure that our students have access to meaningful educational experiences regardless of the size or geographic location of our district.

Beyond K–12 education, Grenora Public School provides preschool and daycare services that support early childhood development and working families. Our school serves as an important educational and community resource, bringing together students, families, staff, and local partners. Through these relationships, we work to strengthen educational opportunities, support families, and contribute to the long-term sustainability and vitality of Grenora and the surrounding rural communities.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 24,160.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
January 15, 2027

Describe the project and its need:
Grenora Public School is seeking funding through the Impact Grant to renovate and modernize our school weight room, which serves as an important fitness and recreational resource for students, staff, athletic teams, and community members. The district provides community access to its weight room and gymnasium through a key fob system, allowing authorized individuals to use these facilities throughout the day and evening, including early mornings and late nights. This shared-use arrangement provides valuable opportunities for physical fitness, wellness, and recreation in our small rural community.

Much of the existing weight room equipment has not been updated in more than 10 years. Several machines are broken, worn, or no longer functioning properly due to years of continuous use. With students, athletic teams, staff, and community members regularly utilizing the space, the number of functioning machines is often insufficient to accommodate multiple individuals working out simultaneously. These limitations reduce access to equipment, restrict workout opportunities, and make it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of the growing number of individuals who rely on the facility.

The proposed project will focus on cleaning, reorganizing, and upgrading the weight room with modern, commercial-grade fitness equipment designed to withstand frequent and extended use. Replacing outdated and nonfunctioning machines with durable, heavy-duty equipment will improve safety, increase workout capacity, and create a more functional and welcoming environment for users of varying ages and fitness levels.

This investment will benefit not only Grenora Public School students and athletic programs but also the broader community. In a small rural town where access to fitness facilities can be limited, our school serves as an important resource for promoting healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and community wellness. By modernizing the weight room, we will expand recreational opportunities, encourage greater community participation, and maximize the long-term use of an existing public facility. The improvements will provide lasting benefits for current and future students, families, and community members while strengthening the school's role as a center for health, wellness, and community engagement.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The proposed project will serve Grenora and the surrounding rural communities of northwestern North Dakota, primarily within Williams County and neighboring areas along the North Dakota–Montana border. Grenora Public School serves as an important educational, recreational, and community resource for residents throughout this region.

Our weight room and gymnasium are utilized by a diverse population, including students, school staff, athletic teams, farmers, oil field workers, local business employees, and community members of varying ages. Many residents work long or irregular hours, particularly those employed in agriculture and the energy industry. Through our key fob access system, authorized individuals can use the facilities during early mornings, evenings, and other times that accommodate their work schedules.

As a small rural community with limited access to nearby fitness centers, Grenora relies on shared facilities to provide opportunities for exercise, recreation, and healthy living. Modernizing the school weight room will benefit residents throughout the surrounding area by expanding access to reliable, high-quality fitness equipment. This investment will strengthen community wellness, support working families, and provide a valuable recreational resource for individuals who might otherwise need to travel considerable distances to access comparable facilities.

Describe the community support for the project:
Grenora Public School has strong community involvement in the use of its weight room and gymnasium. These facilities serve as important recreational and wellness resources for students, staff, athletic teams, farmers, oil field workers, local business employees, and residents throughout Grenora and the surrounding rural communities. The district's key fob access system allows authorized community members to utilize the facilities throughout the day, including early mornings and late evenings, demonstrating the importance of providing flexible fitness opportunities for individuals with varying work schedules.

The consistent use of these facilities reflects the community's interest in maintaining accessible opportunities for physical fitness, recreation, and healthy living. Community members regularly share these spaces with school athletic programs and staff, creating a valuable connection between the school and the residents it serves. However, aging and nonfunctioning equipment has limited the number of individuals who can effectively use the weight room at the same time.

The proposed improvements will build upon this existing community participation by providing safer, more reliable, and durable fitness equipment. By investing in a facility already used by local residents, Grenora Public School will strengthen an established community resource, expand opportunities for physical activity, and promote long-term health and wellness. The project reflects the district's commitment to making school facilities available for the benefit of the entire community.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Grenora Public School's mission is “to provide students with diverse educational opportunities, which will prepare them for the 21st century.” The proposed weight room modernization project directly supports this mission by promoting physical fitness, healthy lifestyles, personal responsibility, and lifelong wellness among students while extending these benefits to the surrounding community.

Physical education, athletics, and wellness are important components of a well-rounded education. By replacing outdated and nonfunctioning equipment with modern, commercial-grade fitness machines, the district will provide students and athletic teams with improved opportunities to develop strength, endurance, discipline, and healthy exercise habits. These improvements will also create a safer, more functional environment that supports physical education, athletic development, and individual fitness goals.

Beyond serving students, Grenora Public School recognizes its responsibility as an important resource for the broader rural community. Our facilities are regularly used by farmers, oil field workers, local employees, families, and other residents who benefit from accessible fitness opportunities. Through our community key fob access program, the district provides flexible opportunities for physical activity that accommodate varying work schedules.

This project reflects our commitment to supporting the whole student while strengthening the health and well-being of the community we serve. By modernizing an existing facility and expanding access to quality fitness equipment, Grenora Public School will continue providing meaningful educational, recreational, and wellness opportunities for current and future generations.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's support of the Grenora Public School Weight Room Modernization Project would represent a meaningful investment in the health, wellness, and quality of life of residents throughout northwestern North Dakota. As a rural community, Grenora has limited access to fitness and recreational facilities, making our school weight room and gymnasium important resources for students, families, and working adults.

Our facilities are regularly used by students, athletic teams, school staff, farmers, oil field workers, local business employees, and community members. Many of these individuals work long or irregular hours, and our key fob access system provides the flexibility to exercise during early mornings, evenings, and other times that accommodate their schedules. However, much of the equipment is more than 10 years old, and several machines are worn, broken, or no longer functioning properly, limiting the number of people who can safely and effectively use the facility.

Funding from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative would allow the district to replace aging equipment with durable, commercial-grade fitness machines, improve the functionality of the space, and expand opportunities for physical activity. Rather than constructing a new facility, this project will maximize an existing community resource that already serves a broad population.

Supporting this project would demonstrate the cooperative's commitment to strengthening rural communities and improving the well-being of the people who live and work in its service area. The investment would benefit not only today's students and residents but also future generations, providing lasting opportunities for fitness, recreation, and healthier lifestyles in Grenora and the surrounding region.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Grant funding from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) will be used to purchase and install modern, commercial-grade fitness equipment for the Grenora Public School weight room, which serves students, athletic teams, school staff, and community members throughout the surrounding rural area.

The proposed $24,160 project includes a Precor treadmill ($4,895), Precor elliptical ($3,275), Titan G2 half rack ($2,050), TKO Strength five-stack jungle training system ($9,200), kettlebell set ($500), and five commercial exercise mats ($195). The remaining $4,045 will cover freight, delivery, and professional installation.

These improvements will replace or supplement aging and nonfunctioning equipment, increase the number of available workout stations, and expand cardiovascular, strength-training, and functional fitness opportunities. The district will also clean and reorganize the existing space to improve functionality and accommodate greater usage.

MWEC's investment will directly benefit students, farmers, oil field workers, local employees, and other community members who utilize the facility through the school's key fob access system. By purchasing durable equipment designed for frequent use, the district will maximize the long-term value of the grant while strengthening an existing community resource that promotes physical fitness, wellness, and healthy lifestyles.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The Grenora Public School Weight Room Modernization Project is expected to significantly improve access to quality fitness and recreational opportunities for students, staff, athletic teams, and community members throughout Grenora and the surrounding rural area. By replacing aging and nonfunctioning equipment with modern, commercial-grade fitness machines, the district will create a safer, more functional, and welcoming environment that accommodates a greater number of users.

The addition of cardiovascular equipment, strength-training stations, and functional fitness equipment will

expand exercise options and reduce the limitations currently experienced when multiple individuals use the facility simultaneously. Students and athletic teams will benefit from improved opportunities for strength development, conditioning, and physical fitness, while community members, including farmers, oil field workers, and local employees, will have greater access to reliable equipment that accommodates their varying schedules.

The project is also expected to encourage increased community participation, promote healthier lifestyles, and strengthen the relationship between Grenora Public School and the residents it serves. Through the district's existing key fob access system, the upgraded weight room will continue to provide convenient fitness opportunities during early mornings, evenings, and other authorized hours.

Ultimately, the project will maximize the use of an existing school facility, extend the useful life of its fitness resources, and provide lasting health and wellness benefits for current and future generations. The district will evaluate the project's success through equipment availability, facility usage, community participation, and feedback from students, staff, and community members.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 24,160.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 100.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Grenora Public School is requesting a one-time grant of $24,160. Equipment will be purchased and installed within three to six months of receiving funding.

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
No corporate financial commitments have been received for this project to date. Grenora Public School is seeking funding through the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant to support the proposed $24,160 weight room modernization project.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
No additional funding sources have been pledged or received for this project at this time. Grenora Public School is requesting $24,160 through the MWEC Impact Grant to cover the proposed equipment, delivery, and installation costs.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
tax-info-and-quote.pdf (279.62 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation

Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:

The Grenora Public School Superintendent (Jeff Spaletta), in collaboration with the K–12 Principal (April Madsen), Athletic Director (Blake Lampert) and Facilities Director (Jim Miller), will be responsible for evaluating the project. Evaluation will include verifying equipment installation, monitoring facility usage, assessing equipment functionality, and gathering feedback from students, staff, and community members to determine the project's overall effectiveness.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:

The Grenora Public School Superintendent, K–12 Principal, Athletic Director, and Facilities Director will evaluate the project's success through equipment installation, facility usage, safety, and community feedback. Following installation, the district will inspect all equipment to ensure it is properly installed, operational, and meets the intended needs of the facility.

The district will monitor weight room usage through its existing key fob access system, assess equipment condition and functionality, and gather feedback from students, athletic teams, staff, and community members. The evaluation will also consider whether the improvements have increased available workout stations, reduced equipment limitations, and expanded fitness opportunities.

An initial evaluation will be conducted within three months of installation, followed by a six-month review to assess overall effectiveness, equipment performance, and community benefits. Findings will help guide future maintenance and improvements to ensure the facility remains a valuable resource for Grenora and the surrounding rural community.

Include attachments for funding request

impact-grant-cover-letter.pdf (65.21 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:

Jeff Spaletta

Authorized Signer Title:

Superintendent

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

Revised 3/4/2025

Grenora Public District School #99

Tunneling Towards Success

October 23, 2026

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
Impact Grant Committee

RE: Impact Grant Request – Weight Room Modernization Project

Dear Grant Committee Members:

On behalf of Grenora Public School District #99, I am pleased to request $24,160 through the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant to modernize our school and community weight room.

Grenora Public School serves approximately 145 students and is an important resource for our surrounding rural community. Our weight room is accessible through a key fob system and is regularly utilized by students, athletic teams, school staff, farmers, oil field workers, and other community members.

Much of our fitness equipment is more than ten years old, with several machines worn or no longer functioning properly. Grant funding would allow us to purchase and install commercial-grade cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, improving safety, increasing available workout stations, and expanding fitness opportunities for all users.

This project will provide lasting benefits by promoting healthy lifestyles, supporting student athletics, and strengthening an existing community resource. With limited fitness facilities in our rural area, these improvements will make a meaningful difference for our students and residents.

Thank you for considering our request and for MWEC's continued investment in rural communities.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spaletta, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Grenora Public School District #99

Superintendent - Dr. Jeff Spaletta
K-12 Principal - April Madsen
Athletic Director - Blake Lampert
Business Manager - Jennifer Wade

School Board
Danielle Ell, President, Josh East, VP
Rick Foss, Laverne Johnson,
Erik Field, Chris Muse, Martin Iverson

PO Box 38 - 402 Robinson Street Grenora, ND 58845 Phone: 701.694.2711 • Fax: 701.694.2717

Form **W-9**
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See *Specific Instructions* on page 3.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)
Grenora Public School Foundation

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . .

Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☒ Other (see instructions) Government

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) 1

Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)

3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . ☐

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.
402 Robinson ST - POBox 38

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code
Grenora ND 58845

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
[ ][ ][ ] - [ ][ ] - [ ][ ][ ][ ]

or

Employer identification number
45 - 6001992

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here | **Signature of U.S. person** [signature] **Date** 8.29.25

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER
RYAN RAUSCHENBERGER, COMMISSIONER

State of North Dakota
Certificate of Exempt Status - Exempt Organization

Under the provisions of North Dakota Century Code § 57-39.2-04, the organization whose name appears below is certified to be exempt from sales taxes applicable to purchases, rentals and leases of tangible personal property to be used solely and exclusively in the performance of functions by that organization.

Grenora Public School District #99
402 Robinson Street
PO Box 38
Grenora, ND 58845-0038

Certificate Number: **E-5092**

Date Issued: **6/29/2016**

Ryan Rauschenberger
Tax Commissioner

Blane D. Braunberger, Supervisor
Sales & Use Tax Compliance Section

Purchase Recommendation

PUSH·PEDAL·PULL
the exercise equipment experts
PUSH PEDAL PULL
ATTN MANAGER 701-235-6125
4501 15th Ave., Ste. 106
Fargo ND 58103
Cell / Text: (701) 866-5391
jcloos@pushpedalpull.com

Prepared by: Jesse Cloos

Quote Date	Quote #
10/23/2026	154531

Billing Address	Shipping Address
Grenora Public School Jeff Spaletta / 701-694-2711 402 Robinson St Grenora ND 58845	Grenora Public School Jeff Spaletta / 701-694-2711 402 Robinson St Grenora ND 58845

Account No.	Customer Email
1900187262 Grenora Public School	jeff.spaletta@gpsd99.org

Item #	MFR	MODEL	Description	Color	Qty	Price	Extended
74838	PRECOR	PHRCT631B...	TRM 631 TREADMILL		1	4,895.00	4,895.00
51179	PRECOR	PHRCE535B...	EFX 535 ELLIPTICAL		1	3,275.00	3,275.00
79278	DYNAMIC FI...	400112	TITAN G2 HALF RACK 8'		1	2,050.00	2,050.00
79920	TKO STREN...	7032-B	5-STACK JUNGLE		1	9,200.00	9,200.00
27918	TKO STREN...	857KBV-A10	5-50LB VINYL KETTLEBELL SET 857KBV-A10 INCLUDES: 1857KBV-5 1857KBV-10 1857KBV-15 1857KBV-20 1857KBV-25 1857KBV-30 1857KBV-35 1857KBV-40 1857KBV-45 1857KBV-50		1	500.00	500.00
51103	TKO STREN...	5719CMG	56" COMMERCIAL EXERCISE MAT W/ GROMMETS		5	39.00	195.00
9901		FC	FREIGHT COMMERCIAL		1	795.00	795.00
9977		DEL	DELIVERY/INSTALLATION		1	3,250.00	3,250.00

Standard Terms and Conditions:
1) 50% deposit and signed P.O. with order. Balance due before delivery.
Send Payment To:
2306 W 41st St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

2) Additional delivery fees may apply for additional trips.
3) Prices are subject to change 14 days after the quote date.
4) There will be a 2% monthly service charge on all overdue accounts. Buyer is also responsible for any collection and/or legal fees involved in collecting past due accounts.
5) The quote is computed to be performed during regular business hours. Any special request by the buyer necessary to complete work will be paid by the buyer.
6) Clerical errors are subject to correction.
7) Buyer agrees to promptly file claim for all goods damaged in transit.
8) We have a 30-day limited exchange policy with the exception of damaged or defective goods. This policy excludes exchanges on special orders and accessories. Merchandise must be in "like new" condition.
9) There will be a 20% restocking fee on merchandise cancellations or returns. Delivery, Set-Up and Freight will not be refunded.

Subtotal $:	**24,160.00**
Sales Tax $:	**0.00**
Total $:	**24,160.00**

Acceptance of Proposal:

These prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. I am authorized to order the equipment listed with full understanding of the payment terms.

A 3% fee will be assessed on all credit card payments.

Date:	Authorized Signature:
P.O. Number:	Print Signature:

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Grenora Public School Foundation
402 Robinson Street
Grenora, North Dakota. 58845

Contact Person
Alison Carlson-Stevenson
alison.m.carlson.2@gmail.com
701-770-0065

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
The North Dakota Community Foundation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation under IRS code 501©(3) and works in conjunction with the GPSF to ensure donations are managed properly, oversees approval of appropriate projects, and helps assist with marketing and fundraising programs. The GPSF is a component fund of the NDCF. The GPSF utilizes the tax ID number from Grenora Public School, and is listed below.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
456001992

Describe your organization and its purpose:
The Grenora Public School created the Grenora Public School Foundation in March 2012 to supplement the funding of projects that will “improve students' learning and life experience.” This project fund provides donors with a way to make tax-deductible donations for the benefit of the Grenora Public School District.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
Both questions were answered no.

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 6,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
Pending weather- mid-winter or early spring 2027

Describe the project and its need:
The GPSF is installing a fence around the playground at the Grenora Public School. The school is one of the only ones left in area without fencing around the playground, and it is time to install one as the benefits outweigh the cons. Safety is at the forefront of our minds, as it provides a visual and physical boundary to students in school, a growing number of which have disabilities such as autism and have been caught eloping from the grounds. It also helps keeps balls in and off the streets. In turn, it also keeps things out such as stray animals, which is especially necessary during the school day while students are outside for recess.

Grenora school as a whole recognizes the need for a fence, however the school is also facing a massive roof renovation project that is unable to wait, so when faced with the question of fencing versus fixing a roof, they are forced to fix the roof, thus leaving less necessary but still beneficial safety projects such as this fence to organizations such as the GPSF and (hopefully) MWEC to recognize the benefits and be able to pick up the cost.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The project benefits the whole community as it gives parents and teacher a sense of safety and security while inside, and allows kids more freedom to move more freely around the playground.

Describe the community support for the project:
Community support includes school personnel and foundation volunteers as the project has not been shown to the community as a whole yet.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The GPSF seeks to improve students' learning and life experiences, so improving senses of safety and security while enhancing freedom to explore fits into the mission perfectly.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
A majority of students at Grenora live in the country and are part of families who are MWEC customers. This project includes plans for plaques noting supporters of the project, currently only the GPSF, but MWEC could be added to advertise support of our rural communities.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used to fund the remaining cost of the project, estimated to be $6,000 with inflation since the original quote was gathered this summer and added cost of plaques of recognition.

Describe the expected results from the project:
Enhanced safety for students and staff is the primary result expected.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 25,723.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 20,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Present through January 2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Grenora Public School Foundation- $20,000

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
GPSF is taking on the majority of the project, but are hoping to alleviate remaining costs for the school to pick

up by securing a grant to cover the remaining $6000.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Just the Grenora Public School Foundation, which knows I was applying for this grant for the remaining funding.

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
fence-full.pdf (708.54 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Jeff Spaletta, Superintendent of Grenora Public School
Grenora Public School Foundation board members
Grenora Public School Board of Directors

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Janitorial staff in conjunction with the superintendent will monitor the effectiveness and safety of the fence with input from teachers and report back to the school board and GPSF.

Include attachments for funding request
img_2980.jpeg (522.75 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Alison Carlson-Stevenson

Authorized Signer Title:
GPSF Secretary

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Make a Payment Here:

Dakota Fence

6037 138th Ave NW | Williston, ND 58801
Phone: 701-826-6264 | Toll Free: 833-726-0001 | Fax: 701-826-6263
E-mail: sales@dakotafence.com Website: www.dakotafence.com

GPS Foundation C.O. April Madsen PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO	701.580.2947 april.madsen@gpsd99.org	06.05.2026 DATE
402 Robinson Street STREET	Commercial Grade Galvanized Chain Link 4' (622LF) JOB NAME	
Grenora, ND 58845 CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE	402 Robinson St., Grenora JOB LOCATION	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Option "A"

All material, labor, and mobilization to install 622 LF of Commercial Grade Galvanized Chain Link 4', All posts will be direct driven.

TOTAL PRICE INSTALLED - $24,593.00

Option "B"

All material, labor, and mobilization to install 622 LF of Commercial Grade Galvanized Chain Link 4' including 2ea. 4' walk gates. All posts will be direct driven.

TOTAL PRICE INSTALLED - $25,405.00

Notes/Exceptions:

- Price does not include clearing of fence line, dirt work, grading, compaction/testing, staking, or survey. Responsibility of Owner.
- **Priced for completion during 2026 Construction season.**
- Electrical grounding is not included, by others.
- Additional charges will apply if a secondary sweep/locate is required.
- Dakota Fence is NOT responsible of Breaking/Cracking/Chipping concrete when surface mounting is requested/required.
- Hydro-vac excavation or core drilling of holes is not included.
- Owner/Prime contractor is responsible for septic lines, drain fields, clean outs, sprinklers, floor heat and all other private utilities.
- **Price does not include work during frozen weather conditions.**
- Dakota Fence is a member of PEC Veriforce, Avetta, ISNetworld, and Gold Shovel Standard.
- This proposal supersedes any previous proposals (all of which are rescinded/revoked and no longer valid); any plan addenda or revisions issued after this proposal are not part of this proposal and Dakota Fence is not bound to; this proposal automatically becomes part of any subsequent contract signed by Dakota Fence, regardless of whether this proposal is signed by the recipient of this proposal.

Terms of Payment to be made as follows: **50% down, material draw at 60% of contract value (less received 50% down), monthly progress billings, and balance upon completion, unless otherwise specified above, payment due upon receipt and subject to approved credit.**

Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dakota Fence and its agents from and against any and all claims, liabilities and damages, including outside and in-house attorneys' fees and costs, arising from or related any failure to erect fence, guardrail, or other products on or within property lines; any failure to comply with by-laws, restrictive covenants, building codes or other restrictions; encroachment or interference with any easement; damage to any improvements, including underground sprinklers, utilities, including wires or pipes; frost heave; personal injury or death; removal of fence or products. Purchaser agrees that Dakota Fence's liability shall not exceed the amount paid to it under this Proposal. Dakota Fence shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages. Purchaser agrees to be responsible for excavated soil or Dakota Fence shall dispose of soil for an additional charge. All work to be completed according to standard industry practices. Any alteration or deviation from this proposal requires Dakota Fence's prior written consent and shall automatically become part of and subject to this Proposal. Any additional costs from any such change shall result in an extra charge, which Purchaser agrees to pay. Purchaser agrees to pay Dakota Fence's outside and in-house attorneys' fees and costs in the collection and enforcement of this Proposal. This Proposal contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond Dakota Fence's control and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements. Purchaser agrees to carry all homeowner, liability and other necessary and required insurance. Dakota Fence's workers are fully covered by Workers Compensation Insurance or other required insurance. All fence or product remains the property of Dakota Fence until paid for by Purchaser and Purchaser authorizes Dakota Fence to remove the same and charge Purchaser for the fence or product and their removal if payment is not made per the terms of this Proposal. Purchaser agrees to pay 1.5% per month on all past due accounts. Any fence project that is considered custom or has special order materials is not returnable and therefore not fully refundable. A minimum of 25% restocking fee will apply with certain items being subject to higher restock fees as established from time to time by Dakota Fence.
Unless objected by the Purchaser, Dakota Fence shall place a lawn sign on the property for the duration of Dakota Fence's work.

Acceptance of Proposal. The above prices, specifications, terms, and conditions are satisfactory and accepted by Purchaser. Dakota Fence is authorized to do the work as specified and Purchaser agrees to make payment as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance_____

By:_____
Shawn Fuhrer

This Proposal may be withdrawn by Dakota Fence if not accepted within _5_ days.

Purchaser
Purchaser Name:_____
By:_____
Print Name_____
Its:_____

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PROPOSAL

Form **W-9**
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See *Specific Instructions* on page 3.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.) Grenora Public School Foundation

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . .

Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☒ Other (see instructions) Government

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) 1

Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)

3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . ☐

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.
402 Robinson ST - POBox 38

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code
Grenora ND 58845

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
[ ][ ][ ] - [ ][ ] - [ ][ ][ ][ ]

or

Employer identification number
45 - 6001992

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** [signature] **Date** 8.29.25

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information

Name of Organization

Home On The Range
16351 I94
Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. 58654

Contact Person

Jolene Obrigewitch
joleneo@hotrnd.com
7018723745

501(c)(3) status

Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:

Yes

If no, please explain

Home On The Range is a 501(c)3 non profit.

Federal Tax Identification Number:

45-0230083

Describe your organization and its purpose:

Home On The Range (HOTR) has served North Dakota children and families since 1950. HOTR is an accredited Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) for boys and girls ages 12–17 from across North Dakota and its tribal reservations; 2/3 of our youth come from rural communities and areas. Youth are referred by the Division of Juvenile Services, North Dakota Human Service Zones, Tribal Governments, or private placement through the Voluntary Treatment Program. The average stay can be up to six months. Many of the youth have lived through severe trauma, including abuse, neglect, homelessness, a parent's substance abuse or incarceration, and exploitation or trafficking. Staff build trusting relationships with each youth. Through education, spiritual advisement, work and recreation groups, and adventure and animal-assisted therapies, youth learn to manage their emotions, build healthier relationships and make better decisions. In 2025, HOTR admitted 68 youth (36 female, 32 male).

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:

No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:

No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances

Home On The Range doesn't have any pending lawsuits or publicity viewed as adverse or critical.

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
February 2027

Describe the project and its need:
Project description:
HOTR is building an addition to the Badlands Learning Center (BLC), its on-campus non-public school. The new wing adds two classrooms, an outdoor living classroom for recreation and group activities, an independent living area and kitchenette for life-skills practicums, and a sensory room for occupational therapy and special education groups. The existing classroom will get a permanent wall, turning it into two permanent classrooms. The staff training room, which was given up to make classrooms when BLC opened, will be restored. The addition is estimated to cost $3.2 million. Construction began in April 2026, is on schedule, and is set to finish in February 2027.
Need for the project:
Shorter stays under the federal Families First Prevention Services Act left HOTR youth struggling in public school. Credits were earned by the semester, staff had limited training for escalating behaviors, and suspensions rose from 42 in 2022–23 to 106 in 2023–24. Only 38% of HOTR students earned all their credits in 2022–23. HOTR opened BLC in June 2024, and the results have been strong. In 2025, 65 students passed 158 classes for 79 academic credits. They passed 27 GED finals, and six students earned their GED diplomas. Every student enrolled 30 days or more passed at least one class. However, the remodel took over the staff training room, and classrooms are separated only by bookshelves, which leaves too little space and privacy for students. The addition fixes both problems and lets the program grow.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
HOTR serves youth from counties across North Dakota and its tribal reservations; approximately 2/3 of the youth are referred from rural communities and counties. In the last five years, HOTR has helped 35 children from the Williams/Mountrail area. Graduates return to communities such as Williston, Watford City, Killdeer, Dickinson, Bismarck, Fargo and Grand Forks.

Describe the community support for the project:
HOTR has raised nearly $3 million toward the $3.2 million project, and the campaign is now in its final fundraising stage. HOTR also partners with North Dakota State University on animal-assisted therapy research. The two have run four studies together, and two have been published. HOTR’s equine-enhanced Ending the Game program is featured by the curriculum’s founder.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
HOTR is built on trauma-informed care and on helping youth go home stronger. Education is central to that work. Students who earn credits gain self-esteem, confidence and a sense of accomplishment, and they do better in the rest of their treatment. BLC’s flexible, year-round, self-paced schedule (Center for Distance Education classes and GED) lets every student make progress during a short stay. Students can also finish their courses after they return home.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
HOTR is in the final stage of its capital campaign, and this grant will help close the remaining gap. MWEC’s support directly benefits youth from Williams and Mountrail counties. Thirty-five of them have been served

in the last five years. Research shows that youth who finish high school are more likely to join the workforce and be civically engaged, and less likely to need costly social services. That makes them assets to their home communities in MWEC's service area.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Grant funds will go solely toward construction of the $3.2 million addition. This request is for a capital construction project, not an operating program, so there is no separate project fiscal budget. All operating costs for the Badlands Learning Center and the new addition are covered by Home On The Range's existing operating budget.

Describe the expected results from the project:
More classroom space and privacy for the students; separation of boys' and girls' classrooms. Fewer disruptions. A dedicated space for life skills and therapy. A restored staff training room. Continued gains in classes passed, credits earned and GEDs completed.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 3,200,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 3,000,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
November 2026-January 2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Otto Bremer Foundation $100,000.00
C.F. Martel Foundation $30,000.00
Farm Credit Services $40,000.00
A & G Foundation $32,500.00
Eagles Memorial Foundation $7,500.00
MDU Resources Found. $2,500.00
Roosevelt Custer Regional Council $25,000.00
McKenzie County 2025 donation $500,000.00
McKenzie County 2026 donation $200,000.00
Dunn County, North Dakota $150,000.00
Stark County $50,000.00
Tru Company $100,000.00
BNSF $10,000.00
High Plains Community Center $1,500.00
Cass County Electric Coop. $7,000.00
ND Knights of Columbus $27,000.00
Capital Electric Trust $1,000.00
Roughrider Electric Coop $2,500.00
Nodak Electric Trust $700.00
Basin Electric Cooperative $2,500.00
Cornerstone Bank $5,000.00
Choice Bank $5,000.00
Ezra Barrows Post #36 Legion $5,000.00

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Alwin Carus Estate $250,000.00
Lothspeich Bequest $70,814.45
Patrick Jones $5,000.00
Power of 100 Women $10,000.00
NoDak Foundation Conservancy $2,000.00
Normanna Lutheran Trust $5,000.00
Individuals $1,194,425.00
Tru Family $50,000.00
Spring Appeal $30,000.00

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
North Dakota Center for Distance Education

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
blc-budget-2026-10.xls (41.5 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Team responsible: Laura Feldmann, Executive Director, Home On The Range; Jeff Bertelsen, Education Director, Badlands Learning Center; and Amanda Bieber, Special Education Teacher, Badlands Learning Center.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Evaluation procedures:
• Track construction progress against the April 2026–February 2027 timeline and budget.
• Keep reporting the education outcomes HOTR already tracks each year: student enrollment, classes passed, academic credits earned, GED finals passed and GED diplomas earned. Compare results with the 2025 baseline (65 students, 158 classes, 79 credits, 27 GED finals, 6 diplomas).
• Monitor behavior incidents in the classroom and the percentage of students enrolled 30 or more days who pass at least one class (currently 100%).
• Record how often the new spaces are used: sensory room OT and special education sessions, independent living and kitchenette practicums, outdoor classroom activities, and staff trainings held in the restored training room.
• Gather staff observations on students' self-esteem, engagement and overall progress in the program.

Include attachments for funding request
2026-nd-exempt-tax-id-501c3-from-diocese.pdf (7.35 MB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Jolene Obrigewitch

Authorized Signer Title:
Development Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Home On The Range
Project Budget

Expenses	Total Project Expenses	Grant Amount Requested
Contract Services (JLG Artchitects & JE Dunn)	$ 1,500,000	$ -
Occupancy (rent, utilities, maintenance)	$ -	$ -
Training & Professional Development		
Insurance		
Travel		
Equipment		
Supplies	$ 200,000	
Electrical	$ 400,000	
Plumbing	$ 200,000	
Mechanical	$ 400,000	
Flooring, roof, paint, furniture, windows	$ 400,000	
Administration		$ -
Generator	$ 100,000	
Other -_____	$ -	$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 3,200,000	$ -

Revenues	Committed/Received	Applied to:
Foundation Contributors		
Tom & Frances Leach Foundation		$ 100,000
Otto Bremer Foundation	$ 100,000.00	
C.F. Martel Foundation	$ 30,000.00	
Farm Credit Services	$ 40,000.00	
A & G Foundation	$ 32,500.00	
Eagles Memorial Foundation	$ 7,500.00	
MDU Resources Found.	$ 2,500.00	
Roosevelt Custer Regional Council	$ 25,000.00	
Corporate Contributors		
McKenzie County 2025 donation	$ 500,000.00	
McKenzie County 2026 donation	$ 200,000.00	
Dunn County, North Dakota	$ 150,000.00	
Stark County	$ 50,000.00	
Tru Company	$ 100,000.00	
BNSF	$ 10,000.00	
High Plains Community Center	$ 1,500.00	
Cass County Electric Coop.	$ 7,000.00	
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Cornerstone Bank	$ 5,000.00	
Choice Bank	$ 5,000.00	
Ezra Barrows Post #36 Legion	$ 5,000.00	$ -
Other Contributions & Revenue		
Alwin Carus Estate	$ 250,000.00	$ -
Lothspeich Bequest	$ 70,814.45	
Patrick Jones	$ 5,000.00	$ -
Power of 100 Women	$ 10,000.00	
NoDak Foundation Conservancy	$ 2,000.00	$ -
Normanna Lutheran Trust	$ 5,000.00	$ -
Individuals	$ 1,194,425.00	
Tru Family	$ 50,000.00	
Spring Appeal	$ 30,000.00	$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 2,921,939.45	$ 100,000.00

11/12/2026

Individuals

Marvin & Barbara Masset	$	10,000.00
St. Mary's Church	$	1,000.00
Virginia Sorenson	$	500.00
Wayne & Joan Novak	$	100.00
Marvin & Barbara Masset	$	400,000.00
Jack & Kristi Paris Foundation	$	20,000.00
Connie Connolly	$	19,600.00
Transfer from Meet and Greets	$	200,000.00
Anonymous	$	500,000.00
Connie Connolly (thru NDCF)	$	10,000.00
Anonymous	$	20,000.00
Anette Steffan	$	10,000.00
Gene & Margie Muth	$	225.00
Lisa Holst 10-16-26	$	1,000.00
Don Resler 10-20-2026	$	2,000.00
TOTAL	$	1,194,425.00

(in spring appeal mailing, not total)	
Brad Kohler	1500
Jay R Monroe Memorial Foundation	2000
(not in spring appeal)	
Adam Baumstarck	100
Tru Family 9-21-26	50000

State of North Dakota
SECRETARY OF STATE

Charitable Organization Registration

SOS Control ID#: 0004010511

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the state of North Dakota, certifies that HOME ON THE RANGE has filed in this office proper documents for a Charitable Organization Registration valid until September 1, 2026, and has complied with all requirements of North Dakota Century Code, chapter 50-22.

Dated: July 8, 2025

Michael Howe
Secretary of State

Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: August 24, 1999

Home on the Range
16351 I-94
Sentinel Butte, ND. 58654

Person to Contact:
Felicia Johnson #31-04013
Customer Service Representative
Telephone Number:
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-684-5936
Federal Identification Number:
45-0230083
Group Exemption Number:
0928

We have received your telephone request for affirmation of your organization's tax exempt status. Your organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code because it is included in a group ruling issued to United States Catholic Conference, located in Washington, DC.

Individual exemption letters are not available to organizations included in group rulings. The group exemption letter applies to all of the subordinate organizations on whose behalf the United States Catholic Conference has applied for recognition of exemption. If you want a copy of the group exemption letter, please contact your parent organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than $25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of $20 a day, up to a maximum of $10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

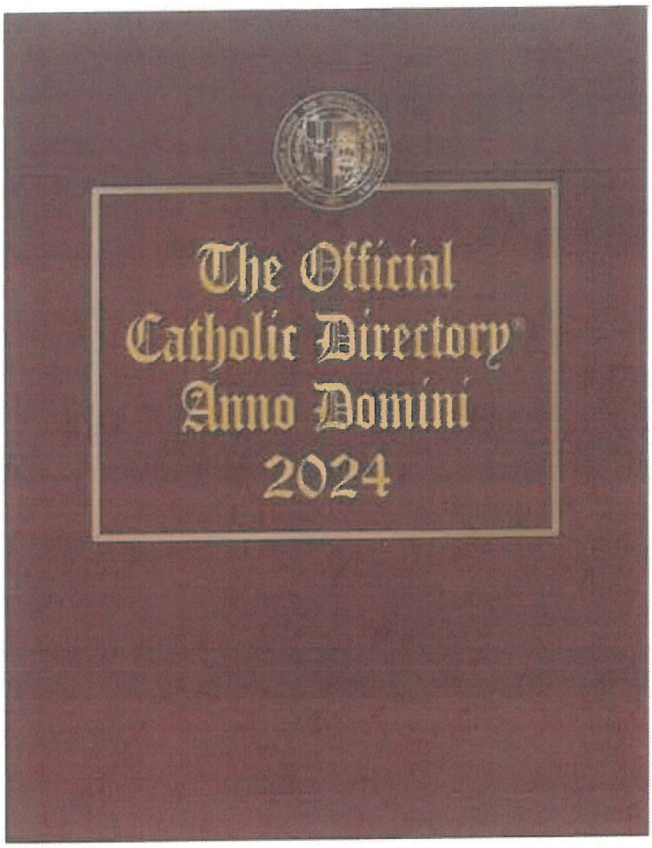
Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of $20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of $10,000 in the case of an annual return).

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

C. Ashley Bullard


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St. Clement Oratory of Haymarsh - 6787 County Rd. 140, Hebron, ND 58638; Mailing: 520 N. Washington St., Bismarck, ND 58502-1137 t) 701-425-0794 bnaslund@bismarckdiocese.com bismarckdiocese.com/oratory Served from Bismarck Diocese. Den Brent Naslund, Admin ,

MANDAN

World Apostolate of Fatima - 802 Division St., N.E., Mandan, ND 58554 t) 701-400-0233 doughelbing@gmail.com Den. Douglas Helbing, Pres.;

PORCUPINE

Oratory of St. James, Porcupine - Rural Rte, Porcupine, ND 58568; Mailing: P.O. Box 394, Fort Yates, ND 58538-0394 t) (701) 854-3473 www.catholicindianmission.com Served from Ft. Yates. Rev. Chad Gion, Pst.; Rev. Jolly George, Par. Vicar; Bro. George Maufort, S.D.S.; Sandy Gallagher, Bus. Mgr.;

RICHARDTON

Sacred Heart Mission - 418 3rd Ave. W., Richardton, ND 58652-7100 t) 701-974-3315 odo@assumptionabbey.com Rev. Odo Muggli, O.S.B., Secy.;

SELFRIDGE

Oratory of St. Philomena, Selfridge - Rural Rte., Selfridge, ND 58568; Mailing: P.O. Box 394, Fort Yates, ND 58538-0394 t) (701) 854-3473 www.catholicindianmission.com Served from Ft. Yates. Rev. Chad Gion, Pst.; Rev. Jolly George, Par. Vicar; Bro. George Maufort, S.D.S.; Sandy Gallagher, Bus. Mgr.;

SOLEN

Oratory of Sacred Heart, Solen - 206 Rice St., Solen, ND 58530; Mailing: P.O. Box 394, Fort Yates, ND 58538-0394 t) (701) 854-3473 www.catholicindianmission.com Served from Ft. Yates. Rev. Chad Gion, Pst.; Rev. Jolly George, Par. Vicar; Bro. George Maufort, S.D.S.; Sandy Gallagher, Bus. Mgr.,

MONASTERIES AND RESIDENCES FOR PRIESTS AND BROTHERS [MON]

RICHARDTON

Assumption Abbey - 418 3rd Ave. W., Richardton, ND 58652; Mailing: P.O. Box A, Richardton, ND 58652 t) 701-974-3315 monks@assumptionabbey.com www.assumptionabbey.com Rt. Rev. Valerian Odermann, O.S.B., Abbot; Bro. Michael Taffe, O.S.B., Prior; Bro. Jacob Darren Deiss, Subprior; Bro. Alban Petesch, O.S.B., Dir.; Rev. Hugo L. Blotsky, O.S.B., Assoc. Pst.; Rev. Odo Muggli, O.S.B., Bus. Mgr.; Rev. Julian Nix, O.S.B., In Res.; Rev. Basil Atwell, O.S.B., In Res.; Rev. Boniface Muggli, O.S.B., In Res.; Rev. James Kilzer, O.S.B., Bus. Mgr.; Rev. Thomas Wordekemper, O.S.B., Pst., Rev. Benedict Fischer, O.S.B., Prof.; Rev. Anthony Baker, O.S.B., Chap.; Rev. Daniel Mahoney, O.S.B., In Res.; Brs.: 25; Priests: 14

NURSING / REHABILITATION / CONVALESCENCE / ELDERLY CARE [NUR]

BISMARCK

Benedictine Living Communities - Bismarck, Inc. - 4580 Coleman St., Bismarck, ND 58503 t) 701-751-4224 kurran.opp@benedictineliving.org www.benedictineliving.org/bismarck-nd/ Kurran C Opp, Exec. Dir.; Assid. Annu.: 310; Staff: 220

Emmaus Place - 1020 N. 26th St., Bismarck, ND 58501; Mailing: PO Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137 t) 701-258-2618 glindemann@bismarckdiocese.com Priests retirement home, Rev. Raphael M. Obonana, In Res.; Rev. William Cullery; Rev. Paul Cervinski; Rev Leonard A. Eckroth; Rev. Jerome G. Kautzman; Rev. Marvin J. Klemmer; Assid. Annu.: 6; Staff: 5

***Marillac Manor, an affiliate of Good Samaritan Society and Sanford Health.** - 1016 N. 28th St., Bismarck, ND 58501 t) 701-323-1871 agreer@good-sam.com good-sam.com Independent 55+ Senior Living Community Angela Greer, Dir., Assid. Annu.: 98; Staff: 5

***St. Vincent's, A Prospera Community** - 1021 N. 26 St., Bismarck, ND 58501-3199 t) 701-323-1999 prioressa@sacredheartmonastery.com http\\www.good-sam.com Kaylene Kritlinger, Admin.; Assid. Annu.: 97; Staff: 130

DICKINSON

Benedictine Living Community - Dickinson - 851 Fourth Ave. E., Dickinson, ND 58601 t) 701-456-7242 seth.fisher@benedictineliving.org www.benedictineliving.org/dickinson-nd/ Operated by Benedictine Living Communities, Inc. Seth Fisher, Exec. Dir.; Assid. Annu.: 240; Staff: 137

GARRISON

Benedictine Living Communities, Inc. (Benedictine Living Community] Garrison) - 609 4th Ave., N.E., Garrison, ND 58540 t) 701-463-2226 scott.foss@benedictineliving.org www.benedictineliving.org/garrison-nd/ Scott Foss, Exec. Dir.; Assid. Annu.: 106; Staff: 62

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES [SPF]

DICKINSON

Benedictine Living Community - Dickinson (Benedict Court) - 830 2nd Ave. E., Dickinson, ND 58601 t) 701-456-7242 jon.frantsvog@benedictineliving.org www.benedictineliving.org/dickinson-nd/ Seth Fisher, Exec. Dir., Bed Capacity: 26; Assid. Annu.: 36; Staff: 10

SENTINEL BUTTE

Home On The Range - 16351 194, Sentinel Butte, ND 58654-9510 t) 701-872-3745 laura@hotrnd.com www.hotrnd.com Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) for youth ages 12-19; licensed by NDDHHS/CFS and accredited by COA Rev. Nicholas Vetter, Chap.: Laura Feldmann, Exec.: Bed Capacity: 36; Assid. Annu.: 88; Staff: 80

An asterisk (*) denotes an organization that has established tax-exempt status directly with the IRS and is not covered by the USCCB Group Ruling

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information

Name of Organization

James Memorial Preservation Society
621 1st Ave W
PO Box 1714
Williston, North Dakota. 58801

Contact Person

Pam Elliott
JmpsWilliston@gmail.com
701-774-3601

501(c)(3) status

Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:

Yes

If no, please explain

N/A

Federal Tax Identification Number:

45-0425404

Describe your organization and its purpose:

The James Memorial Preservation Society operates the James Memorial Art Center, housed in the historic former public library building. Our mission is to preserve history, promote art, and enhance community. Through rotating art exhibits, art education, cultural events, and community programming, the James provides opportunities for all ages and abilities to experience, create, and appreciate the arts. We strive to foster meaningful connections within our community and region. As both a historic landmark and a vibrant cultural center, the James Memorial Art Center serves as a place where history, creativity, and community come together.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:

No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:

No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances

N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 24,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
Fall 2027

Describe the project and its need:
We are seeking funding to replace the building's aging main sewer line that connects our historic facility to the city's municipal sewer system. The existing line consists of original clay pipe dating back to the building's origin in the early 1900's and has deteriorated significantly over time. Having already experienced problems, replacement has become an increasingly urgent need rather than a preventative measure. Continued deterioration increases the risk of system failure, potentially resulting in costly damage, disruption of programming, and temporary closure of the facility. I would add that this would also greatly disrupt our ability to rent out the facility, which is one of our top sources of income. The project presents an additional financial challenge because the sewer line runs beneath the main sidewalk between the building and the street. Excavation and sidewalk restoration has significantly increased the overall cost. While this project may not be as visible as the programs and events we offer, it is a critical investment in preserving this beautiful historic building.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The James primarily serves Williston, Williams County, and the surrounding communities of northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana. As a regional cultural and educational resource, we welcome visitors, artists, students, and families from throughout the area (and beyond!).

Describe the community support for the project:
The James has received several small donations toward this project, demonstrating community recognition of the importance of maintaining our historic facility. While these contributions are sincerely appreciated, they represent only a small portion of the funding needed. We have a long history of community support through memberships, donations, volunteer involvement, and participation in our programming. This ongoing support reflects the value our community places on preserving our building and the opportunities we provide. However, as a non-profit operating within a very limited budget, grant assistance will be essential in helping us address this urgent need while allowing us to continue directing resources toward day-to-day operations

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Our mission is to preserve history, promote art, and enhance community. Replacing the building's deteriorating sewer line directly supports all 3 components. 1. Replacing the line is essential to preventing potential damage and ensuring the building's long-term preservation. 2. Addressing this critical infrastructure need helps us continue to be a safe, functional facility that makes art and community connection possible. 3. For more than a century, this building has served as a gathering place for the people of Williston and the surrounding region. Investing in its infrastructure ensures it can continue bringing people together. Although this project addresses an essential need rather than a visible program or improvement, it directly supports our ability to fulfill our mission and serve future generations.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Support from MWEC would represent an investment in the long-term preservation of an important historic landmark and the continued availability of arts and cultural opportunities in our region. In addition, the James serves as an important location for families and our community to connect; weddings, birthday parties, showers, and community events are held here. As a nonprofit, we face ongoing challenges of maintaining a

historic building while keeping our programs accessible and affordable while operating on a limited budget. This project cannot be completed without outside assistance. MWEC would help protect a treasured community asset, prevent potentially costly disruptions, and ensure that the James can continue fulfilling its mission for generations to come.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Grant funds will go directly towards the cost of replacing the sewer line and reconstruction of the sidewalk after replacement.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The James will be able to offer a safe and functional facility to our community. Completion of this project will protect the structural and operational integrity of an important historic landmark, allowing us to focus our limited financial resources on providing meaningful arts, cultural, and community opportunities to those we serve.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 27,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 5,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
July 2026-June 2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
N/A

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
North Dakota Community Foundation grant funding - the $5,000 mentioned above.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
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Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Pam Elliott, JMPS gallery admin

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
The success of this project will be evaluated through the completion of the sewer line replacement, verification that the new system is functioning properly , and restoration of the affected sidewalk, including confirmation from the contractor that the installation meets applicable codes and standards. Final invoices and documentation will be maintained.

Include attachments for funding request
nonprofit-status.pdf (199.45 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Pamela Elliott

Authorized Signer Title:
Gallery admin

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Joe's Digging Service
PO Box 452
Williston, ND 58802
701-572-9456
joesdigginginc@gmail.com

Date	Estimate #
11/25/2025	1657

Name / Address
James Memorial Art Center

Description	Total
11/25/2025 Sewer Service Line Replacement from Foundation to Curb	
Sewer Service Line Replacement from Foundation to Curb. Slipline to the Main in the Street	18,500.00
Sidewalk Removal and Replacement	8,500.00
Total	$27,000.00

1. Joe's Digging Service Inc. reserves the right to withdraw from this estimate if not accepted within 30 days.
2. Contract amount is 50% and remainder due upon completion. Any and all collection costs will be charged to customer and paid for by customer, including all attorney fees, court costs, and collection fees associated with money due to Joe's Digging Service, Inc. Interest may also be added from day invoice is due.
3. By both parties signing and receiving a copy of this acceptance they have agreed to the terms discussed in this acceptance.
4. 811 will not locate private utilities for contractors. Any private utilities such as gas lines and power lines after the meter are the responsibility of the homeowner to locate within 2 feet and make us aware of them to prevent damage and costs associated with repairs.

Customer Signature

Joe's Digging Service, Inc

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 3 1999

Employer Identification Number:
45-0425404
DLN:
17053332732018
Contact Person:
TERRY KAYE ID# 31038
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Addendum Applies:
Yes

JAMES MEMORIAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
LTD
C/O CHARLES C WILDER
PO BOX 1714
WILLISTON, ND 58802-1714

Dear Applicant:

Based on the information you recently submitted, we have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because you are described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in 501(c)(3) is still in effect.

This classification is based on the assumption that your operations will continue as you have stated. If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status.

This supersedes our letter dated (See Addendum).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Letter 1078 (DO/CG)

JAMES MEMORIAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

District Director

Enclosure:
Addendum

JAMES MEMORIAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

This letter supersedes our previous letter in which you were presumed to be a private foundation.

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Mountrail Bethel Home, Inc.
615 6th St SE
Stanley, North Dakota. 58784

Contact Person
Steph Everett
severett@stanleyhealth.org
701-628-8603

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
N/A

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-0280796

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Mountrail Bethel Home is dedicated to providing quality care to its residents. It prides itself in 24-hour care with a high staff to resident ratio. Further safety measures provide essential protection to each resident in the Mountrail Bethel Home. At Mountrail Bethel Home, we strive to create an environment that encourages all individuals to attain their highest level of physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
September 10, 2027

Describe the project and its need:
Mountrail Bethel Home is purchasing and installing a modern nurse call system as part of a larger capital project to expand and modernize its assisted living facilities in Stanley, North Dakota. The project will install a new wired nurse call system in the assisted living addition and replace the aging wireless system currently serving Rosen Place.
The new system will include resident call stations, emergency pull cords, room controllers, corridor lights,

central monitoring equipment, wireless pendants, and mobile connectivity. These components will provide reliable, immediate communication between residents and caregivers.
The existing wireless system is aging and needs replacement, while the new assisted living addition requires dependable nurse call technology before residents can safely occupy the space. A modern, integrated system is essential to ensuring residents can request assistance when needed and staff can respond promptly to medical emergencies and routine care needs.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
Beneficiaries of this grant include the residents of the new Mountrail Bethel Home facilities and their families who will have peace of mind regarding the care of their loved ones. The broader community of Stanley as well as Mountrail and Williams counties will benefit from the Mountrail Bethel Home facilities as nursing home facilities are scarce in the surrounding area.

Describe the community support for the project:
Mountrail County Commissioners pledged $2,500,000 in funding towards the renovation of Mountrail Bethel Home demonstrating their financial confidence in the need and importance of the facility.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Mountrail Bethel Home's mission is to provide compassionate, high-quality care that supports the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of its residents. The nurse call system directly supports this mission by ensuring residents can quickly and reliably request assistance when they need it.
The new system will strengthen resident safety, dignity, and independence while giving residents and their families greater peace of mind. It will also help caregivers respond more efficiently to resident needs, reinforcing Mountrail Bethel Home's commitment to providing attentive, resident-centered care in a safe and supportive environment.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) has a vested interest in the health, vitality, and sustainability of the rural communities it serves. Supporting the nurse call station aligns with MWEC’s mission and values by 1) strengthening rural communities by providing essential health infrastructure, 2) supporting economic development and local jobs including nursing staff, 3) supporting member well-being by providing senior care as MWEC members age.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will support the purchase and installation of the nurse call system, including resident call stations, emergency pull cords, room controllers, corridor lights, and central monitoring equipment. These funds will help equip the new assisted living addition and replace the outdated system at Rosen Place.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The project will result in a fully installed and operational nurse call system serving 21 assisted living units at Mountrail Bethel Home and Rosen Place. Residents will have reliable access to assistance during medical emergencies, falls, and routine care needs.
The new system is expected to improve communication between residents and caregivers, support faster staff response times, and enhance resident safety and independence. Families will also gain greater peace of mind knowing their loved ones can quickly summon help when needed.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 88,340.54

Amount secured to date:
$ 43,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
None confirmed.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Stanley Area Community Foundation: $25,000 awarded. INSPIRITUS Community Health Foundation: matching grant of up to $18,000 awarded, subject to match requirements.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
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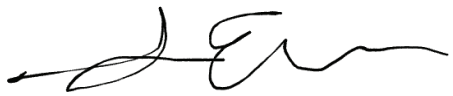
Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Steph Everett, MCMC CEO/MBH Administrator/MCHF Director

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Mountrail Bethel Home Administrator Stephanie Everett will oversee project evaluation. Success will be measured by the installation and successful testing of the nurse call system in all 21 assisted living units. Staff will verify that resident call stations, emergency pull cords, and caregiver notifications function properly before the system is placed into service.
Following installation, Mountrail Bethel Home will monitor system reliability, staff response times, and feedback from residents and caregivers to assess whether the system is improving communication, safety, and access to timely assistance.

Authorized Signer Name:
Steph Everett

Authorized Signer Title:
MCMC CEO/MBH Administrator/MCHF Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Mountrail Bethel Home Nurse Call Station Budget

Cost	Description		Amount
Construction	101250-0002 - Provide wired		86,470.54
Subcontractor Default Insurance		1.20%	$1,038.00
General Liability		0.95%	$832.00
TOTAL			**88,340.54**

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Parshall Public School District #3
601 North Main Street
Parshall , North Dakota. 58770

Contact Person
Troy Walters
troy.walters@parshallps.org
701-862-3129

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Form is in the upload.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
E-5178

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Parshall Public School District #3 serves students and families in Parshall, North Dakota, on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Our purpose is to provide a quality education that prepares students for success in school, careers, and life. The safety and well-being of our children are our highest priorities. We strive to provide a safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environment where every student feels valued, respected, and ready to learn. Through strong relationships with families and the community, we work to protect our students while supporting their academic, social, and emotional growth.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
No on Both

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
August of 2027-2028 - beginning of school year

Describe the project and its need:
Parshall Public School District #3 seeks to strengthen its educational infrastructure through improvements to mathematics and reading curricula and expanded Title I support. These improvements will provide updated instructional materials, targeted interventions, and professional development to help teachers meet students' individual learning needs.

Title I improvements will focus on early identification of learning gaps, small-group instruction, and coordinated classroom and intervention services. Regular review of student assessment data will guide instruction and measure progress. These efforts will strengthen foundational reading and math skills, improve academic achievement, and support a safe, engaging learning environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The project will serve students and families in Parshall, North Dakota, and surrounding rural communities on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, home to the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation. Parshall Public School District #3 serves many MHA Nation students and families in a low-income area, with a substantial percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals. Limited financial resources and rural distances can create barriers to educational opportunities and support services. This project will help address these needs by strengthening reading and mathematics instruction, improving Title I support, and expanding access to learning resources that support student achievement.

Describe the community support for the project:
The project builds on a shared commitment among Parshall Public School, families, and the MHA Nation community to improve educational opportunities for students. Parents and community members provide input through school meetings, family engagement activities, and Tribal consultation. This input helps the district identify student needs and establish priorities for reading, mathematics, and Title I support. Teachers and administrators contribute by reviewing student achievement data and identifying instructional resources and interventions. Continued collaboration with families, Tribal representatives, and community partners will help ensure the project addresses local needs and supports lasting improvements in student learning.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The project supports Parshall Public School District #3's mission to provide a safe, supportive, and academically rigorous learning environment that prepares students for success in college, careers, and life. By improving reading and mathematics curriculum and strengthening Title I services, the project will help close learning gaps, build foundational skills, and provide additional support based on individual student needs. These improvements will expand educational opportunities for students from low-income families and MHA Nation students while supporting culturally responsive instruction. Investing in effective teaching materials and targeted interventions will help every student develop the skills and confidence needed for long-term success.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's support would be an investment in the students, families, and future of the Parshall community. This project will improve reading and mathematics instruction and strengthen Title I services for students who need additional academic support. In a rural, low-income area serving many MHA Nation students, this funding will help reduce barriers to learning and provide access to quality instructional materials and targeted interventions.

The cooperative's investment will help students build essential skills, gain confidence, and prepare for future education and employment. Strong schools contribute to strong communities, and supporting this project will provide lasting benefits for local families and the region's future workforce.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used to purchase updated reading and mathematics curriculum, instructional materials, and targeted intervention resources for Parshall Public School students. These resources will strengthen classroom instruction and Title I support through small-group lessons and individualized assistance for students who need additional help. Purchases will be guided by student assessment data and teacher input to address identified learning gaps. The funding will expand access to educational resources for students from low-income families, including MHA Nation students, and support stronger reading and mathematics achievement.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The project is expected to improve students' reading and mathematics skills, reduce learning gaps, and increase confidence and classroom engagement. Updated curriculum and targeted Title I resources will help teachers provide instruction and interventions that address individual student needs, including those of MHA Nation students and students from low-income families.

Progress will be measured through quarterly STAR assessments, classroom performance, and teacher observations. Teachers and the Title I team will review results during monthly professional learning meetings to adjust instruction and support. The long-term goal is sustained academic growth and stronger preparation for future education, careers, and life.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 30,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 25,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Funding is being sought for the 2027–2028 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2028. Parshall Public School District's proposed budget will be submitted to the School Board by March 2027, allowing the project to be incorporated .

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
No corporate funding commitments or financial contributions have been received for this project to date. Parshall Public School District has applied for numerous grants to support the project and is awaiting funding decisions.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
No funding from other sources has been pledged or received for this project to date. Without grant support, Parshall Public School District would need to use its general fund, which is already limited and needed for essential school operations. The district is pursuing grants to complete the project while preserving funds for instruction and student services.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No
Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
No on Both

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
tax-exempt-form.pdf (189.58 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Project evaluation will be a shared responsibility of the Parshall School Board, Superintendent Troy Walters, and the school principals. The superintendent will coordinate the evaluation, while principals will monitor implementation, gather staff feedback, and review progress toward project goals. The school board will review evaluation findings, oversee the use of funds, and support any adjustments needed to achieve the intended outcomes.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Parshall Public School District will evaluate the project through implementation monitoring, student performance data, and feedback from teachers and administrators. Before implementation, the superintendent and principals will review current reading and mathematics assessment results and Title I intervention data to establish a baseline and identify measurable improvement goals.

Throughout the school year, principals and teachers will monitor the use of new curriculum and instructional resources. Teachers and the Title I team will review quarterly STAR assessments and classroom performance data during monthly professional learning community meetings to identify student growth, adjust instruction, and strengthen interventions.

The superintendent will monitor project expenditures and implementation timelines to ensure funds are used as intended. Progress reports will be shared with the school board. At the end of the school year, district leadership will compare results with baseline data and project goals, review staff feedback, and identify improvements needed to sustain effective practices.

Authorized Signer Name:
Troy Walters

Authorized Signer Title:
Superintendent of School

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPT STATUS – EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

Under the provisions of Subsection 6 of section 57-39.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, the organization whose name appears below is certified to be exempt from sales taxes applicable to purchases, rentals and leases of tangible personal property to be used solely and exclusively in the performance of functions by that organization.

Parshall Public School District #3
Box 158
Parshall, ND 58770

E-5178
CERTIFICATE NUMBER

8-24-84
DATE ISSUED

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IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Plaza Park Board
PO Box 188
Plaza, North Dakota. 58771

Contact Person
Shelby Stein
shelby.k.hansen@gmail.com
701-516-7804

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
No

If no, please explain
We are a board of the city government for our parks.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-0309104

Describe your organization and its purpose:
The Plaza Park Board is a community-focused organization dedicated to developing, improving, and maintaining safe, welcoming, and accessible recreational spaces for residents of Plaza, North Dakota, and the surrounding rural communities. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families of all ages by creating opportunities for outdoor recreation, community engagement, and meaningful connections.

As a small rural community, we recognize the importance of investing in public spaces that encourage families to gather, children to play, and residents to take pride in their hometown.

Most recently, the Park Board successfully completed Phase One of the Plaza City Park Playground Project, transforming an undeveloped area into a functional and inviting playground for local families. Building on this accomplishment, we remain committed to expanding recreational opportunities, beautifying our community, and creating sustainable public spaces that will benefit current and future generations.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
07/9/2027

Describe the project and its need:
The Plaza Park Board is seeking funding to support Phase Two of the Plaza City Park Playground Project, along with several smaller community improvements that will enhance outdoor recreation, accessibility, and gathering spaces throughout Plaza, North Dakota.

Following the successful completion of Phase One, which transformed an undeveloped area into a fully functional playground, our focus is now on completing the surrounding landscape and expanding recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

A primary component of this project is planting trees around the outer perimeter of the park. We have already been awarded a $1,500 grant through the North Dakota Forest Service to assist with purchasing trees; however, additional funding is needed to cover the remaining tree costs and professional installation. As a small rural community, we do not have the available manpower or resources to complete the planting ourselves. These trees will enhance the park's appearance, provide natural shade as they mature, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the space.

We also plan to install permanent outdoor yard games, including cornhole, ladder toss, and Connect Four. While our current estimate includes one set of cornhole boards, our goal is to install two sets, allowing more families and community members to participate simultaneously. These additions will expand the park's recreational opportunities beyond the playground equipment and encourage interaction among multiple generations.

Additionally, we would like to install a bench along the community walking path connecting the local gas station and school, which also serves as a primary pedestrian route to the new playground. This bench will provide a convenient resting place for walkers, families, and residents utilizing the pathway.

The final component of this project is the construction of a pergola-style picnic shelter that would provide a designated shaded gathering area for several existing picnic tables. This space would offer families and community members a comfortable location for picnics, celebrations, and everyday outdoor gatherings.

These improvements represent the next step in our commitment to transforming Plaza's public spaces into welcoming, functional, and sustainable recreational areas. In a small rural community where recreational opportunities can be limited, continued investment in these spaces is essential to supporting quality of life, encouraging outdoor activity, and creating a lasting community asset for generations to come.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
This project will primarily serve the City of Plaza, North Dakota, and the surrounding rural communities throughout Mountrail County. As a small rural town, Plaza serves as a central gathering place for local families, schoolchildren, and residents from neighboring agricultural communities.

The Plaza City Park Playground is conveniently located within walking distance of the local school, residential neighborhoods, and a community walking path connecting the school to other areas of town. Its location makes it an easily accessible recreational destination for families, students, and community members of all ages.

With the recent completion of Phase One, the new, larger playground has already become a valuable resource for the local school, which has begun utilizing the space for outdoor recreation. Through discussions with current physical education teachers, we have also identified an opportunity to further expand the park's educational and recreational value. Teachers have expressed interest in incorporating the proposed permanent outdoor yard games, including cornhole, ladder toss, and Connect Four, into their physical education classes. Because the park is within walking distance of the school, these additions would provide convenient opportunities for structured outdoor activities, coordination development, teamwork, and recreational learning.

The proposed improvements will benefit not only Plaza residents but also students and families from surrounding rural communities who attend the local school, participate in school activities, utilize local amenities, or visit for community events.

By continuing to invest in recreational spaces within our rural community, we are creating opportunities for outdoor activity, physical education, social interaction, and family recreation without requiring residents to travel to larger cities. These improvements will strengthen Plaza's role as a welcoming, family-friendly community while providing lasting benefits to both local residents and the broader surrounding area.

Ultimately, this project represents an investment not only in our community's recreational infrastructure but also in the health, development, and well-being of the children and families who call this region home.

Describe the community support for the project:
The Plaza City Park Playground Project has been made possible through the incredible generosity, dedication, and collaboration of local businesses, community members, volunteers, and supporting organizations.

Throughout Phase One, the Plaza Park Board received tremendous support through financial contributions, donated professional services, materials, and volunteer labor. One of our significant supporters was the local Job Development Authority (JDA), whose financial assistance played an important role in helping bring the first phase of this project to completion. Local volunteers and businesses also contributed valuable time, equipment, and expertise to help transform an undeveloped area into a fully functional playground.

The successful completion of Phase One is a direct reflection of this community-wide effort. Since its installation, the playground has been actively enjoyed by local families, demonstrating both the need for and the value of continued investment in recreational opportunities within our small rural community.

Support for Phase Two is already underway, including a $1,500 grant awarded by the North Dakota Forest Service to assist with purchasing trees for the park. This contribution provides an important foundation for the next phase of improvements as we continue seeking additional financial support.

As part of our long-term vision for the completed park, the Plaza Park Board also plans to install a permanent donor recognition sign acknowledging the businesses, organizations, and individuals who have contributed $1,000 or more toward the development of the playground and surrounding park area. The sign will feature a tiered recognition system based on contribution levels, ensuring that those who have made significant investments in our community receive lasting recognition for their generosity and support.

We believe this recognition will not only express our appreciation to those who have helped make the project possible but also demonstrate the tremendous impact that community partnerships can have in a small rural town.

The Plaza Park Board remains committed to building upon the relationships established during Phase One and

continuing to seek opportunities for collaboration, volunteer involvement, and financial support. Each contribution, whether financial or through donated time and services, brings us closer to creating a welcoming recreational destination that will serve Plaza and the surrounding communities for generations to come.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The Plaza Park Board's mission is to develop, maintain, and enhance public recreational spaces that promote outdoor activity, community engagement, and an improved quality of life for residents of all ages.

This project directly supports that mission by building upon the successful completion of Phase One of the Plaza City Park Playground Project. While Phase One established a safe and welcoming play area for children, Phase Two focuses on creating a more complete recreational destination that can be enjoyed by the entire community.

The addition of perimeter trees, permanent outdoor yard games, a walking path bench, and a shaded picnic shelter will enhance the functionality, comfort, and overall appeal of our public spaces. These improvements will encourage families to spend more time outdoors, provide opportunities for recreation across multiple generations, and create welcoming gathering areas for residents and visitors.

As a small rural community, we believe investing in spaces like these is essential to maintaining a vibrant, family-friendly hometown. This project reflects our continued commitment to creating lasting improvements that will benefit Plaza and the surrounding communities for generations to come.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative has long been an important supporter of our region, demonstrating a commitment to strengthening the rural communities and families it serves. The Plaza Park Board believes this project aligns with that spirit of community investment and would provide meaningful, lasting benefits to many of the cooperative's members.

While Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative does not directly provide electrical service within Plaza's city limits, it serves a significant portion of the surrounding rural community. Many of these members and their families rely on Plaza for school activities, recreation, local services, and community gatherings. The Plaza City Park Playground is a public space that welcomes all families, regardless of where they reside or who provides their electrical service.

As a small rural community, our ability to complete meaningful projects often depends on the generosity and support of organizations that recognize the importance of investing in the places their members call home. Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative has already demonstrated tremendous support for our community, and we are grateful for its continued commitment to rural North Dakota.

With Phase One of the playground successfully completed and actively being enjoyed by families, this project offers an opportunity to build upon an existing community investment. Funding from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative would help us complete additional improvements that encourage outdoor recreation, strengthen community connections, and enhance the quality of life for local families.

We also believe in recognizing the organizations that make these improvements possible. Upon completion of the overall park project, a permanent tiered donor recognition sign will be installed to acknowledge contributors of $1,000 or more, providing lasting recognition for organizations that have invested in our community's future.

Supporting this project would allow Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative to make a visible and lasting impact on a recreational space that directly benefits the families, children, and rural residents within its

service area.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
Grant funding from Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative will be used to support Phase Two of the Plaza City Park Playground Project and additional recreational improvements throughout the community.

Funding will be directed toward four primary project components:

Perimeter Tree Planting: Covering the remaining costs associated with purchasing and professionally installing trees around the outer perimeter of the playground. The Plaza Park Board has already secured $1,500 through the North Dakota Forest Service to assist with tree purchases; however, additional funding is needed for the remaining expenses and installation labor.

Permanent Outdoor Yard Games: Purchasing and installing permanent recreational games, including two sets of cornhole boards, ladder toss, and Connect Four. These additions will provide activities for multiple age groups and encourage family-friendly recreation.

Community Walking Path Bench: Purchasing and installing a bench along the walking path connecting the local gas station, school, and playground. This improvement will provide a convenient resting area for pedestrians and families utilizing the pathway.

Pergola-Style Picnic Shelter: Purchasing materials and covering construction expenses for a permanent shaded picnic shelter that will accommodate several existing picnic tables, providing a designated gathering space for families and community activities.

Together, these improvements will help transform the newly completed playground and surrounding public spaces into a more welcoming, functional, and enjoyable recreational destination for Plaza and neighboring rural communities.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The anticipated outcome of this project is the continued development of a welcoming, functional, and sustainable recreational space that serves Plaza and the surrounding rural communities.

Upon completion, we expect to have trees planted around the playground's outer perimeter, permanent yard games installed for community use, an additional bench along the community walking path, and a shaded picnic shelter available for family gatherings and everyday recreation.

These improvements will enhance the overall appearance and usability of the park while providing additional recreational opportunities for children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. As the newly planted trees mature, they will provide natural shade and contribute to the long-term beauty and comfort of the park.

The permanent yard games and picnic shelter will encourage families to spend more time together outdoors, while the walking path bench will provide an additional convenience for residents utilizing the pathway. Beyond the physical improvements, we anticipate increased park usage, stronger community connections, and continued pride in our public spaces. By expanding upon an already successful playground project, we hope to create a lasting community destination that encourages outdoor activity, supports family-friendly recreation, and strengthens the quality of life in our rural area.

Ultimately, our goal is to ensure that the investments made today continue benefiting local families and future generations for many years to come.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 38,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 7,300.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
The Plaza Park Board is seeking funding throughout the remainder of 2026 and into the first half of 2027, with the goal of completing Phase Two improvements by July 9, 2027.

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
The Plaza Park Board has received generous support from local businesses and community members toward Phase Two of the Plaza City Park Playground Project. To date, local donations have totaled more than $5,000, reflecting the continued community commitment to improving our recreational spaces.

During Phase One, numerous local businesses and organizations also provided financial contributions, materials, professional services, and other assistance. The local Job Development Authority (JDA) was a significant supporter of Phase One and played an important role in helping bring the original playground project to completion.

We are continuing to seek additional corporate partnerships and financial commitments to help complete Phase Two.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
The Plaza Park Board has already secured financial support for Phase Two through several sources:

North Dakota Forest Service: $1,500 grant awarded to assist with purchasing trees for the perimeter of the playground.

Local Community Donations: More than $5,000 received through the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and individual community members.

Commemorative Brick Fundraiser: Approximately $800 in additional proceeds anticipated from our current brick order. This ongoing fundraiser allows community members to contribute toward park improvements while creating a lasting addition to the park.

Additional Community Fundraising: The Park Board is planning another fundraising opportunity during the winter of 2026–2027 to help close the remaining funding gap.

We are also actively pursuing additional grant opportunities and partnerships to support the completion of Phase Two.

Our fundraising success during Phase One, which included local donations, multiple fundraisers, business contributions, and significant support from the Job Development Authority, demonstrates our ability to bring community members and organizations together to complete meaningful projects.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
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Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
The Plaza Park Board will be responsible for overseeing and evaluating the successful completion of Phase Two of the Plaza City Park Playground Project.

Board members will work collaboratively to monitor project progress, coordinate with contractors and suppliers, oversee expenditures, and ensure that improvements are completed according to the established project goals and budget.

The Park Board will also be responsible for assessing the functionality, safety, and overall community impact of the completed improvements. As an organization directly involved in the successful completion of Phase One, we have established experience in coordinating community partnerships, managing project funding, and overseeing recreational improvements.

The Board will continue to provide ongoing oversight and maintenance of the completed park improvements to ensure they remain a valuable community resource for years to come.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
The Plaza Park Board will evaluate the success of Phase Two through project completion milestones, financial oversight, community feedback, and the long-term functionality of the improvements.

Throughout the project, the Park Board will monitor progress to ensure that all improvements are completed within the established budget and anticipated timeline. Project expenses, invoices, and funding contributions will be documented to maintain financial accountability and ensure grant funds are used appropriately.

The primary measures of success will include the successful planting of perimeter trees, installation of permanent outdoor yard games, placement of a bench along the community walking path, and completion of the pergola-style picnic shelter.

Following installation, the Board will assess the quality, safety, and functionality of each improvement to ensure it meets the intended needs of the community.

Community engagement will also serve as an important measure of success. We will observe how the new amenities are utilized by families, local residents, and visitors. Because the playground is located within walking distance of the local school, we also hope to receive feedback from school staff regarding the use of the permanent yard games during physical education classes and other outdoor recreational activities.

The Park Board will continue monitoring the condition of the improvements through routine inspections and ongoing maintenance. Tree health and establishment will also be evaluated to support the long-term success

of the landscaping investment.

Ultimately, the project will be considered successful when the planned improvements are completed, remain safe and functional, and provide expanded recreational opportunities that encourage community members of all ages to enjoy Plaza's public spaces.

Include attachments for funding request
phase-two-project-overview.pdf (4.39 MB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Shelby Stein

Authorized Signer Title:
Park Board President

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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PLAZA CITY PARK

Phase Two Project Overview & Community Impact

Prepared for: Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant
Applicant: Plaza Park Board | Plaza, North Dakota
Application Date: October 2026
Total Estimated Project Cost: $38,000
Funding Requested: $25,000
Anticipated Completion: July 2027

Project Overview & Phase One Success

The Plaza Park Board is seeking continued support for the development and enhancement of Plaza City Park in Plaza, North Dakota. Following the successful completion of Phase One, which transformed a previously undeveloped area into a modern, welcoming playground, we are excited to move forward with Phase Two.

Phase One was made possible through the generosity of local businesses, individual donors, community fundraisers, volunteer efforts, and significant financial support from the local Job Development Authority (JDA). The project demonstrated what can be accomplished when a small rural community comes together with a shared vision.

Since its completion, the playground has become a valuable recreational resource for local families and the nearby school, which has already begun utilizing the facility for outdoor recreation.

Phase Two will build upon this success by enhancing the surrounding landscape, expanding recreational opportunities, improving pedestrian amenities, and creating additional spaces for families and community members to gather.

Our vision is to create more than just a playground. We want to establish a welcoming, accessible, and lasting recreational destination that serves children, families, students, and residents of all ages throughout Plaza and the surrounding rural communities.





Phase Two: Perimeter Tree Planting & Landscaping

A major component of Phase Two is the installation of 18 trees around the outer perimeter of the playground. These trees will enhance the park's appearance, provide natural shade as they mature, and create a more inviting environment for families and visitors.

The Plaza Park Board has worked with a professional landscaping company to develop a tree placement plan that considers the layout of the park and the long-term growth of the trees.

We have already secured a $1,500 grant through the North Dakota Forest Service to assist with purchasing the trees. Professional planting and installation will be completed by the landscaping company, ensuring the trees are properly established and positioned for long-term success.

The landscaping improvements will contribute to the overall beauty and sustainability of the park while creating a more comfortable recreational environment for future generations.



Phase Two: Permanent Outdoor Yard Games

Another exciting component of Phase Two is the addition of permanent outdoor yard games, including cornhole, ladder toss, and Connect Four.

These durable, weather-resistant recreational installations will provide opportunities for friendly competition, physical activity, and social interaction among children, teenagers, adults, and seniors.

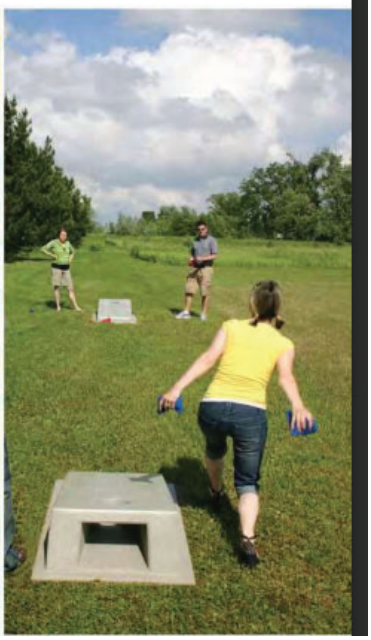
The playground's close proximity to the local school makes these additions especially meaningful. The school has already begun utilizing the playground for outdoor recreation, and through conversations with the current physical education teachers, we have identified opportunities for the permanent yard games to be incorporated into their classes.

These activities can encourage teamwork, coordination, problem-solving, and positive social interaction while providing additional outdoor learning and recreational opportunities for students.

The Park Board hopes to install two permanent cornhole sets, allowing more individuals and groups to participate simultaneously, along with the proposed ladder toss and Connect Four installations.

By expanding recreational opportunities beyond traditional playground equipment, these improvements will help make the park a gathering space that can be enjoyed by multiple generations.











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Phase Two: Community Walking Path Bench

The Plaza Park Board also plans to install a permanent bench along the community walking path connecting the local gas station and school, which also serves as a pedestrian route to the new playground.

This walking path is regularly utilized by residents, students, and families traveling between community destinations.

The addition of a bench will provide a convenient resting location for walkers, families with young children, older residents, and individuals who may benefit from a place to stop and rest.

The proposed bench will be installed on a small concrete pad to provide a stable, durable foundation.

Although smaller in scale than the other proposed improvements, this addition will contribute to a more comfortable, welcoming, and accessible pedestrian environment while supporting the community's continued use of its outdoor recreational spaces.

Phase Two: Covered Picnic Shelter & Gathering Area

The final major component of Phase Two is the construction of a permanent covered picnic shelter featuring an approximately 20’ × 20’ concrete pad.

This shelter will provide a designated gathering space for several existing picnic tables, creating a comfortable location for family picnics, birthday celebrations, school activities, community gatherings, and everyday park use.

Currently, the playground provides a wonderful recreational space for children, but additional sheltered seating would greatly enhance the overall experience for families and visitors.

The proposed shelter will offer protection from direct sunlight and provide a central gathering location where parents, grandparents, and community members can comfortably spend time while children enjoy the playground.

A local contractor has generously offered to donate a significant portion of his time, labor, and expertise while providing substantially discounted construction services. Although some labor expenses will remain, this partnership will significantly reduce the overall cost of the project.

The proposed location is currently an undeveloped grassy area and will require additional site preparation, including excavation, grading, gravel base preparation, and concrete installation.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2027 once weather and ground conditions permit.

The completed picnic shelter will serve as a long-term investment in the park, creating a functional gathering space that complements the playground and encourages greater community use.

Community Impact & School Involvement

Plaza is a small rural community that serves not only its residents but also families throughout the surrounding agricultural areas of Mountrail County.

Access to quality recreational facilities is especially important in rural communities, where families may otherwise need to travel significant distances to larger towns and cities for similar amenities.

The Plaza City Park Playground is conveniently located near residential neighborhoods, the local school, and a community walking path, making it an accessible recreational destination for families and individuals of all ages.

One of the most encouraging outcomes of Phase One has been the involvement of the nearby school. Because the playground is within walking distance, students and teachers have already begun utilizing the facility for outdoor recreation.

Through discussions with physical education teachers, we have also learned that the proposed permanent yard games could provide additional opportunities for outdoor activities and instruction.

This partnership demonstrates that the park is more than a recreational destination for families. It is becoming an extension of the community's educational and recreational resources.

The proposed Phase Two improvements will strengthen these opportunities while providing additional spaces for outdoor activity, social interaction, and community connection.

Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where children can play, students can learn, families can gather, and residents of all ages can enjoy the outdoors.

Community Partnerships & Financial Support

The Plaza City Park Playground Project has been made possible through an incredible amount of community support.

Throughout Phase One, local businesses, individual donors, volunteers, and community organizations came together to help transform an undeveloped park area into a completed playground.

The local Job Development Authority (JDA) played a significant role in supporting Phase One, along with numerous business contributions, individual donations, fundraising activities, and volunteer efforts.

This same spirit of collaboration continues as we work toward completing Phase Two.

Current funding secured toward Phase Two includes:

- **North Dakota Forest Service Grant:** $1,500
- **Local Business and Individual Donations:** More than $5,000
- **Commemorative Brick Fundraiser:** $800 in secured proceeds

Total Secured Funding: More than $7,300

In addition to financial contributions, local contractors and community partners are helping reduce project expenses through discounted services and donated labor.

The Park Board is continuing to pursue additional grants, community donations, and fundraising opportunities to secure the remaining funding needed for completion.

Our estimated Phase Two project cost is approximately $38,000, based on current vendor quotations, anticipated construction expenses, and installation costs.

Because construction cannot begin until spring 2027, the budget also accounts for potential increases in material and labor costs between the application period and the start of construction.

These partnerships and contributions demonstrate the community's continued commitment to improving public recreational spaces and ensuring that grant funding is used responsibly and effectively.

Permanent Donor Recognition

As part of the overall vision for the Plaza City Park Playground, the Park Board plans to install a permanent donor recognition sign once the park development project is completed.

This sign will recognize businesses, organizations, and individuals who have contributed $1,000 or more toward the development of the park.

Donors will be recognized through a tiered system based on their contribution levels, ensuring that the generosity of major project supporters is acknowledged in a meaningful and lasting way.

This recognition will serve as a reminder of the community partnerships that made the park possible and demonstrate the importance of investing in rural recreational opportunities.

Why Support From Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Matters

Although Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative does not directly provide electrical service within Plaza's city limits, it serves a significant portion of the families and rural residents who utilize our community's facilities, attend our local school, and participate in activities throughout the area.

MWEC has been a valued supporter of our broader community, and we recognize the important role the cooperative plays in strengthening rural communities throughout its service territory.

An investment in Phase Two of the Plaza City Park Playground would extend beyond Plaza's city limits by benefiting families from surrounding agricultural communities who regularly visit and utilize local amenities.

The project is already demonstrating measurable progress through the successful completion of Phase One, active community use, involvement from the local school, secured financial contributions, and continued partnerships with local businesses and contractors.

Support from MWEC would help the Park Board build upon this momentum and complete improvements that will provide recreational, educational, and social benefits for years to come.

By supporting this project, MWEC would be investing in a lasting community asset that encourages outdoor activity, strengthens rural connections, and creates opportunities for families and future generations.

Looking Ahead: Completing Our Vision

The Plaza Park Board is committed to continuing the progress established during Phase One and completing the next stage of improvements in a responsible and cost-effective manner.

With an anticipated completion date of July 2027, Phase Two will bring together professional landscaping, permanent recreational activities, improved pedestrian amenities, and a covered gathering space to create a more complete and welcoming park environment.

The success of Phase One has already demonstrated the value of investing in rural public spaces. With continued community support and partnerships, we are confident that Phase Two will provide meaningful, lasting improvements.

Our vision has always been about more than installing playground equipment. It is about creating a place where families can make memories, children can grow and play, students can enjoy outdoor learning, and neighbors can come together.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be considered for support through the Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant and for MWEC's continued commitment to strengthening the rural communities it serves.

Plaza Park Board
Plaza, North Dakota
October 2026

PLAZA CITY PARK | PHASE TWO

Project budget summary · Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Impact Grant · October 2026

Project funding overview

Estimated total project cost	$38,000.00
MWEC grant funding requested	$25,000.00
Secured: ND Forest Service grant	$1,500.00
Local donations received	More than $5,000.00
Brick fundraiser proceeds	$800.00 secured · brick fundraiser

Estimated project expenditures

EXPENSE	BUDGET
Perimeter trees, supplies and professional installation	$8,734.65
Permanent yard games (quoted equipment and freight)	$8,115.00
Second cornhole set (additional allowance)	$1,065.00
Covered picnic shelter / pergola building materials	$7,524.86
Walking path bench and delivery (rounded allowance)	$5,000.00
20 x 20 ft picnic slab, 4 x 6 ft bench pad, site preparation	$6,250.00
Remaining allowance: discounted shelter labor / price changes	$1,310.49
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	**$38,000.00**

Budget classification and project delivery

Administrative: No additional paid administrative expense is currently budgeted. **Operational / promotional:** No separate operating or advertising expenses are currently budgeted. **Other / capital improvements:** The expenditures above are primarily permanent park amenities, materials, site preparation and installation services.

Tree planting is included in the landscaping company estimate. A local contractor is contributing substantial discounted/donated effort toward shelter construction; a remaining labor payment is expected but has not been separately quoted in the information provided. The $1,310.49 balance is therefore a combined provisional allowance for that payment and possible price increases, **not a guaranteed contingency reserve**.

Estimate basis and timing

Tree and game amounts are based on vendor estimates; shelter materials are approximated at twice an earlier dugout materials quotation. Concrete pricing is extrapolated from a larger prior slab bid, with an added site-preparation allowance for the grassy location. The bench is rounded to $5,000 from a quote just under that amount. All amounts are preliminary and subject to updated pricing and final scope.

Anticipated work period: spring 2027 after snowmelt through July 9, 2027. Additional fundraising or donations may support expanded features beyond the base scope.

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Springbrook Bible Camp
PO Box 111
Epping, North Dakota. 58843

Contact Person
Hannah Johnson
hannah@campumm.org
701.859.4181
501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Please see attached copy of ruling.

Federal Tax Identification Number:
45-0310465

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Upper Missouri Lutheran Bible Camp, DBA Springbrook Bible Camp, faithfully serves hundreds of campers and retreat guests each year along the Springbrook/Epping Dam. Founded 80 years ago by individuals and churches that had a strong desire for youth in Northwest North Dakota, Northeast Montana, and beyond to have a safe place to try new things, make new friends, be outside in creation, and most of all learn about Jesus. Our mission is to spark faith in Christ Jesus through time in creation and community.

During the summer, campers come for a day or up to a whole week to have their faith sparked. Campers participate in Bible study, worship, cabin devotions and many activities such as our adventure course with high and low ropes, swimming, kayaking, kickball, four square, archery, hiking, sleep under the stars, and much more. Our off-site camps bring the joy of Bible camp into local churches for campers to learn about Jesus and play games in the comfort of their hometown.

Springbrook Bible Camp also welcomes retreat groups to experience the beautiful creation at our own "paradise on the prairie." Through summer camps, off-site camps, retreats, and events, Springbrook Bible Camp serves individuals throughout Northwest North Dakota, Northeast Montana, and the surrounding region.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
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Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
11/01/2027

Describe the project and its need:
Springbrook Bible Camp is seeking funding to expand our adventure course with improved and new low and high ropes elements designed for youth and adults. This project will be completed in partnership with Adventure Designs & Training, an ACCT Professional Vendor Member, based out of White Creeks, Tennessee. The course will be built on poles. The aerial adventure course will include the Kong Continuous Belay System which is suitable to be used by ages 7 and older. Adventure Designs will provide onsite support during the installation of poles and guy anchors to ensure proper placement. See attached for the quote.

The expansion will include ground-based and aerial elements, including features such as rock climbing, a leap of faith, and swinging tires, creating fun outdoor experiences that encourage participants to try new challenges, build confidence, and grow in team-building skills. Designed with accessibility and safety, the course will feature stair access and a continuous belay system.

The course will support camp programming and be open to the public, schools, and groups, strengthening recreation and tourism in Williams County.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
Springbrook Bible Camp primarily serves campers and retreat participants from northwest North Dakota and northeast Montana. While the majority of our participants come from these surrounding communities, our ministry reaches beyond the local region. This past summer, we also welcomed campers from Arizona, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Mississippi. In 2025, we also hosted retreat participants from California and Texas.

Describe the community support for the project:
In conversations with the county and camp supporters, people have been excited for this project. The county has talked about this adventure course pairing nicely with the improvements being made at the Epping/Springbrook campground. Some have said they travel into other states to do a nice ropes course, so it would be great to have something similar in our region.

Our seasonal summer staff have also expressed enthusiasm for new elements on the adventure course and about lowering the minimum age requirement from 10 to 7 years old. Currently, our existing high ropes course has every member of a cabin group to be at least 10 years old to participate. Lowering the age requirement will allow more participants to experience the course together and experience new activities and take on new challenges.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Springbrook Bible Camp's mission is to spark faith in Christ Jesus through time in creation and community. This improved adventure course will help attract more people to the camp, which gives us an opportunity for us to provide a space for people to be in God's creation and community.

Our adventure course is more than a recreational activity; it is a tool for growth. Through low ropes elements and debriefing afterwards, we help participants connect their experiences to everyday life, including communication, interpersonal skills, problem-solving, teamwork, and reliance on God. These activities create opportunities for participants to build community and learn to trust one another. For example, we have had church leaders and basketball teams come to do the adventure course for the purpose of team building and bonding.

The adventure course creates a space for people to grow their comfort zone and see that they are more capable than they think they are. Participants that have been nervous climbing and going off the zip line, have prayed to the Lord for comfort and went off the zip line and felt the Lord was with them.

Expanding and improving our high and low ropes course will allow us to offer new challenges and experiences to a broader range of ages and abilities. This project will strengthen our ability to connect participants with God through creation and community. Overall, the improved course will help Springbrook Bible Camp continue sparking faith in Christ Jesus through experiences that challenge, encourage, and bring people closer to one another and the Lord.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
This adventure course project is not just a physical structure being added to the camp; it is an investment in quality of life improvement.

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's mission includes playing "a leadership role in the community and contributing to improving the quality of life in our service area." This project supports that mission by creating more opportunities for people to spend time in the great outdoors, build community, challenge themselves, grow in confidence, and strengthen their faith.

This project is especially needed with the increase of screens and technology being used. At Springbrook Bible Camp, people have the chance to unplug from technology and be immersed in community and creation around them.

By supporting this project, MWEC would be investing in an outdoor recreational resource that will serve campers, families, churches, retreat groups, and other visitors for years to come. It is an opportunity to make a lasting investment in people and in the quality of life of the communities MWEC serves and beyond.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
The funds used will go towards the materials and construction of the adventure course additions and improvements.

Describe the expected results from the project:
Springbrook Bible Camp expects this project to increase the use of our adventure course by both summer campers and retreat-season participants. During the summer, we expect increased use of the course by lowering age restrictions and adding new elements that provide returning campers with new challenges and experiences. This will allow more campers to participate while giving returning campers another opportunity to step outside their comfort zones. We will develop a marketing plan to promote the expanded adventure course to retreat groups, churches, schools, and other organizations.

Beyond increased usage, we expect the project to create more opportunities for teamwork, communication, problem-solving, confidence-building, and personal growth. Participants will have opportunities to encourage one another, overcome challenges together, and experience the outdoors in a meaningful way. Overall, the project will result in more people spending intentional time outside in Williams County.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 518,035.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 500.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Through April 2027.

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
At this time, the funds received for this project are $500 from Moose Lodge #239, which is supporting the inspection and staff training portion of the project.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Springbrook Bible Camp has also submitted a grant application to the First Lutheran Church of Williston Trust and Montana-Dakota Utilities Company to support the adventure course project.

In addition, our 2027 Giving Hearts Day campaign will be dedicated to this project. Giving Hearts Day typically raises approximately $80,000–$100,000 for Springbrook Bible Camp. Once the required matching funds are secured through Giving Hearts Day, Springbrook Bible Camp plans to apply for the 2027 allocation of the Williams County Rural Community Grant Program to provide a majority of the funding.

We are continuing to pursue additional grants and individual donations to fully fund the project as Springbrook Bible Camp does not take on debt.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
n/a

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
budget-and-2026-high-low-course-proposal_0.pdf (610.26 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Springbrook Bible Camp will be responsible for project evaluation, specifically Hannah Johnson, Executive Director.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
Springbrook Bible Camp will evaluate the project through participation data, marketing tracking, participant feedback, and staff observations.

A ropes course log is maintained to record the number of participants, elements used, and dates of use. We

will use this information to compare adventure course participation before and after the project and to measure increased use during both summer camp and the retreat season.

We will also track how participants and retreat groups heard about the adventure course. This will help us evaluate the effectiveness of our marketing efforts and determine which methods are most successful in increasing awareness and participation.

Staff will collect informal feedback from participants regarding their experience with the course, including teamwork, confidence, enjoyment, and willingness to participate in additional activities. Staff will also observe participants during activities to evaluate how well the expanded course encourages communication, cooperation, problem-solving, and stepping outside of their comfort zones.

Include attachments for funding request
statement-of-legal-exempt-status_0.pdf (97.42 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Hannah Johnson

Authorized Signer Title:
Executive Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

Revised 3/4/2025

Adventure Course Budget	
Low Ropes	
Whale Watch	$4,400.00
Nitro Crossing	$3,800.00
Mohawk Walk	$17,500.00
Islands	$2,800.00
Swinging Log	$10,600.00
Aussie Maxe	$4,950.00
A-Frames (2)	$3,800.00
Swinging Tires	$11,500.00
Team Wall Removal	$500.00
M.A.P. Kit	$1,200.00
Individual High Elements	
Leap of Faith	$19,800.00
Giant Swing	$16,900.00
Equipment (needed for Leap and/or Giant Swing)	$700.00
High Course Elements	
High Course Elements	$329,700.00
High Course Platform with Stairs	$32,000.00
Kong CouDou Pro Continuous Belay System	$14,000.00
High Course Participant Equipment	$18,000.00
High Course Guide Equipment (for 4 staff)	$2,400.00
High Course Rescue Kit (2)	$1,800.00
Man-lift Rental	$5,000.00
Build Travel	$4,000.00
Training	$3,200.00
Accommodations (company stays at the camp)	$0.00
Training Travel	$1,200.00
Low & High Course Totals	***$509,750.00***
Annual/Other Expenses	
Insurance Annually	$7,785.00
Inspection & Training Annually (after 2027)	$6,000.00
Building Permits (county said they are not needed)	$0.00
Promotion	$500.00
Total with Annual Costs	***$524,035.00***

ADVENTURE DESIGNS
& TRAINING LLC.

• Innovations in Challenge Course Design, Installation, and Training •

PROPOSAL
for Team Course

Client: Springbrook Bible Camp

Location: PO Box 111 / 12601 58th St NW, Epping, ND 58843

Contact Person / Number: Hannah Johnson / 701-859-4181 office

Date: 7/24/2026

Project Scope

Adventure Designs & Training will construct an adventure course including low elements for team building challenges, individual high elements to be used with groups and teams, and an arial adventure course to be used with groups, families, or individuals. The course will be built on poles. The arial adventure course will include the Kong Continuous Belay System which is suitable to be used by ages 7 and older. Adventure Designs will provide onsite support during the installation of poles and guy anchors to ensure proper placement.

- ***Poles, anchors, and the installation costs may be subject to change until time of booking.***

Specific Exclusions from Scope

- ***Disposal of construction materials, removed materials, old lumber, trees, and limbs will be the responsibility of the client.***
- ***If specialized equipment and/or materials are needed for pole and/or anchor installation due to soil and terrain conditions, an additional charge may be necessary.***
- ***Poles, anchors, and the installation costs may be subject to change until time of booking.***

Low Team Challenges

Whale Watch - $4,400

Nitro Crossing - $3,800

Mohawk Walk - $17,500 *(requires 6 - 20' class 2 CCA utility poles)*
- 6 (20') poles = 3,800
- 6 installations = 7,200
- 4 anchors = 1,600

Islands - $2,800

Swinging Log - $10,600
- 2 (20') poles = 1,300
- 1 (15') pole = 500
- Installations = 2,400
- 4 anchors = 1,600

Aussie Maze - $4,950 *(requires 10 – 4x4x10' posts)*
- 10 (4x4) = 250
- Installation by hand = 1,500
- 2 anchors = 800 = 2,550

A-Frames (2) **- $3,800**

Swinging Tires - $11,500 *(requires 2 - 30' class 2 CCA utility poles)*
- 2 (30') poles = 2,000
- 2 installations = 2,400
- 4 anchors = 1,600

Team Wall Removal - $500

M.A.P. Kit - $1,200

Individual High Elements

Leap of Faith (Quantum Leap) **- $19,800** *(requires 2 - 45' class 2 CCA, and 1 40' class 2 CCA utility poles)*
- 2 (45') poles = 3,600
- 1 (40') pole = 1,480
- 3 installations = 3,600
- 4 anchors = 1,600

Giant Swing - $16,900 *(requires 2 - 50' class 2 CCA utility poles)*
- 2 (50') poles = 4,300
- 2 installations = 2,400
- 4 anchors = 1,600

Equipment (needed for Leap and/or Giant Swing) **– $700**

- ✓ 2 – Full body harnesses
- ✓ 2 – Helmets
- ✓ ~150 ft. rope
- ✓ Carabiners

High Course Elements

Adventure Designs & Training will construct a high challenge course with a minimum of 3 routes (that include a total of approximately 20 elements). The course will start from a single elevated platform with stairs.

- ***Poles, anchors, and the installation costs may be subject to change until time of booking.***

High Course Elements - $329,700 (requires approximately 34 – 45' class 2 CCA utility poles

- Install approximately 21 high elements on poles
- Install Kong CouDou Pro Continuous Belay System.
- Install transition 1.5' x1.5' platforms between elements.
- Install all necessary guy lines
- Pull test all guy anchors

  - 34 (45') poles = 61,200
  - 34 installations = 40,800
  - 20 anchors = 8,000

High Course Platform w/ Stairs - $32,000

- 4 (45') poles = 7,200
- 4 installations = 4,800
- 4 anchors 1,600

Kong CouDou Pro Continuous Belay System - $14,000

- Purchase and install continuous belay system

High Course Participant Equipment (for 40 participants) **- $18,000**

- Full Body Harness
- Helmet
- Lanyards
- Kong CouDou Pro Hardware
- Kong Zip Trolley / Magnet

High Course Guide Equipment (for 4 staff) **- $2,400**

High Course Rescue Kits (2) - $1,800

- For cutdown rescues on the high ropes course.

Man-lift Rental - $5,000

Build Travel - $4,000

- ***Travel costs may be subject to change until time of booking.***

Training - $3,200 3-day

- Site-specific 3-day training for up to 10 staff. More staff are welcome but may require a second trainer.

Accommodations – NC (to be provided by Springbrook Bible Camp)

Training Travel - $1,200

- Training is typically done later after build is complete.
    - ***Travel costs may be subject to change until time of booking.***

Duane Ackley or Jennifer Halverson– (615) 569 1727

duane@adventure-designs.com jennifer@adventure-designs.com

www.adventure-designs.com

STATEMENT OF LEGAL AND EXEMPT STATUS

UPPER MISSOURI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP
AKA: UPPER MISSOURI MINISTRIES
12601 58TH ST. NW
EPPING, ND 58843
701-859-4181

Upper Missouri Lutheran Bible Camp also known as Upper Missouri Ministries is a camping and retreating ministry of the congregations of the Upper Missouri Conference of the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and other congregations as received into the constituency. Upper Missouri Lutheran Bible Camp offers dynamic programs for all ages that are inspirational and educational. It places a strong emphasis on outdoor activities in a beautiful prairie setting. Its programs are open to all regardless of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OCTOBER 29, 1943

NORTH DAKOTA STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER
12188

FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
45-0310465

UPPER MISSOURI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP is listed on the roster of subordinate organizations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). As an affiliated institution of this church, Upper Missouri Lutheran Bible Camp is covered by the Group Exemption Number assigned to the ELCA. This number is 9386. This four digit Group Exemption Number indicates that the ELCA and its related entities are recognized as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Upper Missouri Lutheran Bible Camp is listed on page 29 of the Group Exemption List filed with the Internal Revenue Service by this church in November 1988.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Kathy Molland
2501 University Ave.
Williston, ND 58801
701-774-8552

UPPER MISSOURI Ministries
12601 58th St. NW
Epping, ND 58843
701-859-4181

UPPER MISSOURI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP offers summer camps for all ages, winter retreat facilities and extensive outreach into area communities. It serves primarily the areas of McKenzie, Divide and Williams Counties and neighboring communities in northeast Montana.

Facilities include:

Large Chapel	4 Staff Cabins
Main Lodge	Camping Hookups
10 Dorms	Retreat Center

Capacity: Summer - 130
Winter - 30

Activities Include:

Swimming	Canoeing	
Archery	Crafts	Environmental Education
Campfires	Campouts	Initiative Games
Go-Carting	Paddleboats	Basketball
Volleyball	Tennis	Softball

All activities are well supervised by friendly and caring staff who are trained in each of the activity areas.

The goal of Upper Missouri Ministries is to create a safe and exciting environment where campers experience renewal in their faith in the beauty of the western prairies. This is done through creative worships, Bible studies, campfires, singing, all the recreational activities and lots of personal attention from the enthusiastic counselors.

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Tioga Medical Center
810 Welo Street North
Tioga, North Dakota. 58852

Contact Person
Shelby Davis
sdavis@tiogahealth.org
701-664-3368

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
N/A - Tax-exempt ruling attached below

Federal Tax Identification Number:
450308484

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Tioga Medical Center is an independent nonprofit healthcare organization serving Tioga, Ray, Powers Lake, and surrounding rural communities in northwestern North Dakota. TMC provides critical access hospital, emergency, clinic, outpatient, rehabilitation, and long-term care services.

Our purpose is to provide compassionate, high-quality healthcare that meets the needs of our rural community. Through local treatment, preventive care, rehabilitation, and ongoing support, we help patients maintain their health, recover from illness or injury, and remain connected to their families and communities.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
December 31, 2028

Describe the project and its need:
At Tioga Medical Center, we are undertaking an approximately $54.1 million renovation and expansion to strengthen healthcare in northwestern North Dakota and better meet the needs of the people we serve. As part of this project, we are requesting $25,000 from MWEC to help construct and renovate expanded outpatient physical and occupational therapy treatment space.

Our existing therapy department has significant space limitations that affect the room available for treatment, equipment, and patient movement. Rehabilitation requires space for patients to practice walking safely, improve strength and balance, and relearn everyday activities. By expanding our treatment areas, we can create a more accessible, private, and functional environment that better supports our patients throughout their recovery.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
This project will serve Tioga, Ray, Powers Lake, and surrounding rural communities in northwestern North Dakota. TMC's primary service area has an estimated population of 5,425, based on 2025 estimates. TMC also serves a secondary service area with an estimated population of 62,539. These figures describe the potential population served rather than annual therapy patient counts. Expanded outpatient rehabilitation space will benefit local families, older adults, agricultural producers, energy workers, and other residents who need physical or occupational therapy close to home.

Describe the community support for the project:
This project has been shaped through department workshops, leadership planning, and community engagement. During outreach, community members identified priorities including private care spaces, staff recruitment and retention, and modern medical equipment and technology.

Financial support for the overall renovation and expansion includes a $360,000 Williams County award for design development and $25,000 received from Murex Petroleum. These contributions demonstrate local investment in strengthening healthcare infrastructure. TMC is also exploring USDA financing and seeking additional grants, corporate and foundation contributions, and individual donations.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
This project advances TMC's mission by expanding the space we need to provide compassionate, high-quality care that meets the unique needs of our rural communities. Physical and occupational therapy support recovery, mobility, and independence. Expanded treatment space will help TMC provide rehabilitation that addresses the activities patients need and value in their daily lives, including working, caring for themselves, and remaining safely at home. Providing these services locally also improves accessibility for patients who face transportation challenges or require frequent appointments. The project supports TMC's commitment to caring for patients throughout recovery and helping people maintain their health and quality of life close to home.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
MWEC's investment would create a lasting improvement in healthcare infrastructure serving local members and their families. Expanded physical and occupational therapy space will support people recovering from surgery, illness, or injury and those managing conditions that affect movement and daily activities. The benefits extend beyond individual treatment appointments. Rehabilitation can help older adults maintain independence, support workers returning to their jobs, and reduce the burden on family caregivers. This project aligns with MWEC's commitment to improving quality of life and supporting the communities it serves.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
The requested $25,000 will support construction and renovation of our therapy department gym as part of TMC's renovation and expansion project. The expanded gym will provide accessible space for physical and occupational therapy, including therapeutic exercise, walking and balance training, and activities that help patients regain strength, mobility, and independence.

Describe the expected results from the project:
Our expanded therapy department gym will provide accessible space for physical and occupational therapy, with more room for rehabilitation equipment, therapeutic exercise, walking and balance training, and practice with everyday activities. This improved environment will help our team deliver care focused on each patient's recovery goals. For our patients, the expected results extend beyond the gym: rebuilding strength after surgery, returning to work following an injury, reducing fall risk, and managing daily tasks more independently. By investing in local rehabilitation space, we can help patients receive ongoing care close to home, reduce travel burdens on families and caregivers, and support healthier, more independent lives.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 54,083,590.93

Amount secured to date:
$ 385,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
2026–2028

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Murex Petroleum: $25,000 received toward the overall Tioga Medical Center renovation and expansion. Additional corporate contributions are being pursued.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
We are building a strong foundation of support for TMC's renovation and expansion. Williams County has awarded $360,000 for design development services, providing an important investment in moving the project forward. Our Board of Directors has also designated $4,178,395 for capital improvements, demonstrating our commitment to investing in the facilities needed to serve our communities for generations to come.

We are exploring USDA financing as a major component of our funding strategy while actively pursuing additional loans, grants, foundation support, corporate contributions, and individual donations. Although USDA financing amounts and approval remain pending, these efforts offer multiple opportunities to build on the support already secured.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
tmc_project_overview_and_planning_options.pdf (9.3 MB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
TMC's executive leadership team: Jamie Eraas, CEO; Holly Bryant, CFO; and Shelby Davis, COO will oversee project evaluation with the Board of Directors, monitoring progress toward project goals, budget, and timeline with support from JLG Architects and the construction manager.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
TMC will evaluate the project through construction monitoring, financial review, and assessment of the completed outpatient therapy space. During construction, leadership will review progress against the approved scope, schedule, and budget with JLG Architects and the construction manager. MWEC grant expenditures will be tracked through project accounting records and supporting invoices.

Include attachments for funding request
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Authorized Signer Name:
Shelby Davis

Authorized Signer Title:
COO

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

P O BOX A-3290 DPN 22-2
CHICAGO, IL 60690

Date:
AUG 2 2 1990

TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER
P O BOX 159
TIOGA, ND 58852

Employer Identification Number:
45-0308404
Contact Person:
MS CULP
Contact Telephone Number:
(312) 886-4775

Date of Exemption:
JULY 1960
Internal Revenue Code
Section 501(c)(03)

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for submitting the information shown on the enclosure. We have made it a part of your file.

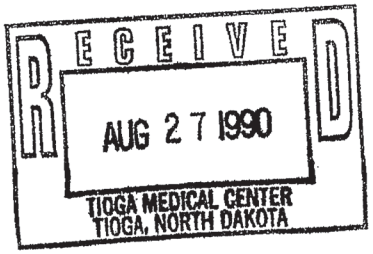
The changes indicated do not adversely affect your exempt status and the exemption letter issued to you continues in effect.

Please let us know about any future change in the character, purpose, method of operation, name or address of your organization. This is a requirement for retaining your exempt status.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

R. S. Wintrode, Jr.
District Director



Letter 976(DO/CG)

TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER

Item Changed	From	To
NAME CHANGE		
	TIOGA COMMUNITY HOSP ASSN	TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER



TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER RENOVATION & EXPANSION

TIOGA, NORTH DAKOTA

PROJECT OVERVIEW
OCTOBER 23RD, 2026

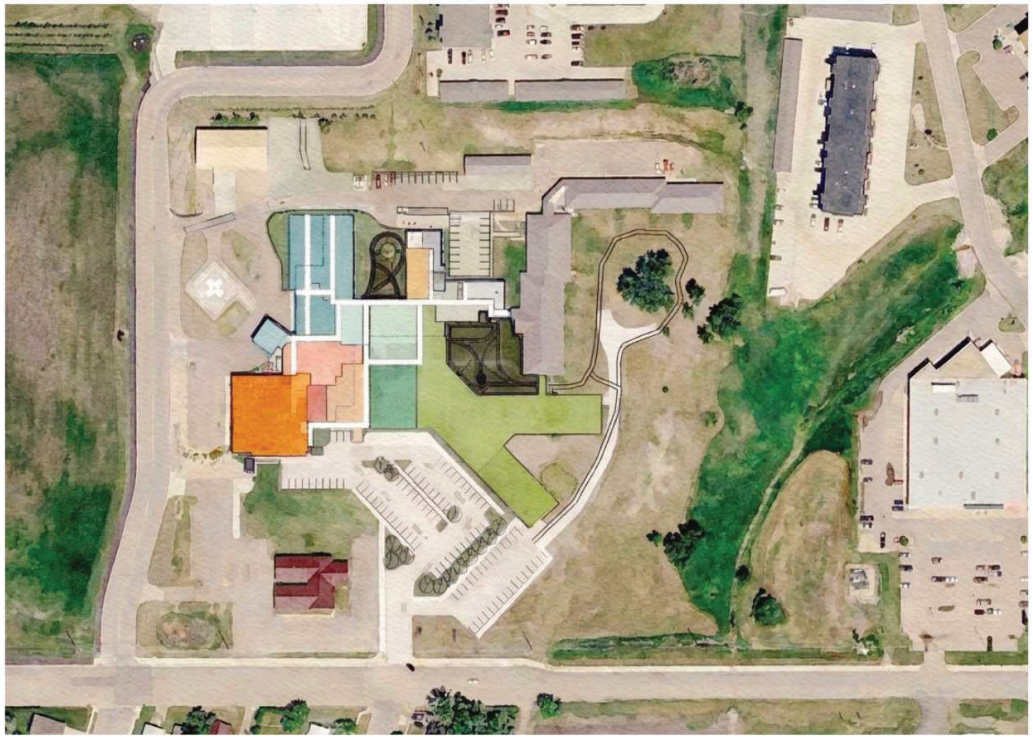
JLG architects

TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER

HEALTHCARE CLOSE TO HOME

Tioga Medical Center is a nonprofit healthcare organization proudly serving Tioga, Ray, Powers Lake, and the surrounding communities. With a Critical Access Hospital, Long-Term Care facility, and clinics throughout the region, Tioga Medical Center provides a comprehensive range of healthcare services, including emergency care, surgery, laboratory services, therapy, and more. For individuals and families across rural northwestern North Dakota, having access to these essential services means receiving quality care without leaving the communities they call home.

As a nonprofit organization, Tioga Medical Center is committed to reinvesting in its facilities, services, and people to meet the evolving healthcare needs of the region. In rural communities, access to local healthcare is more than a convenience; it is essential to the health, stability, and future of the community itself. Through continued investment in its facilities and services, Tioga Medical Center is preserving and strengthening access to quality healthcare for generations to come.



Mission

To provide compassionate, high-quality, and comprehensive healthcare services tailored to the unique needs of our rural community. We are committed to fostering trust, enhancing wellness, and supporting our patients at every stage of life.

Vision

To be a cornerstone of health and healing, where every individual is valued and cared for. We strive to build a legacy of trust, compassion, and service that ensures our presence and impact for future generations.

TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER

Trusted healthcare here at home.

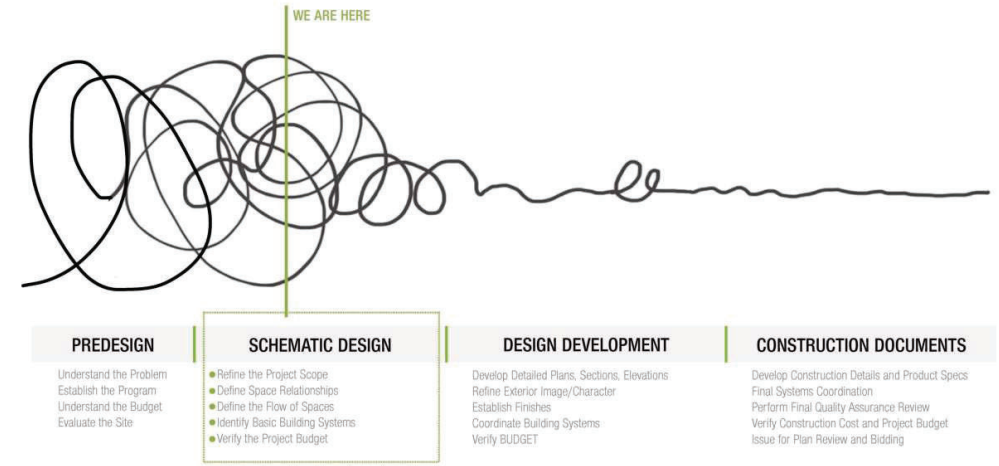
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Tioga Medical Center is undertaking a transformative $54 million expansion and renovation project to strengthen healthcare services for Tioga and the surrounding region. This significant investment will modernize and expand the existing Critical Access Hospital and Long-Term Care facility, creating an environment that better serves patients, residents, families, and staff. Planned improvements include private patient and resident rooms, enhanced clinical and support spaces, improved accessibility, and more efficient departmental layouts. Thoughtfully designed spaces will promote healing, comfort, privacy, and dignity while supporting the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals.

More than a building project, this investment represents a commitment to the future of rural healthcare. By creating a modern, adaptable facility, Tioga Medical Center will be better positioned to respond to evolving community needs, support its workforce, and preserve access to essential healthcare services close to home for generations to come.

The project is currently in the Schematic Design phase, with the design team working closely with Tioga Medical Center leadership and department representatives to refine space layouts, exterior architecture, interior finishes, building systems, and site design. As planning progresses, the project scope and cost estimates will continue to be evaluated and refined. This collaborative approach ensures that design decisions are guided by the needs of patients, residents, staff, and the broader community while maintaining responsible financial stewardship.

DESIGN PROCESS: SCHEMATIC DESIGN



PASSION
We are deeply committed to our mission and vision, driven by a shared passion to enhance the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
We take full ownership of the challenges we face, the actions we take, and the outcomes we deliver, ensuring responsibility at every step.

EXCELLENCE
We strive to deliver the best outcomes and highest quality service through the dedicated effort of every team member.

COMPASSION
We empathize with the experiences and challenges of others, free from judgment or assumptions. By fostering an atmosphere of understanding, we create a supportive environment for coworkers and those we care for.

COLLABORATION
We believe in the power of collaboration to create better health outcomes. By working together with our patients, colleagues, community, and healthcare partners, we ensure that every individual receives comprehensive, personalized care of the highest quality.

INTEGRITY
We uphold the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and personal responsibility, earning and honoring the trust our patients place in us.

STABILITY
We make decisions and take actions that ensure stability today while planning for the health and wellbeing of future generations.

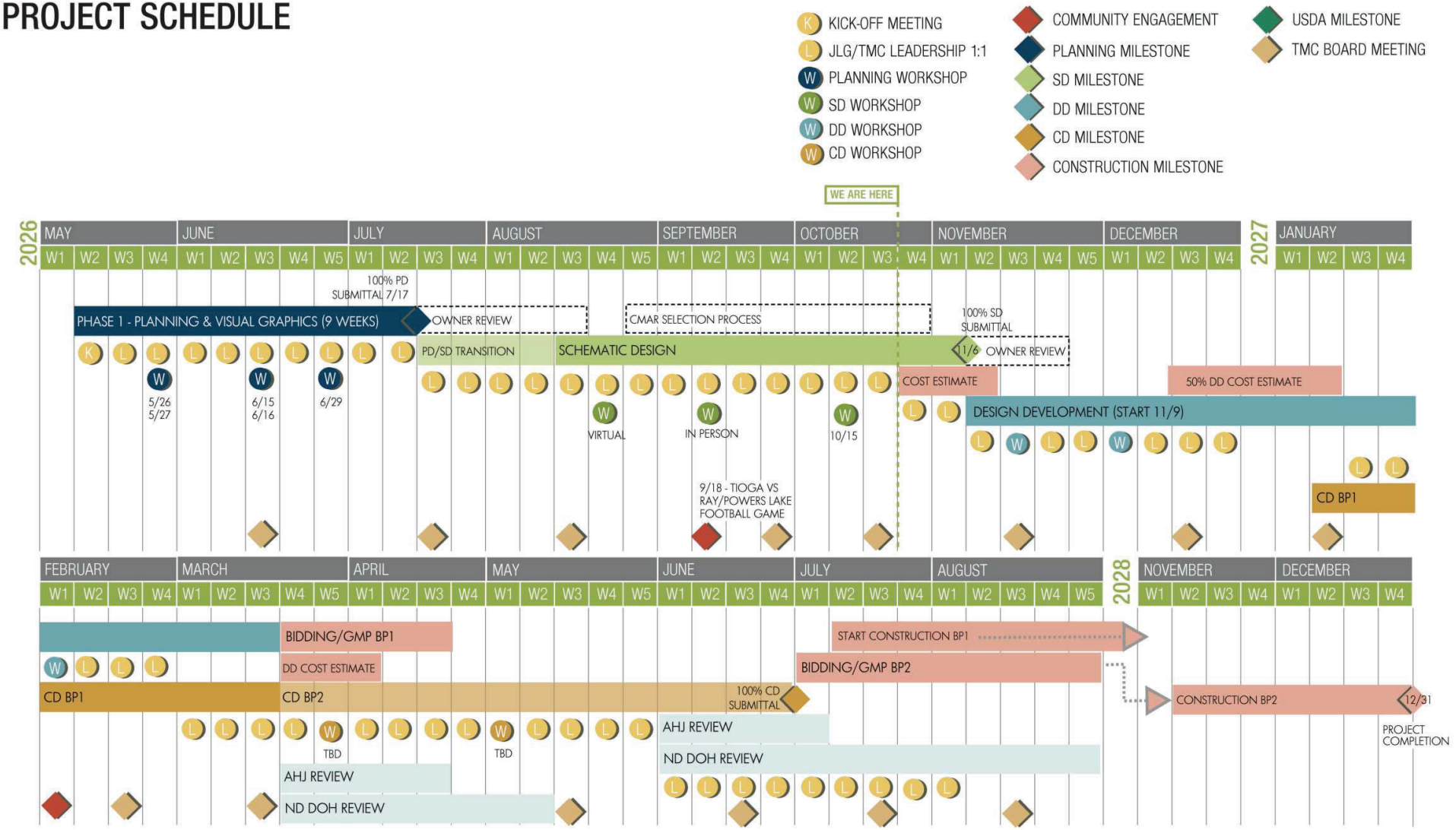
ACCESSIBILITY
We strive to have the services, staffing, and resources available to provide patients with the healthcare they need, here at home.

HEALING
We inspire hope and nurture the wellbeing of the whole person, meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with respect and compassion.

ADVOCACY
We establish trust with our patients, empowering them to be active participants in their care by encouraging them to ask questions and express concerns. With active listening and informed decision making, we always prioritize what's right for the patient.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE



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CREATING PROJECT GUIDING PRINCIPLES & DESIGN DRIVERS

Building a Shared Vision for the Future
Before determining the size, layout, or specific needs of the new facility, it was important to establish a shared vision for the future of Tioga Medical Center (TMC). This project represents more than an investment in a building. It is an investment in the health, well-being, and long-term vitality of the community. Every design decision should reflect TMC's commitment to providing exceptional care, supporting its dedicated staff, and serving generations to come.

On May 26, 2026, TMC's Building Committee, department leaders, and Executive Committee came together for the first planning workshop. Through a collaborative exercise, participants shared their hopes, priorities, and aspirations for the future facility, establishing the foundation for the project's Guiding Principles and Design Drivers.

Guiding Principles: Defining Our Purpose
The Guiding Principles establish the values and vision that will guide the project from initial planning through construction and beyond. They answer three fundamental questions:

1. Why is this project important to TMC and the community?
2. What will success look like for patients, residents, families, and staff?
3. What values should guide decisions throughout the project?

Participants shared their ideas through an interactive brainstorming exercise, identifying common themes and collectively prioritizing the values most important to TMC's future.

Design & Site Drivers: Bringing the Vision to Life
While the Guiding Principles establish the project's purpose, the Design & Site Drivers translate that vision into the physical environment. These priorities help shape a facility that is welcoming, functional, efficient, and adaptable to the evolving needs of the community.

Workshop participants considered two important questions:

1. What should patients, residents, families, and staff experience and feel when they enter the future TMC?
2. How can the new facility improve daily operations, support caregivers, and better serve the community?

A Vision Shaped by the People It Serves
The workshop boards pictured to the right capture the ideas, conversations, and shared priorities of TMC leadership. Following the workshop, JLG Architects and TMC leadership organized these ideas into the formal Guiding Principles and Design Drivers presented on the following pages.

These principles serve as the foundation for every step of the design process, ensuring that this investment remains focused on what matters most: the people who depend on TMC today and the generations who will rely on it in the future.














GUIDING PRINCIPLES



PATIENT & RESIDENT CENTERED CARE

Every decision should support the safety, wellbeing, dignity, and comfort of patients & residents.



WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Create environments that attract and retain a stable healthcare workforce by providing the infrastructure and support necessary for staff to work efficiently and thrive.



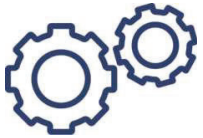
COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP & REGIONAL ACCESS

Strengthen and preserve local healthcare access by honoring the community's investment and creating environments that reflect local values for future generations.



HEALING & WELLBEING

Create an environment that reduces stress, supports recovery, and encourages overall wellness for staff, patients, residents, & their families.



OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Optimize facility performance and resource use to ensure long-term financial responsibility.

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DESIGN & SITE DRIVERS

SAFE & SECURE
Prioritize the safety of all patients, residents, visitors, and staff through thoughtful design that enhances visibility, accessibility, and security.

WELCOMING EXPERIENCE
Create a clear, inviting arrival experience that is easy to identify and reinforces a sense of care and belonging.

SIMPLE & INTUITIVE WAYFINDING
Organize spaces and provide clear communication tools so patients, visitors, and staff can easily understand where they need to go and navigate the facility with confidence.

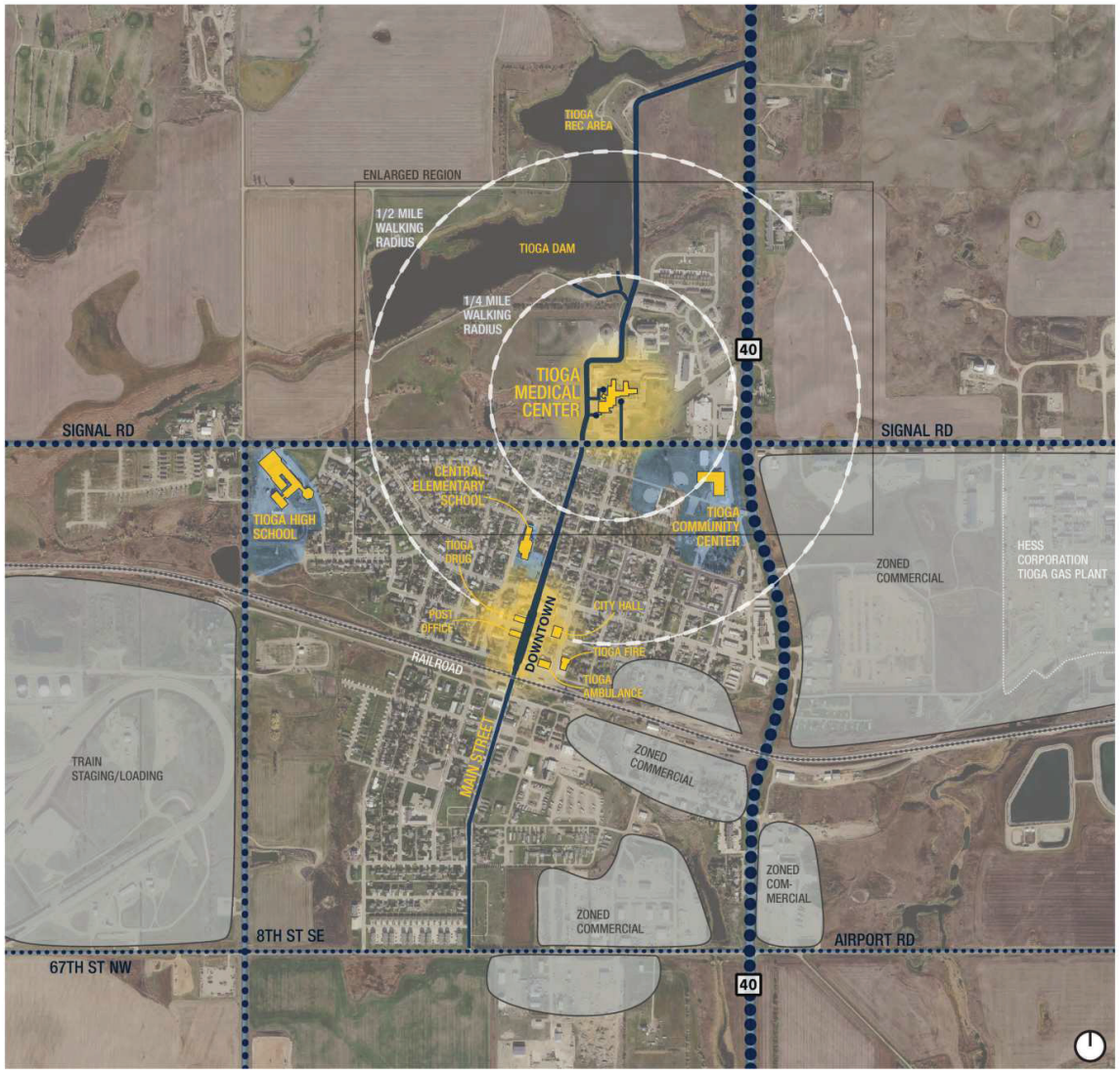
CONNECTED CARE TEAMS
Position departments and support spaces to improve communication, collaboration, and efficient workflows.

LIGHT, VIEWS, & CONNECTION TO PLACE
Maximize natural light, outdoor views, and connections to the surrounding landscape and community.

RIGHT-SIZED OPERATIONS
Align space, staffing, and infrastructure with current and future healthcare needs to ensure long-term sustainability.

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SITE ANALYSIS
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS






MAIN STREET



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



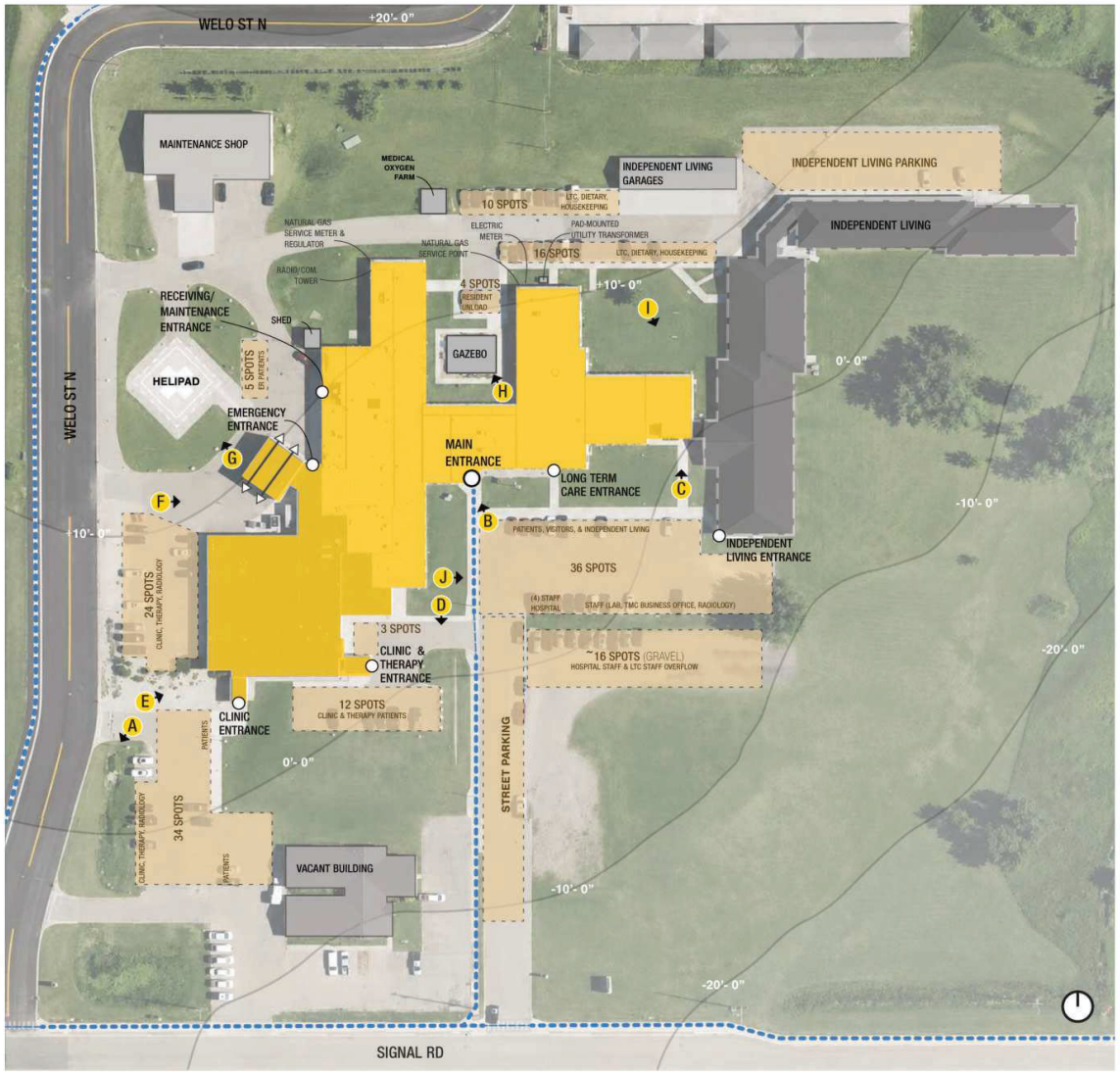
WATER TOWER AT 2ND ST NW



TIOGA COMMUNITY CENTER

Images sourced from Wikipedia, Tioga K12 site, and Tioga Community Center site are for conceptual reference only. They are intended to demonstrate architectural character and community context of Tioga, North Dakota.

SITE ANALYSIS
FACILITY SITE LAYOUT




A LOWER LEVEL PARKING DOWN MAIN ST


B HOSPITAL MAIN ENTRANCE


C ENTRANCE TO LTC AND INDEPENDENT LIVING CONNECTION


D CLINIC PARKING LOT


E LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE


F AMBULANCE GARAGE EXIT


G MAINTENANCE SHOP AND HELIPAD


H LTC GAZEBO


I BACK OF LTC AND INDEPENDENT LIVING CONNECTION


J HOSPITAL MAIN PARKING LOT

PRE-DESIGN PROJECT PROGRAM | OVERALL SUMMARY

		Existing (GSF)	Ideal State (GSF)	
Long Term Care (Skilled Nursing Facility)				
Long Term Care (Skilled Nursing Facility)		15,148	27,524	30 Single-Occupancy Resident Rooms
	Subtotal	**15,148**	**27,524**	**Total Gross Square Feet**
Critical Access Hospital				
Acute Patient Care/Swing Bed		7,833	13,869	10 Acute/Swing Beds, 5 Acute Beds
Surgery		1,103	5,122	
Emergency Department		3,075	4,346	
Therapy/Rehab		3,199	6,070	
Lab		1,135	1,605	
Radiology		1,795	5,240	
Admissions & Business Office		3,225	3,933	
Executive Team		1,173	2,475	
Staff Amenities		65	557	
EVS/Laundry		1,808	1,943	
Maintenance/Facilities/Support		11,000	10,998	
Purchasing/Materials Management		1,849	2,404	
Dietary		1,831	3,456	
	Subtotal	**39,091**	**57,393**	**Total Gross Square Feet**
Grand Totals				
Long Term Care (Skilled Nursing Facility)		15,148	27,524	
Critical Access Hospital		39,091	57,393	
	Total GSF	**54,239**	**84,917**	**Total Gross Square Feet**

Architectural programming is the foundation of the design process, helping establish a clear understanding of Tioga Medical Center's current challenges and future needs. Through this process, JLG Architects worked alongside TMC leadership to evaluate existing spaces, identify opportunities for improvement, and establish a thoughtful framework for the facility's future. This early planning ensures that the proposed investment responds to the needs of patients, residents, staff, and the communities TMC serves.

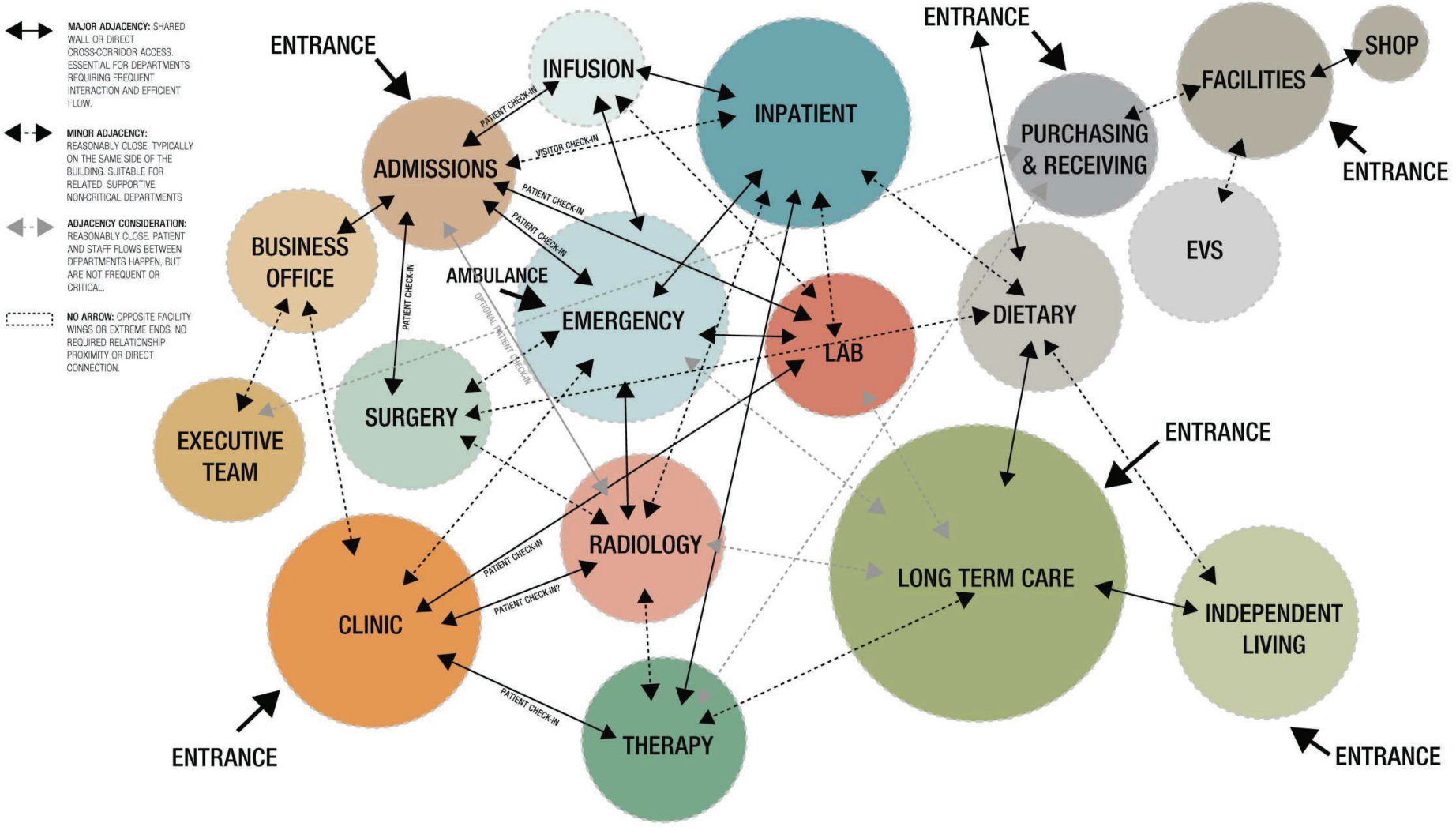
Working closely with representatives from each department, JLG documented existing space limitations and explored what an ideal care environment could look like. Department leaders identified the spaces, resources, and improvements needed to provide high-quality care, improve operational efficiency, and support future growth. These conversations helped establish a shared vision for a facility that better supports both the people receiving care and those providing it.

The information gathered was translated into a comprehensive space program identifying the anticipated size and needs of each department. Additional space was accounted for to accommodate circulation, and building infrastructure. This approach provides a realistic understanding of the facility's overall space requirements and establishes a foundation for responsible planning and investment.

The programming process confirmed what TMC's staff and leadership have experienced for years: the existing facility is operating within significant space constraints. Many departments require substantially more room to function efficiently and meet the evolving needs of their patients and residents.

These figures represent an early planning benchmark and will continue to be refined as space layouts are developed by JLG and TMC department representatives. This collaborative process paves the way to a final design that balances functionality, efficiency, and responsible stewardship of resources while supporting the long-term future of healthcare in Tioga and the surrounding region.

ADJACENCY DIAGRAM



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | TIOGA HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

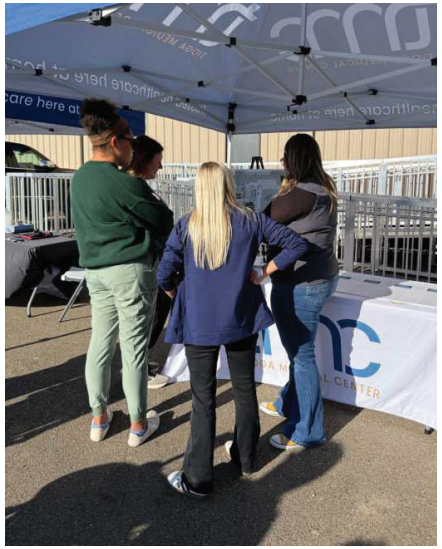
Community involvement is an important part of shaping the future of Tioga Medical Center. During Tioga's homecoming football game against Ray/Powers Lake, TMC and JLG Architects connected with community members to gather feedback on what matters most to them in their healthcare facility. Through an interactive voting activity, attendees were invited to identify their priorities for the future of Tioga Medical Center. Private patient and resident rooms received the greatest number of votes, followed by natural light and views, staff recruitment and retention, and modern medical equipment and technology.

These results reinforce the community's desire for a healthcare environment that prioritizes privacy, comfort, quality care, and the people who provide it. The feedback gathered will help inform design decisions as the project progresses, ensuring this significant investment reflects the needs and values of the community it will serve for generations to come.



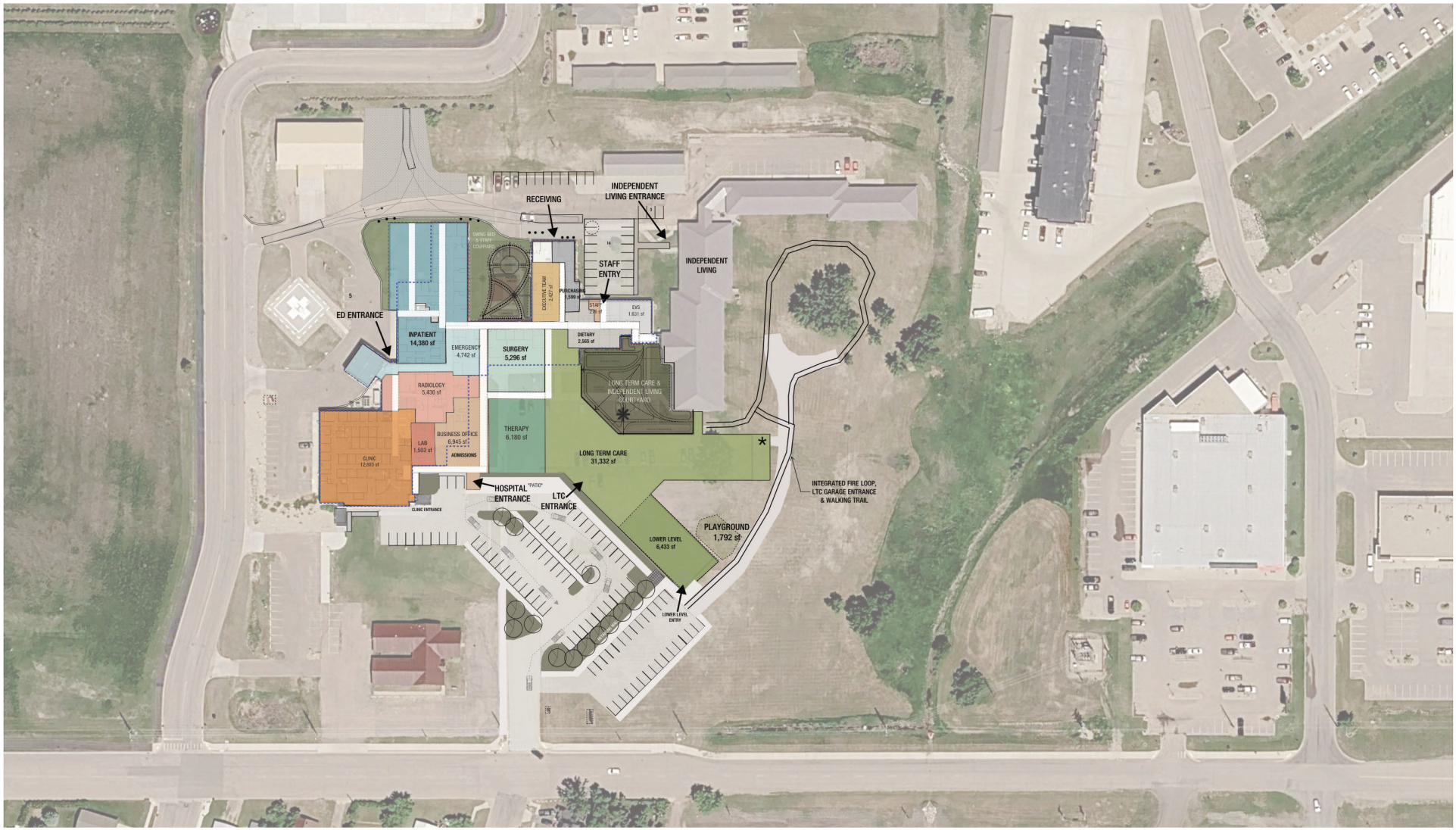




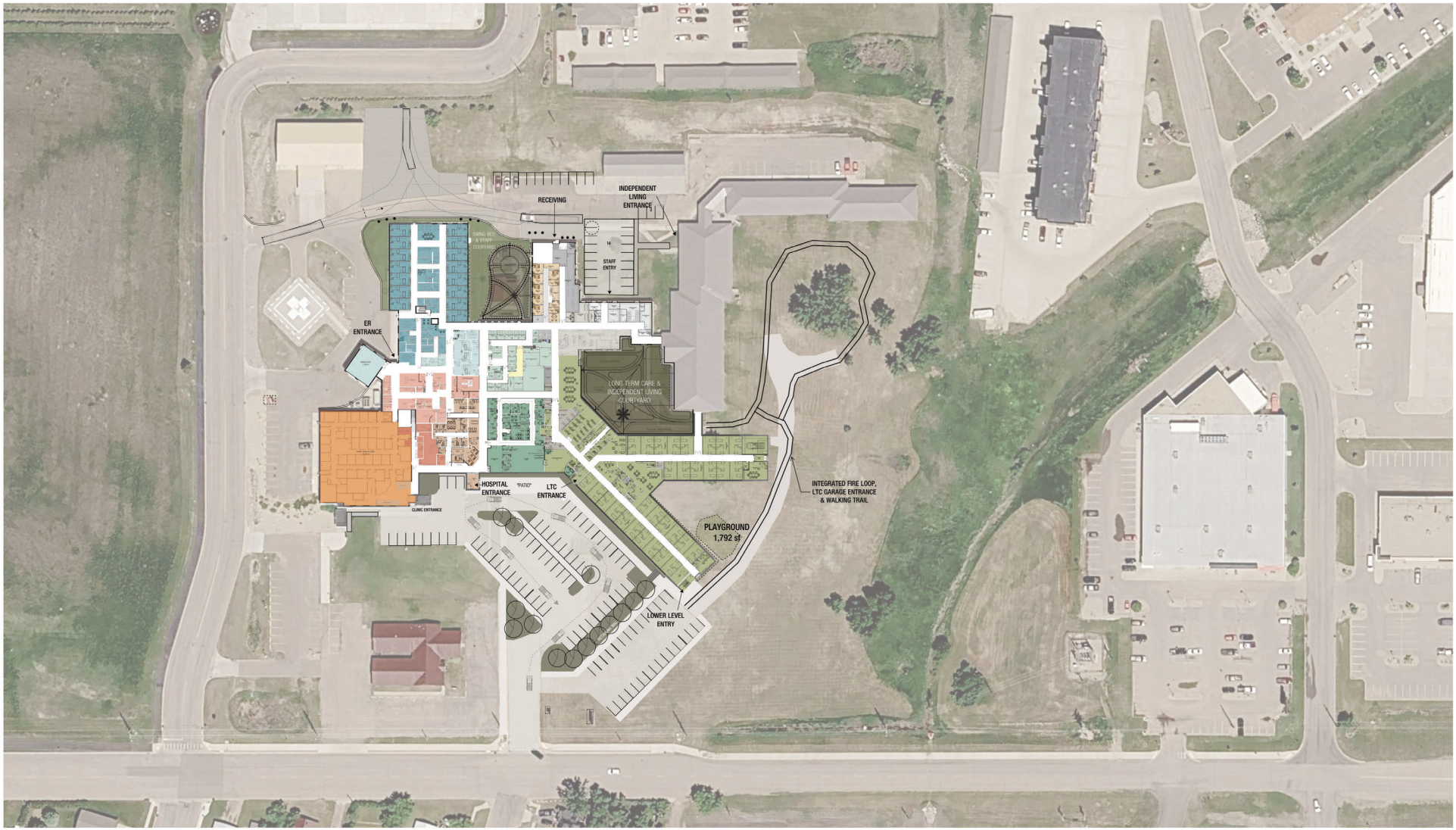




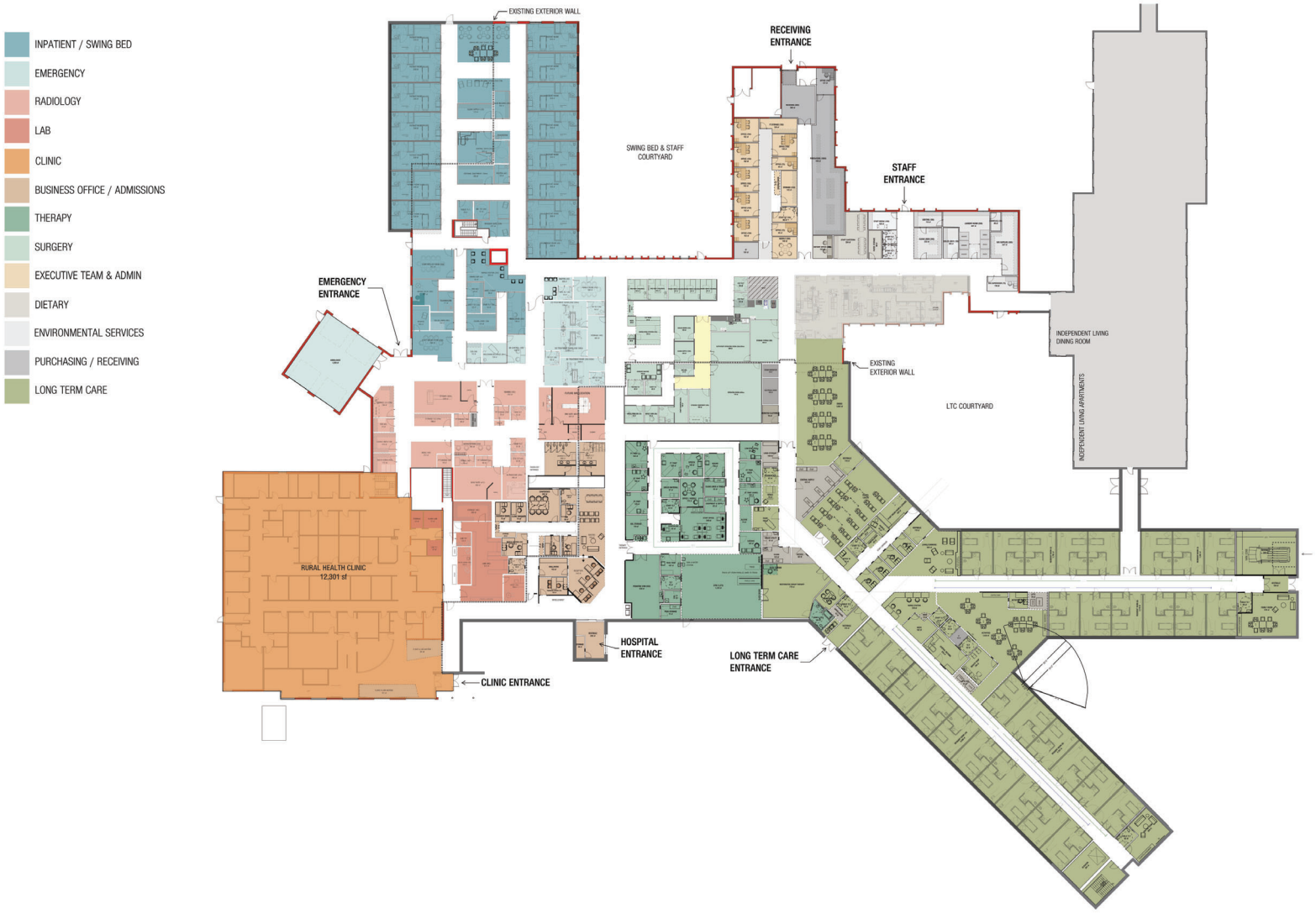
SCHEMATIC DESIGN SITE PLAN



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MATERIAL INSPIRATION

HONORING OUR HISTORY, CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

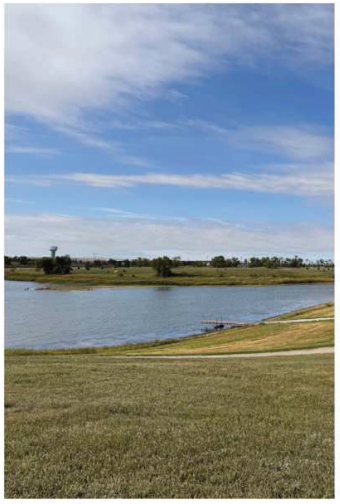




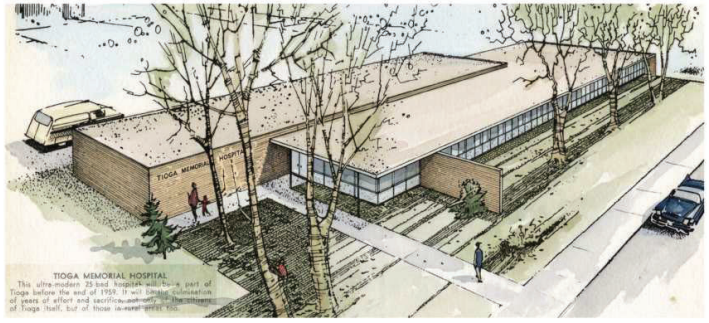
















MATERIAL PALETTE

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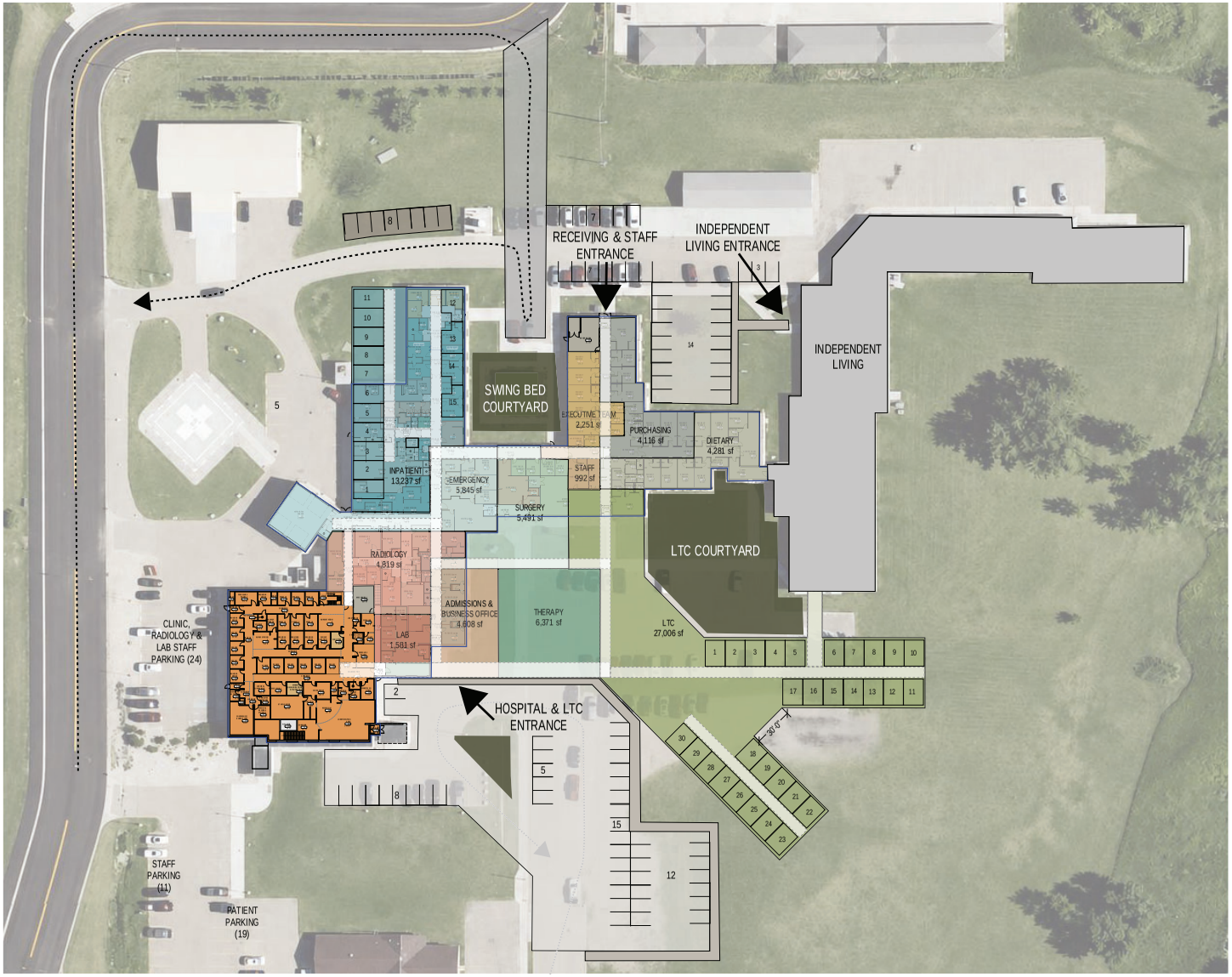
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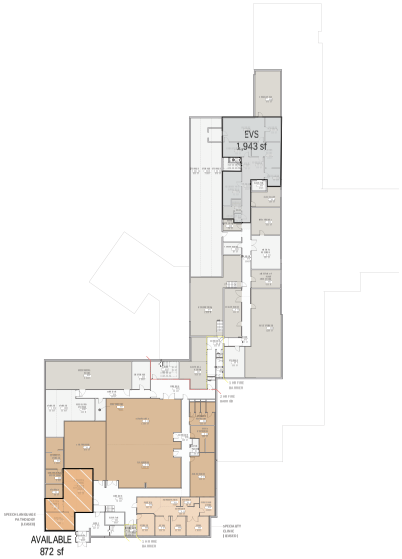




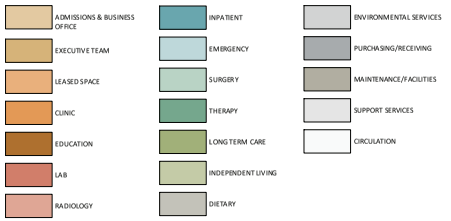




BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



LEGEND



TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER

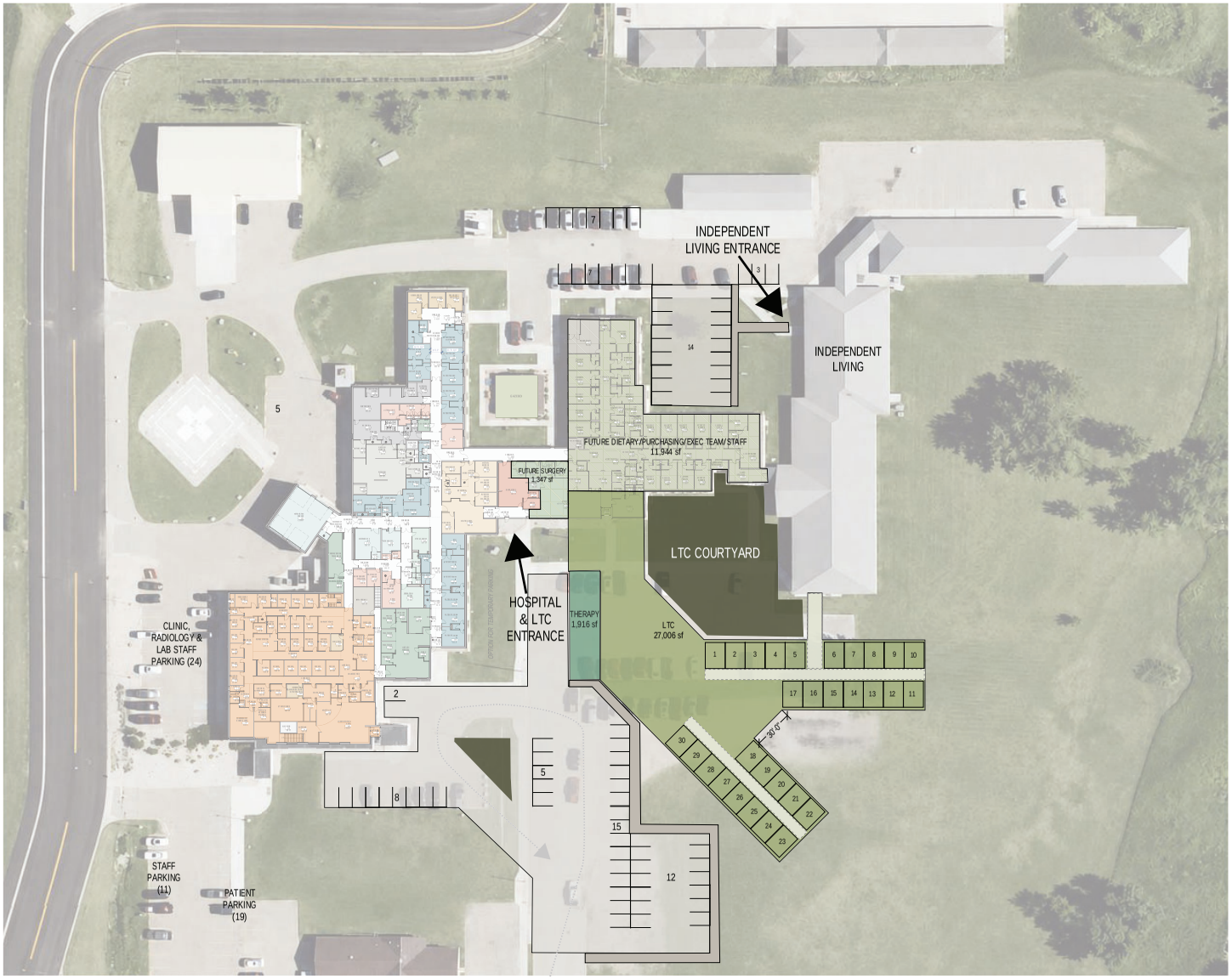
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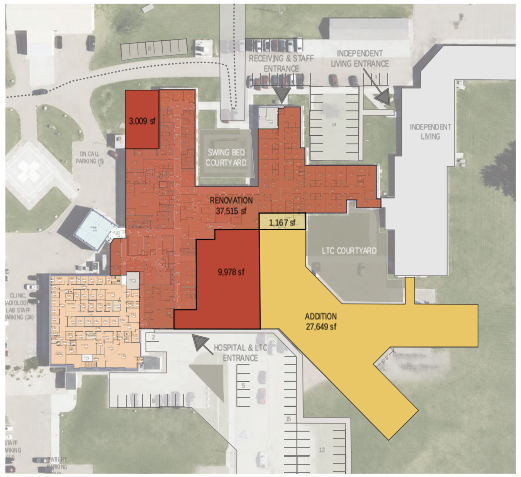
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TIOGA MEDICAL CENTER

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PROJECT PHASING DIAGRAM

PHASE 1 ADDITION / RENOVATION

PHASE 2 ADDITION / RENOVATION

PROJECT ESTIMATE SUMMARY

OPTION 1

PHASE 1

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

	Cost/ SF	Area (QTY)	
Renovation	$472.00	1,167	$ 550,824.00
New	$661.50	27,649	$ 18,289,813.50
New Daycare	$150.00	-	$ -
Total Construction Cost of Work		TOTAL	$ 18,840,637.50

* Cost/SF includes 3% Escalation, 10% Design & Pricing Contingency, 5% Construction Contingency & Estimated Sitework, Earthwork & Utilities

SOFT COSTS @ assumed at 15%	$2,826,096
PHASE 1 PROJECT COST	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	$ 21,666,733.13

PHASE 2

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

	Cost/ SF	Area (QTY)	
Renovation	$484.00	37,515	$ 18,157,260.00
EVS Renovation (Lower Level)	$484.00	1,943	$ 940,412.00
New	$700.00	12,987	$ 9,090,900.00
Total Construction Cost of Work		TOTAL	$ 28,188,572.00

* Cost/SF includes 6% Escalation, 10% Design & Pricing Contingency, 5% Construction Contingency & Estimated Sitework, Earthwork & Utilities

SOFT COSTS @ assumed at 15%	$4,228,286
PHASE 2 PROJECT COST	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	$ 32,416,857.80

PHASE 1 & 2

TOTAL PROJECT COST	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	$ 54,083,590.93

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OPTION 1 | IDEAL ADJACENCIES | PHASE 1 COMPLETE

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IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Williston Basin Airshow
PO Box 1306
Williston, North Dakota. 58802

Contact Person
Kayla Stamp
kaylas@ci.williston.nd.us
701-570-1107

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
n/a

Federal Tax Identification Number:
430360

Describe your organization and its purpose:
The Williston Basin Airshow produces a large, family-friendly aviation event at Williston Basin International Airport featuring professional aerial performances, aircraft displays, and community activities. The purpose of the event is to provide a safe, accessible experience that brings together residents from across the Mountrail–Williams region, supports local businesses, and strengthens community pride while contributing to regional tourism and quality of life.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
n/a

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 10,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
08/15/2026

Describe the project and its need:
The Williston Basin Airshow is a large, public aviation event held at Williston Basin International Airport that brings together families, aviation enthusiasts, and visitors from across the region for a safe, high-quality community experience. The project requires funding to support essential operational needs such as performer fees, safety and security measures, temporary infrastructure, and event logistics. Grant support will help

ensure the airshow can be delivered responsibly while maximizing its positive impact on Williston and the surrounding communities.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The Williston Basin Airshow serves communities across northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana, with attendees also traveling from southern Canada. In addition to local and regional residents, aviation enthusiasts are willing to travel significant distances to attend high-quality airshows, extending the event's reach and economic benefit well beyond the immediate area.

Describe the community support for the project:
The Williston Basin Airshow is supported through partnerships with organizations such as Overland Aviation, along with local businesses, community groups, and volunteers who contribute time, services, and resources to support the event. When the airshow took a planned pause in 2025, organizers consistently received questions and feedback from the public about its return, demonstrating strong community interest and reinforcing the event's role as a beloved regional tradition.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The Williston Basin Airshow supports the organization's mission by creating meaningful exposure to aviation and encouraging interest in aviation-related careers among youth and young adults. By connecting the community with professional pilots, aircraft, and aviation operations, the event helps inspire the next generation while strengthening regional pride and engagement.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative has been a valued sponsor in past years, helping make the Williston Basin Airshow a beloved community event. Continued support allows MWEC to strengthen regional pride, support local businesses, and inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will primarily support performer fees, ensuring professional, high-quality aerial demonstrations.. Additional funds will be used for essential event operations, safety measures, and logistics, helping the Williston Basin Airshow remain safe, accessible, and engaging for the community.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The Williston Basin Airshow will showcase professional aviation demonstrations that draw attendees from across the region, including eastern Montana, northeastern Wyoming, and southern Canada. The event will boost local economic activity, provide hands-on exposure to aviation for young people, and reinforce Williston's reputation as a regional destination for major events.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 250,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 10,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
08/01/2025-08/15/2026

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Devon Energy - $10,000

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
Williston Star Fund - $50,000 (pending)
CVB Grant - $50,000 (pending)

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Overland Aviation

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
2026-williston-basin-airshow-budget-snapshot-02-06-2026.pdf (138.92 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Ryan O'Rear and Kayla Stamp

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
The Williston Basin Airshow evaluates its success through a post-event survey sent to all ticket holders, gathering feedback on overall experience, programming, and event operations. Additionally, multiple internal debriefings are held with organizers, volunteers, and key partners to review performance, identify improvements, and plan enhancements for future events.

Include attachments for funding request
2026-airshow-sponsor-benefit-flyer.pdf (2.23 MB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Kayla Stamp

Authorized Signer Title:
Administrative Assistant

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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WILLISTON BASIN
AIRSHOW



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AUGUST 2026

The Williston Basin Airshow is not just an event; it's an exhilarating experience that brings together aviation enthusiasts, industry professionals, and families for a day filled with excitement, innovation, and aerial spectacle. From breathtaking aerobatic displays to showcasing cutting-edge aviation technology, our Airshow promises to captivate audiences of all ages.

By becoming a sponsor, your organization will have the opportunity to elevate brand visibility, support this great community event, and access exclusive benefits!

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS SUMMARY

	Patron $500	Community $1,000	Contributing $2,500	Supporting $5,000	Major $10,000	Presenting $25,000
Complimentary Premium Seating Tickets	-	-	2	4	8	12
PA Announcements Throughout the Event	-	-	Mentions	Mentions	Mentions	30-Second Ad
Recognition on Airshow Social Media	Mentions	Mentions	Mentions	Mentions	Mentions	Dedicated Posts
Recognition on Airshow Website with Link to Sponsor	Sponsor Page	Sponsor Page	Sponsor Page	Sponsor Page	Sponsor Page	Home Page
Banner Advertisement - Main Gate*	-	Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined	Standalone
Logo on Airshow Flyer* *- Sized to Match Sponsor Tier*	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logo on Volunteer T-Shirts* *- Sized to Match Sponsor Tier*	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Airshow Program Advertisement*	-	-	-	Logo	1/4 Page	Full Page
Logo on Online Airshow Tickets	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Logo on Premium Seating Wristbands	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Banner Advertisement - Announcer Stage	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Premier Positioning of Logo on all Marketing Materials	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Featured Logo - "Williston Basin Airshow presented by..."	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Advertising on Terminal TV Displays	-	-	-	-	3-Months	12-Months

Sponsorships must be received no later than June 30, 2026 to be guaranteed on printed materials!

Our sponsorship packages can be adjusted to perfectly align with the unique needs and objectives of your company. Whether you're seeking maximum brand visibility, exclusive hospitality opportunities, or targeted marketing exposure, we can tailor one of our sponsorship packages to ensure a partnership that is both impactful and mutually beneficial. Thank you for supporting the Williston Basin Airshow!



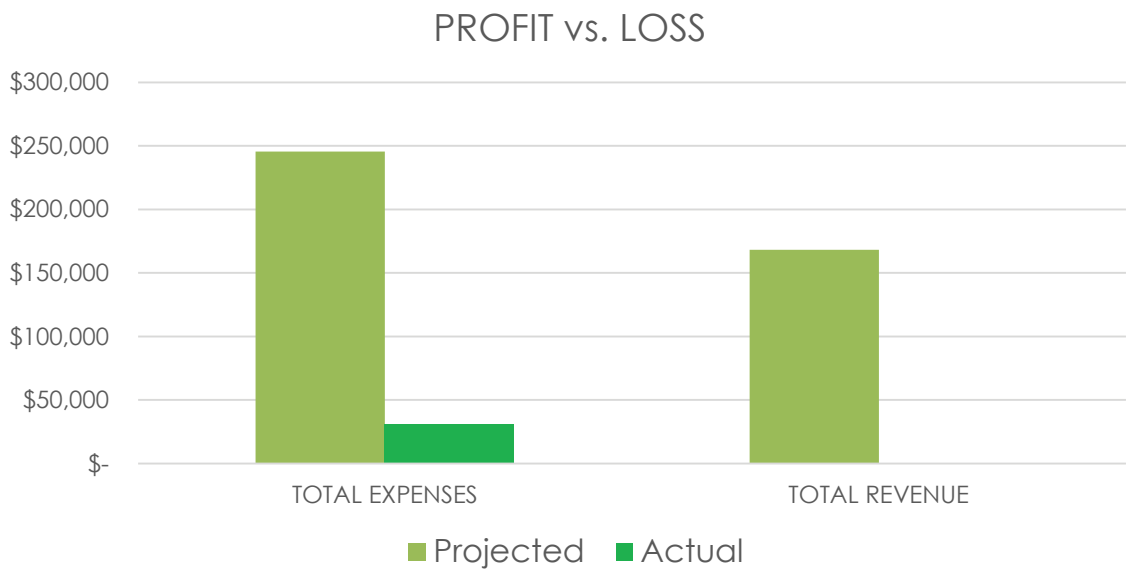
Sign up today at www.flywilliston.net/airshow

2026 EVENT PROFIT SUMMARY

WILLISTON BASIN AIRSHOW

BUDGET / REVENUE TOTALS		
	PROJECTED	ACTUAL
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 245,397.00	$ 30,790.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 168,125.00	$ -

PROFIT TOTALS		
	PROJECTED	ACTUAL
TOTALS	-$ 77,272.00	-$ 30,790.00



CAMPAIGN TYPE	PROJECTED SUBTOTAL	%
Show Performance	$185,979.00	76%
Show Logistics	$39,218.00	16%
Marketing/Media	$16,000.00	7%
Volunteers	$2,700.00	1%
Insurance	$1,500.00	1%
	$245,397.00	

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IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Williston Parks & Recreation District
PO Box 1153
822 18th Street East
Williston, North Dakota. 58802

Contact Person
Joseph Barsh
joeb@wprd.us
7017709767

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Provided

Federal Tax Identification Number:
450434754

Describe your organization and its purpose:
The Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to advance and support the mission of the Williston Parks & Recreation District: "Superior parks, facilities, and programs for all to enjoy an active life."

The Foundation serves as the charitable and philanthropic partner of WPRD, helping connect private giving, grants, sponsorships, naming-rights partnerships, endowments, and other community support with projects and programs that enhance quality of life in Williston.

The Foundation's purpose includes expanding opportunities for youth participation and development, strengthening programs and services for seniors, supporting improvements to parks and recreational facilities, and helping fund major capital projects identified through WPRD's long-term planning efforts. The Foundation also places an emphasis on the long-term stewardship and maintenance of community facilities, helping ensure that public investments remain safe, welcoming, functional, and sustainable for future generations.

Through partnerships with individuals, businesses, foundations, and other organizations, the WPRD Foundation helps supplement public resources and provide opportunities that may not otherwise be possible through traditional operating revenues alone. Contributions may support capital construction, grants and matching opportunities, facility-specific needs, endowments, sponsorships, naming rights, and other initiatives consistent with the Foundation's charitable purpose.

Ultimately, the Foundation exists to strengthen WPRD's ability to provide high-quality parks, facilities, programs, and recreational opportunities that benefit children, families, seniors, and the broader Williston community.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
July 2028

Describe the project and its need:
The Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation is seeking support for the Evolution Sports Complex, a major year-round recreation, athletic, and community facility currently under construction in Williston, North Dakota.

The complex will include three sheets of ice, including dedicated year-round ice; a main arena designed for tournaments and large-scale events; approximately 30,000 square feet of indoor turf for year-round recreation and athletic development; locker rooms, training areas, concessions, meeting and community spaces, and an indoor playground. The facility is being designed to serve not only Williston residents, but also athletes, families, teams, and visitors throughout northwest North Dakota, eastern Montana, and the broader region.

The need for the project is driven by continued growth in youth and recreational programming, limited year-round indoor athletic capacity, and the need for facilities capable of serving a growing regional population. Williston's climate makes dependable indoor recreation particularly important during much of the year, and the additional ice and turf capacity will allow WPRD to expand programming, improve scheduling, accommodate tournaments and events, and provide greater opportunities for youth and families.

The project is also an important quality-of-life and workforce investment. Employers throughout western North Dakota continue to compete to recruit and retain employees and families. Access to strong recreational amenities, youth programming, and community gathering spaces contributes directly to whether families choose to live, work, and remain in the region. The facility will also support sports tourism and generate additional activity for local hotels, restaurants, retailers, and other businesses.

The community has demonstrated significant support for the project. More than $52 million in public investment has been committed by WPRD, the City of Williston, and Williams County, and voters approved

the long-term renewal of WPRD's sales and use tax with 82% support. Private grants, charitable contributions, and corporate partnerships are now an important component of completing the project while helping reduce the burden on public resources and establishing a sustainable facility that can serve the community for decades.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The Evolution Sports Complex will primarily serve Williston and Williams County, while functioning as a regional recreation, athletic, and event destination for communities throughout northwest North Dakota, eastern Montana, and the broader Williston Basin.

Williston serves as a regional hub for employment, healthcare, education, retail, recreation, and youth athletics, drawing families and visitors from communities well beyond the city limits. The Evolution Sports Complex is being intentionally designed to serve that larger regional population through year-round ice and turf programming, tournaments, camps, competitions, community events, and recreational opportunities.

The facility is expected to attract participants and visitors from throughout northwest North Dakota and eastern Montana, with the potential to draw teams and events from across North Dakota, neighboring states, and Canada. Its three sheets of ice, indoor turf space, main arena, and supporting amenities will significantly expand the types and scale of regional events that can be hosted in Williston.

While the facility will have a broad regional reach, its primary beneficiaries will remain the children, families, athletes, employers, and residents of Williston and the surrounding communities who will have access to expanded year-round recreational opportunities close to home. The project is also expected to support regional sports tourism and generate additional activity for area hotels, restaurants, retailers, and other businesses.

Describe the community support for the project:
The Evolution Sports Complex has received significant support from residents, local government, community organizations, businesses, and regional partners.

More than $52 million in public support has been committed to the project and related infrastructure through the Williston Parks & Recreation District, City of Williston, and Williams County. Community support was further demonstrated in June 2025, when voters approved the long-term renewal of WPRD’s sales and use tax with 82% voter approval.

The project is also supported through the Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation, which is actively developing private partnerships, charitable contributions, grants, sponsorships, and naming-rights opportunities to supplement the substantial public investment already committed. Several sponsorship and naming opportunities have already been secured or are in active discussion, demonstrating growing private-sector support as construction moves forward.

Community support extends beyond financial contributions. The facility has been developed in response to the need for expanded year-round recreation, youth athletics, ice programming, indoor turf space, tournaments, and family activities. It is intended to serve residents throughout Williston and Williams County while also functioning as a regional destination for northwest North Dakota, eastern Montana, and surrounding communities.

The combination of strong voter approval, substantial local public investment, growing private participation,

and continued demand from youth, families, athletes, employers, and community organizations provides a strong foundation of support for the project. The Evolution Sports Complex is now under construction, reflecting the community's commitment to making this long-term quality-of-life investment a reality.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
The Evolution Sports Complex directly advances the mission of the Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation by expanding access to high-quality parks, facilities, programs, and recreational opportunities that support active and healthy lives.

The Foundation exists to strengthen WPRD programs and facilities through charitable giving, grants, sponsorships, naming rights, capital support, and long-term stewardship. The Evolution Sports Complex reflects each of those priorities by creating a major year-round recreation facility that will serve youth, families, athletes, coaches, community organizations, and visitors throughout Williston and the broader region.

The complex will provide three sheets of ice, indoor turf, training and locker areas, community spaces, concessions, an indoor playground, and the ability to host expanded recreation programs, tournaments, camps, and events. These amenities will significantly increase year-round opportunities for physical activity, youth development, family recreation, and community connection.

The project also supports the Foundation's focus on long-term stewardship. Private contributions are being structured not only to help complete construction, but also to support future maintenance and replacement of major building systems and equipment. This approach helps ensure the facility remains safe, functional, and sustainable for future generations rather than relying on deferred maintenance.

By helping create and sustain a facility that promotes recreation, community engagement, youth development, and long-term quality of life, the Evolution Sports Complex is a direct extension of the Foundation's purpose and mission.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
The Evolution Sports Complex closely aligns with Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's mission of playing a leadership role in the community and improving quality of life throughout its service area. MWEC is a member-owned cooperative serving rural members across Mountrail and Williams Counties, and this project represents a significant long-term investment in the families, employees, businesses, and communities that make up that region.

The facility will provide year-round recreation, youth development, family activities, athletic training, tournaments, and community gathering opportunities that are currently limited in western North Dakota. Its three sheets of ice, indoor turf, training and community spaces, and supporting amenities will serve residents and visitors throughout northwest North Dakota and eastern Montana while strengthening Williston's role as a regional hub.

The project also supports the long-term economic strength of the region. Quality-of-life amenities are increasingly important to employers working to recruit and retain employees and families in western North Dakota. The Evolution Sports Complex will create additional reasons for families to live and remain in the area while also generating regional activity that benefits hotels, restaurants, retailers, small businesses, and community organizations.

MWEC has a demonstrated history of supporting community-based projects, education, recreation, shared community spaces, and other investments that strengthen the communities it serves. Supporting the Evolution Sports Complex would continue that tradition while leveraging an already substantial local commitment: more than $52 million in public support has been committed to the project and related infrastructure, and WPRD's sales and use tax was renewed with 82% voter approval.

A partnership with MWEC would therefore represent more than support for a recreational facility. It would be an investment in youth, families, workforce retention, regional vitality, and the long-term quality of life of the communities and members MWEC serves.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used to support the remaining capital construction needs of the Evolution Sports Complex. The project is already under construction and has substantial public funding committed; private grants and charitable contributions are being used to help close the remaining funding gap and reduce the amount of additional public resources required to complete the facility.

Grant support may be applied toward eligible project costs associated with the three-sheet ice complex, indoor turf facility, recreation and training spaces, locker rooms, community areas, equipment, and other infrastructure necessary to bring the facility into operation. Funds will be administered through the Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation in support of the project and consistent with the Foundation's policies and any requirements established by MWEC.

MWEC's contribution would leverage more than $52 million in public investment already committed by WPRD, the City of Williston, and Williams County. By supplementing that investment, the grant will help WPRD deliver a high-quality, sustainable regional facility while preserving public resources for long-term operations, maintenance, and other community recreation needs.

Describe the expected results from the project:
The expected result of the Evolution Sports Complex is a significant expansion of year-round recreation, athletic development, community programming, and regional event capacity for Williston and the surrounding area.

Once complete, the facility will provide three sheets of ice, including dedicated year-round ice, indoor turf, training and locker spaces, concessions, community and meeting areas, and an indoor playground. These amenities are expected to increase access to hockey, figure skating, baseball, softball, soccer, football, camps, training, tournaments, and other recreational programming throughout the year.

The project is expected to produce several long-term outcomes, including increased youth and family participation, improved athlete development, stronger program retention, expanded tournament and event opportunities, and greater access to recreation during North Dakota's winter months. It will also provide WPRD with the capacity to better meet current demand while supporting future growth.

The facility is also expected to strengthen Williston's regional economic and workforce position. By attracting tournaments, teams, visitors, and families from throughout northwest North Dakota, eastern Montana, and beyond, the complex will generate additional activity for hotels, restaurants, retailers, and other local businesses. It will also contribute to workforce recruitment and retention by improving the quality-of-life

amenities available to employees and families considering whether to live and remain in the Williston Basin.

Ultimately, the expected result is a sustainable, heavily used regional facility that expands recreational opportunities, supports youth and families, strengthens community connection, and contributes to the long-term quality of life and economic vitality of western North Dakota.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 81,000,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 64,000,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Funding is being sought during the active construction period of the Evolution Sports Complex, with the goal of securing the remaining private contributions, grants, sponsorships, and naming-rights commitments before the facility is completed and opens in

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
Major corporate and community partnership commitments secured for the Evolution Sports Complex currently include:

Evolution Completions – $7,000,000 facility naming-rights commitment, structured as a 20-year pledge of $350,000 annually beginning in 2027.
First State Bank & Trust – $250,000 commitment for naming and recognition rights associated with one ice resurfacer, payable over five years at $50,000 annually beginning in 2027.
Horizon Resources – $250,000 commitment for naming and recognition rights associated with one ice resurfacer, payable over 10 years at $25,000 annually beginning in 2027.
Coca-Cola – $250,000 commitment for concession-area naming rights, structured at $25,000 annually over 10 years.

These commitments represent approximately $7.75 million in major corporate partnerships secured to date, with additional naming-rights, sponsorship, grant, and philanthropic opportunities currently being pursued.

Because several of these partnerships are structured as multi-year pledges tied to the construction and opening of the facility, the total committed amount should be distinguished from cash received to date. The Evolution Completions, First State Bank & Trust, and Horizon Resources agreements provide for their first scheduled installments beginning in 2027. WPRD and the WPRD Foundation will continue collecting these commitments over their respective pledge periods while actively pursuing additional private support before the facility is completed.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
In addition to corporate and private fundraising, the Evolution Sports Complex is supported by substantial public investment from the Williston Parks & Recreation District, City of Williston, and Williams County.

Current public funding commitments include:

Williston Parks & Recreation District – approximately $30 million committed toward the project.
City of Williston – $10 million committed, in addition to support for adjacent infrastructure.
Williams County – $12 million committed specifically to the Evolution Sports Complex and related eligible project costs.

Together, these sources represent more than $52 million in committed public support for the project and surrounding infrastructure.

Williams County's $12 million commitment is formally restricted to the Evolution Sports Complex and includes both project costs already paid or obligated by the County and future cash transfers to WPRD.

WPRD's contribution is supported by its long-term sales and use tax, which was renewed by voters in June 2025 with 82% approval. This voter-supported revenue source provides an important foundation for WPRD's capital investment and long-term financial sustainability.

The project is also being supported through a combination of WPRD Foundation fundraising, grants, naming-rights agreements, sponsorships, and other charitable contributions. These private sources supplement the significant public investment already committed and help reduce the amount of additional financing necessary to complete the project.

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
Yes

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
Williams County
City of Williston

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
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Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Project evaluation will be led by Joe Barsh, Executive Director of the Williston Parks & Recreation District, in coordination with WPRD's senior leadership team, including Programs and Facilities Director Kazuma Kaneko, Finance Director Jessica Farmer, appropriate recreation and facility staff, and the Williston Parks and Recreation Foundation.

WPRD will evaluate the project throughout construction and after opening by monitoring construction progress, budget performance, private and public funding commitments, facility utilization, program participation, tournament and event activity, community use, operational performance, and long-term maintenance needs. The Foundation will also assist with tracking grant funds, donor commitments, restricted contributions, and required reporting.

WPRD's professional project team, including the architect, construction manager, and other consultants, will provide construction, schedule, cost, and project-performance information that will support the evaluation process.

Following completion and opening of the Evolution Sports Complex, WPRD will continue evaluating the facility through participation data, program growth, community feedback, regional event activity, financial performance, and other measurable indicators of community impact. WPRD and the Foundation will also be responsible for providing MWEC with any required grant reporting and documentation.

Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
The Evolution Sports Complex will be evaluated through both the formal public construction process and ongoing operational evaluation following completion.

During construction, WPRD will follow the requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 48-01.2 governing public improvements and the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method. WPRD is the project owner, JE Dunn Construction serves as Construction Manager at Risk, and ICON Architectural Group serves as the project architect. Project costs are administered through WPRD's construction accounting, contract administration, and audit processes.

The CMAR process provides formal and transparent evaluation checkpoints throughout construction. Under North Dakota law, the process includes qualifications-based selection of the CMAR, negotiation and approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price construction contracts, public advertisement and opening of subcontractor bids, evaluation of responsible bids, and required construction bonding. As construction proceeds, WPRD, the architect, CMAR, consultants, and Park Board will review project scope, budget, schedule, bid results, construction progress, payment requests, change orders, quality, safety, and compliance with the approved construction documents and contracts.

MWEC grant funds will be incorporated into this same formal financial and construction-control process. Grant proceeds will be applied to eligible contracted project costs and documented through WPRD and Foundation financial records, construction accounting, invoices, contract administration, and applicable audit and grant-reporting requirements. The project's overall capital structure combines substantial public investment, private and corporate commitments, and revenue-bond financing, making accurate tracking of each funding source an important component of project evaluation.

Following completion, WPRD will transition from construction evaluation to operational evaluation. The facility will be assessed through measurable indicators such as program participation, facility utilization, ice and turf usage, tournament and event activity, regional visitation, revenue and operating performance, maintenance requirements, user feedback, and the facility's ability to accommodate program growth. These results will help WPRD and the WPRD Foundation determine whether the Evolution Sports Complex is meeting its intended goals of expanding year-round recreation, supporting youth and families, strengthening regional quality of life, and operating in a financially and physically sustainable manner over the long term.

Include attachments for funding request
foundation501c3letter.pdf (216.23 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Joe Barsh

Authorized Signer Title:
Executive Director

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 15, 2013
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Based on the information you submitted in your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Revenue Procedure 2014-11. Your effective date of exemption, as listed at the top of this letter, is retroactive to your date of revocation.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar

Williston Ice & Turf Project

Board Cover Summary - June 16, 2026 Estimate and BP1 Interim GMP

Prepared as a front-of-report summary for Board review

Total Project Cost	Construction Cost	Accepted Alternates	BP1 Interim GMP
$81,707,260	**$72,827,637**	**$3,022,000**	**$20,807,347**

Purpose

The attached documents provide the latest project estimate, cost trend history, detailed estimate support, and Bid Package 1 (BP1) interim GMP for the Williston Ice & Turf project. This summary highlights the major numbers, accepted alternates, estimate movement, and remaining cost-saving items for Board discussion.

1. Current Total Project Estimate

- Current total project estimate: $81,707,260.
- This total includes both construction costs and owner-related costs, including design fees, owner FF&E, and owner contingency.

Construction Cost Breakdown	Amount
Sitework	$6,785,157
Rink 1 Building	$27,850,883
Rink 2 and 3 Building	$31,715,868
Hangar Renovation	$3,453,730
Construction Subtotal	**$69,805,637**
Accepted Alternates	$3,022,000
Total Construction Cost	**$72,827,637**
Owner Cost Items Included	**Amount**
Architect and Engineer Fees	$5,097,935
Design Consultants	$431,617
Owner FF&E	$1,165,242
Owner Contingency	$2,184,829

2. Accepted Alternates Included in the $81.7M Estimate

- South Playground Addition with insulated metal panel roof and walls.
- North Athletic Addition with insulated metal panel roof and walls.
- Additional mezzanine space for concessions.
- ISO roof panels in lieu of Kingspan.
- By-pass roof members in lieu of flush roof members.
- Light-duty asphalt drive lanes in the parking lot in lieu of heavy-duty asphalt.
- Net impact of accepted alternates: approximately $3,022,000.

3. Estimate Trend / Cost Movement

Estimate Snapshot	Total Project Estimate
March 5, 2026	$70,532,202
April 21, 2026	$73,505,597
June 16, 2026	**$81,707,260**
Increase from April to June	**Approx. $8.2M**
Increase from March to June	**Approx. $11.2M**

Major Cost Drivers Identified in the Trend Log

- Building size and scope changes.
- Roof height changes.
- Increased HVAC and plumbing scope, especially in the hangar.
- Sitework bids coming in above budget.
- PEMB package bid coming in over budget.
- Added north and south additions.
- Added concessions mezzanine.
- Added cameras and card readers, skate floor, acoustic components, and added non-frost-susceptible fill depth.

4. Bid Package 1 Interim GMP

- BP1 interim GMP total: $20,807,347.
- BP1 includes early project scope such as general conditions, winter conditions, temporary gravel laydown, survey, PEMB supply and installation, metal wall and roof panel supply, steel for concessions allowance, site grading and demolition, asphalt paving, site concrete, and site utilities.

BP1 GMP Summary	Amount
Subtotal	$18,832,423
Construction Contingency	$602,253
Preconstruction Fee	$130,000
Fee	$596,228
Total BP1 Interim GMP	**$20,807,347**

- **If approved by the Board,** the project team will finalize the remaining contract documents and send them through DocuSign.

5. Cost-Saving Items Still Under Review

- Roof and wall panel strategy: The team is reviewing whether using Kingspan roof panels and ISO wall panels could save $250,000 or more.
- Simple Saver roof system: The team may review use of a Simple Saver roof system for the athletic and playground additions to determine whether it creates worthwhile savings.
- Sand depth below the rinks: Sand depth was added back into the current estimate. Alternate #19 shows a potential deduct of approximately $526,000 if the project uses 27 inches of fill sand under the rink in lieu of 42 inches.

6. Key Board Takeaways

- The current total project estimate is $81.7M, including construction costs, owner costs, and accepted alternates.
- The construction portion of the estimate is approximately $72.8M.
- The BP1 interim GMP before the Board is $20.8M.
- The estimate has increased from prior snapshots due to scope development, bid results, building changes, mechanical / plumbing increases, PEMB pricing, and accepted alternates.
- Several cost-saving opportunities remain under review and may be brought back for further discussion.
- Approval of BP1 would allow the project team to move forward with finalizing contract documents for the early work package.

Source documents reviewed: Overall Estimate with Accepted Alternates; Estimate Trend Log with Accepted Alternates; BP1 GMP Summary with Accepted Alternates; Detailed Estimate, all dated June 16, 2026.

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information
Name of Organization
Williston Robotics Inc
PO Box 512
Williston, North Dakota. 58801

Contact Person
Rebecca Schug
WillistonRoboticsInc@gmail.com
970-430-7834

501(c)(3) status
Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:
Yes

If no, please explain
Attached

Federal Tax Identification Number:
88-2961813

Describe your organization and its purpose:
Who we are
Williston Robotics is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Williston, North Dakota, that gives kids hands-on experience building, programming and competing with robots. We are growing into the Williston Innovation Science and Engineering Lab (WISE Lab), a full-time STEM learning center for kids, families and adults in our region. We started in 2019 with 15 kids in a garage. We incorporated as a nonprofit in 2022, and today we serve more than 120 kids a year.

What we do now
We run competitive robotics teams where kids design, build and program robots, then test them against teams from across the region. Along the way they practice engineering, coding, problem solving and teamwork, the same skills that Williston's automation-driven energy industry now needs. We also run camps throughout the summer and host groups from the homeschool community year round.
• Reach: more than 120 kids a year, up from 15 in 2019.
• Programs: competitive robotics teams, summer camps that teach 3-D printing, computer coding, beginning robotics skills and more.
• Access: a scholarship program helps families who could not otherwise afford to take part.
• Governance: an independent board oversees the organization.
Demand has outgrown our space. Our current room is full and we turn kids away each season. Parents regularly ask us for more classes and for summer camps we do not yet have room to offer.

Where we are going
Our next step is to become WISE Lab: a full-time STEM center in a dedicated space, open after school, on weekends and through the summer. Competitive robotics stays at the core, with new programs built around it.

To run the center, we will build a small professional staff: a part-time Executive Director in the first year, an

Operations Manager, and paid instructors and summer interns.

Our long-term aim is a pipeline. A child who builds a first robot at WISE Lab at age nine should be ready, by eighteen, for programs like Williston State College's Petroleum Technology and Automation degree, and for the technician jobs that follow.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:
No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:
No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances
N/A

Part II: The Project
What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:
$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
April 2027

Describe the project and its need:
Williston kids want more STEM than we can give them. WISE Lab is the full-time center that closes that gap, and it is ready to launch:
• After-school classes that meet kids at younger ages, when interest in science and engineering takes root.
• Summer camps, ten weeks of them, the program parents ask for most.
• More robotics teams, so no student who wants to compete is turned away.
• Adult STEM nights that help parents build skills for an oilfield that runs more on automation every year.
• Birthday parties that bring new families through our doors.
• Financial aid, so cost never decides who gets in.
We have taken a garage and a borrowed room as far as they can go. Moving forward takes a dedicated space ready for classes, the equipment and supplies to fill it, and paid staff to run it through the first year while program revenue grows. Funding is the one piece we cannot build ourselves. With it, WISE Lab opens its doors; without it, kids keep waiting for a seat.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
The center is located in Williston and serves families across Williams County and the surrounding rural communities of northwest North Dakota. Current students come from Ray, Tioga, Trenton, Crosby, Arengard, Fairview and Epping. Many of our families live on farms, ranches and rural acreages served by MWEC. For those students, the WISE Lab is the only robotics program within driving distance.

Describe the community support for the project:
Volunteers - Every coach and mentor donates their time. We have a dedicated team of 4 coaches and numerous volunteers every year.
Families - More than 75 students are on our teams this season, more than 60 children attended our 2026 summer camps, and families are still asking for spots we do not have.
Local partners - We have received sponsorships for the robptics teams from many community partners; Creedence Energy Services, Levelheaded Bookkeeping, Chemstream, Williston Lions Club, NCC, MWEC,

Borders State and more. Chemstream currently provides a meeting space for our FTC team. We also work with the Williston Middle School STEM teachers and their robotics team.

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
Williston Robotics exists to give kids the chance to build something real and discover what they are capable of. WISE Lab is that mission at full scale.

Today, robotics reaches the kids who find us and fit in our room. WISE Lab widens the door in three directions:
• Earlier: younger kids start building before they decide STEM "isn't for them."
• Wider: year-round classes and camps reach the families we now turn away, and financial aid keeps that reach open to every income.
• Longer: kids grow from first class to competition team, and parents learn alongside them.
The competitive teams remain the heart of the program. WISE Lab builds the pathway that feeds them, so more Williston students arrive ready to compete, and leave ready for what comes next.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
The WISE Lab is a capital project that fits three of the Impact Grant's four focus areas and advances the grant's stated purpose: improving quality of life for MWEC members and strengthening the economic development of their communities.
Education (primary focus). MWEC supports facilities that serve local educational efforts. The WISE Lab is a dedicated educational facility, with a build shop, practice field, fabrication lab and classroom, serving elementary through high school students and adult learners.

Quality of life. MWEC supports community infrastructure such as recreational facilities and community centers. The WISE Lab gives families a year-round indoor place to gather, with camps, classes, build nights and birthday parties that stay open through the long winter months.

Non-profits. MWEC supports facilities that advance civic and community betterment. The WISE Lab is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) that keeps program costs low, so cost is not a barrier for rural families.

It builds the workforce this region runs on. Williston's economy depends on energy, and energy depends on technicians, electricians, engineers, operators and programmers. Our students wire circuits, program controllers, read schematics, troubleshoot systems and work in teams under deadline. High School Robotics Competition adds industrial tools, motors, pneumatics and electrical safety. These are the first steps toward the careers MWEC and its commercial members hire for.

Oilfield jobs are technical jobs. Today's Bakken runs on sensors, automation and remote monitoring. Many Oilfield jobs are hiring for people with strong math and computer skills, mechanical aptitude and critical thinking. Producers in the region are also hiring automation technicians and instrumentation and electrical technicians. A student who has wired sensors, written control code and diagnosed why a robot will not move has already started learning that work.

It complements what MWEC already does. MWEC invests in young people through scholarships, Youth Tour, career presentations and its high school lineworker program. The WISE Lab reaches the same students years earlier, in elementary and middle school, when interest in technical careers takes shape. We would welcome MWEC staff as guest speakers and mentors.
It keeps talent home. Students who discover technical careers here, and see that those careers exist here, have a reason to stay or return. That is economic development at its root.

It reflects cooperative values. Education and concern for community are core cooperative principles. This project puts both into a facility that will serve members' children and grandchildren for years.

The investment lasts. Grant funds would buy equipment and improvements with a useful life of ten years or more, not expenses that disappear in a season.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
These funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be used in a permanent location such as classroom set up, tables, chairs, workbenches, and storage. We will also purchase the technology needed to teach more people such as reuseable robotic and electronic kits for a variety of age ranges and the computers to go with it. We are looking into a variety of STEM related resources for pre-school through adults that help teach important skills while having fun.

Describe the expected results from the project:
In its first full year, the WISE Lab will more than triple the number of kids we serve, from about 120 a year today to more than 400, and open STEM learning to adults for the first time.

Year 1 results
• After-school classes: 16 classes a week with up to 240 seats, including new classes for younger children.
• Summer camps: 10 weeks of camp, June through August, with 200 camper spots.
• Competitive robotics: 9 teams, up from 7, with room to add more.
• Adult STEM nights: 12 sessions a year, one each month.
• Birthday parties: about 30 a month, each introducing a new group of families to the lab.
• Financial aid: 48 scholarships awarded, so no child is turned away for cost.
• No more turning kids away: every child who applies gets a seat in a class, camp or team.

Longer-term results
• More students moving from first class to competition team each year.
• Graduates entering technical programs such as Williston State College's Petroleum Technology and Automation degree, which we will track through alumni follow-up.
• A facility and equipment base that serves Williston families for ten years or more.

We will report these results to MWEC at the end of the first year.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 170,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 8,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
12 months

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
We have reserve funds from the 2025 Festival of Trees Gala and are activity applying for grants and corporate sponsorships now.

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:

In Progress.
Levelheaded Bookkeeping - $6000 @ $500/month for 2027
NCC - $1000

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
wise_lab_5year_budget.xlsx (26.4 KB)

Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Evaluation is shared across three levels: the Operations Manager collects the data, the Executive Director analyzes and reports it, and the Board of Directors holds both accountable for results.
Operations Manager: data collection, monthly. The Operations Manager runs day-to-day programs and owns the records that prove results. Each month they will:
• Track enrollment, attendance and capacity for every class, camp week, robotics team and adult STEM night.
• Record every financial aid award and the number of families served.
• Keep a running count of any child who could not be placed, so we can confirm no one is turned away.
• Give students the pre- and post-surveys and send parent surveys at the end of each session and camp season.
• Deliver a monthly program report to the Executive Director.

Executive Director: analysis and reporting, quarterly. They will be responsible for the evaluation plan and for measuring results against the targets in this proposal. They will:
• Review monthly reports and compare progress with Year 1 targets.
• Analyze survey results to measure growth in student skills and interest in STEM careers.
• Track grant spending against the approved budget, with financial statements prepared by an outside bookkeeping firm.
• Adjust class schedules, staffing or outreach when a program falls short of its target.
• Present a quarterly results report to the Board and prepare all reports to MWEC and other funders.

Board of Directors: oversight and accountability, quarterly and annually. The independent Board of Directors provides governance over the project and the people running it. The Board will:
• Review the Executive Director's quarterly results and financial reports at each board meeting.
• Approve any major change to the project's scope, budget or timeline.
• Conduct an annual review of the project's results and the Executive Director's performance.
• Approve the year-end report submitted to MWEC.

This structure separates the people who run the programs from the people who judge them, so results are reported accurately and acted on quickly.

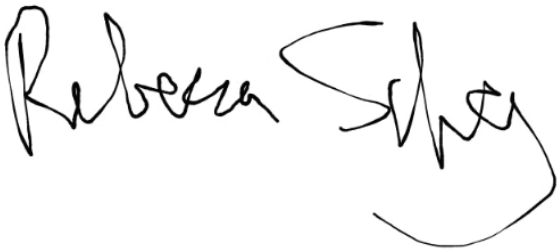
Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
How we will measure it
• Enrollment and attendance records for every class, camp, team and adult session.
• Scholarship records showing how many families received aid.
• A short pre- and post-survey of students' skills and interest in STEM careers.
• A parent survey at the end of each session and camp season.

Include attachments for funding request
503c-letter.pdf (2.02 MB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Rebecca Schug

Authorized Signer Title:
President/ Founder

Authorized Signature:



For Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative Use Only:

Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

WILLISTON ROBOTICS INC
PO BOX 512
WILLISTON, ND 58802

Date:
01/29/2024
Employer ID number:
88-2961813
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
June 28, 2022
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053424001694

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

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WILLISTON ROBOTICS dba WISE LAB - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND KEY METRICS

Net of restricted capital. Read this tab first.

Line item	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (operating)					
Net earned program revenue	$178,454	$265,352	$299,555	$319,343	$336,375
Grants	$70,000	$30,000	$25,000	$20,000	$20,000
Corporate sponsorships	$100,000	$30,000	$15,000	$10,000	$10,000
Annual gala (gross)	-	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	**$348,454**	**$355,352**	**$369,555**	**$379,343**	**$396,375**
Total operating expenses	$345,249	$353,794	$367,593	$378,363	$389,188
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**$3,205**	**$1,558**	**$1,962**	**$979**	**$7,186**
Operating margin	**0.9%**	**0.4%**	**0.5%**	**0.3%**	**1.8%**
SUSTAINABILITY METRICS					
Earned revenue covers this % of expenses	51.7%	75.0%	81.5%	84.4%	86.4%
Contributed revenue as % of total support	48.8%	25.3%	18.9%	15.8%	15.1%
Cumulative surplus / (deficit)	$3,205	$4,763	$6,725	$7,704	$14,891
Peak cumulative funding gap	-				
Months of operating reserve at end of Year 5 (cumulative surplus / mont	0.5				
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (illustrative allocation)					
Program services	$276,199	$283,035	$294,074	$302,691	$311,351
Management and general	$48,335	$49,531	$51,463	$52,971	$54,486
Fundraising	$20,715	$21,228	$22,056	$22,702	$23,351
Allocation check (should equal 100%)	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
LAUNCH FUND CHECK					
Launch fund total	$150,000				
Year 1 grants + corporate sponsorships in budget	$170,000				
Difference (should be zero)	$20,000				
Year 1 buildout and supplies budgeted	$50,000				
Buildout and supplies funded by the capital part of the launch fund	$50,000				
Buildout and supplies over / (under) the $50K	-				
Year 1 operating shortfall before launch support (expenses excl. buildout	$116,795				
Operating support in the launch fund	$100,000				
Remaining operating gap / (cushion) in Year 1	$16,795				

IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION

Application # (Internal use only)

Part I: Organization Information

Name of Organization

Williston State College
1410 University Avenue
Williston , North Dakota. 58801

Contact Person

Megan Kasner
megan.kasner@willistonstate.edu
701/774-4295

501(c)(3) status

Has the organization received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of a tax-exempt ruling or determination under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:

No

If no, please explain

Williston State College is a governmental entity. Income is generally excluded from federal income tax under IRC Section 115, based on intergovernmental tax immunity. Generally, we do not receive an IRS determination letter under Section 501(c)(3). We do not file a Form 990, but Donors can still make tax-deductible contributions to us under IRC Section 170(c)(1) (gifts to a governmental unit for public purposes). If charity status is required, we can run grants through the College Foundation.

Federal Tax Identification Number:

45-0324813

Describe your organization and its purpose:

Williston State College (WSC) is a public, two-year comprehensive community college located in Williston, North Dakota. As part of the North Dakota University System, its general purpose centers on providing open-access, affordable, and practical education tailored to the regional needs of northwest North Dakota and the Upper Plains.

Have you had any pending or recent lawsuits challenging the propriety of your disbursements and/or actions of your staff, volunteers or board members:

No

Have you had any pending or recent publicity viewed as adverse or critical:

No

If you answered 'Yes' to either of the previous two questions, please furnish a summary of circumstances

N/A

Part II: The Project

What is the total funding amount requested from MWEC:

$ 25,000.00

What is the estimated completion date of the project:
March 2027

Describe the project and its need:
This project seeks funding to revitalize the Teton Lounge at Williston State College into an active, welcoming, and inclusive central hub for student life. By incorporating high-engagement recreational amenities, the project addresses the critical need for dedicated on-campus social spaces that foster community, reduce social isolation, and support student mental wellness. Enhancing the Teton Lounge directly aligns with WSC's commitment to student success by creating an environment where residential and commuter students alike can build meaningful peer connections outside the classroom, ultimately improving student satisfaction, campus involvement, and overall retention.

Describe the geographic area the project will serve:
Williston State College for students and the public

Describe the community support for the project:
Community support for this project is driven directly by student demand. A campus-wide survey of 100 Williston State College students revealed a strong desire for modernized, functional space to connect and collaborate between classes. The revitalized Teton Lounge was designed explicitly around these student-identified needs, ensuring 100% user-informed planning

Describe how the project contributes to the mission of the organization:
WSC's vision explicitly commits to "quality student experiences" and enriching personal relationships among students, faculty, and the campus community. Higher education takes place both inside and outside the classroom. Upgrading the Teton Lounge directly fulfills this vision by turning an underutilized space into a modern, vibrant social hub where students build organic relationships, collaborate, and decompress. Recreational spaces act as low-barrier social equalizers. Arcade systems and pool tables offer inclusive, informal activities where commuter students, international students, and local trade students can seamlessly interact. Creating a welcoming space encourages commuter students to remain on campus between classes, increasing campus involvement and persistence toward graduation.

Why should Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative support this project:
MWEC heavily supports local economic health. WSC educates local tradespeople, lineworkers, nurses, and technicians who end up working in the region (and at MWEC itself). It is intended to keep local trade and academic talent from leaving the region. Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative's mission extends beyond delivering power to enhancing the overall quality of life across Williams and Mountrail counties. Williston State College serves as the primary educational and workforce engine for this exact service area, preparing the future technicians, trade professionals, and leaders who fuel our local economy.

How will MWEC grant funds be used for this project:
MWEC grant funds will be used directly to revitalize the Williston State College Teton Lounge into a modern, inclusive recreational hub by purchasing assets such as commercial-grade pool tables, arcade systems, updated collaborative seating, and media stations. By funding these physical enhancements, MWEC's investment directly improves student retention and campus persistence. Keeping students engaged on campus between classes increases graduation rates, directly supporting MWEC's broader mission to enhance quality of life and retain essential local talent within our shared service area

Describe the expected results from the project:
Direct deliverables are a complete transformation of the Teton Lounge into a modernized, active student recreation hub and the installation of high-use recreational equipment, including commercial-grade pool tables, arcade systems, and updated social seating areas.

Part III: Budget
Total project cost:
$ 25,000.00

Amount secured to date:
$ 5,000.00

Over what time period is funding being sought:
Q1 2027

List major corporate commitments and amounts received for this project:
N/A

List other funding sources and amounts pledged or received for this project:
WSC General Fund - Special appropriations

Do you receive, or will you request, support from United Way for this project:
No

Does this project involve affiliation/collaboration with other agencies/organizations:
No

If yes, list names of those agencies/organizations and attach any letters of agreement or support that may be appropriate:
N/A

Upload a project budget (include: Administrative, Operational, Promotional and other costs associated with the project)
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Part IV: Project Evaluation
Who will be responsible for the project evaluation:
Megan Kasner

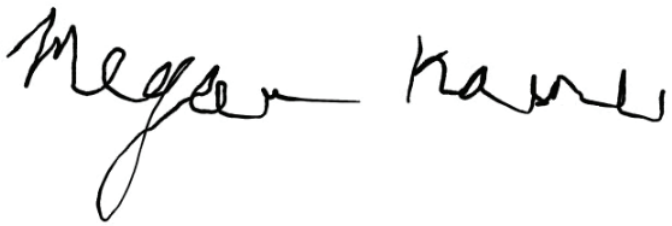
Please detail the procedures by which the project will be evaluated:
1) Baseline Comparison: Prior to installation, average weekly foot traffic and active utilization hours in the Teton Lounge will be logged.
2) Digital feedback surveys will be distributed to students (including residential, commuter, trade, and student-athlete demographics) via the Student Life portal mid-semester and end-of-semester.

Include attachments for funding request
teton-lounge-revilization.xlsx (10.67 KB)

Authorized Signer Name:
Megan Kasner

Authorized Signer Title:
Megan Kasner

Authorized Signature:



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Request for funding reviewed on: _____

Amount Contributed: _____

Request Denied: _____

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Arcade Machines	Qty	Description	Estimated Unit Cost	Total
Cocktail Arcade (4600-game multi-cade)	2	Tilt-up commercial grade (ABVIDEOARCADES style)	$ 2,200.00	$ 4,400.00
Stand-up Multi-Cade Arcade	2	2-player upright, 4600 games	$ 2,600.00	$ 5,200.00
Virtual Pinball Machine	1	Full-size with 1300+ pinball games	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00
Pool Tables				
7' or 8' Slate Pool Table	2	Commercial/home grade with accessory kit	$ 4,250.00	$ 8,500.00
Air Hockey				
Commercial Air Hockey Table	1	7'–8' table with electronic scoring	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,400.00
Subtotal – Equipment				**$ 25,000.00**