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South Dakota Community Foundation Awards More Than \$137,000 in Community Innovation Grants

PIERRE, SD – The South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) awarded \$137,250 to 14 South Dakota nonprofits through its Community Innovation Grant program. Offered in partnership with the Bush Foundation, the Community Innovation Grant program supports efforts to find breakthrough solutions to community challenges across the state. These Community Innovation Grant recipients were selected during the first grant round of 2015.

"Nonprofits have creative ideas to address the complex challenges South Dakota communities are facing," says Ginger Niemann, SDCF program officer. "Community Innovation Grants provide the funding needed to spark change and implement inclusive, collaborative and resourceful solutions in communities.

The SDCF Grantmaking Committee chose to provide financial support to the following projects:

Statewide

- **Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (Statewide) - \$10,000**

South Dakota has historically incarcerated juveniles at a higher rate than most states. As a result, over the next several years Lutheran Social Services will launch the Functional Family Therapy Pilot Program, an alternative, family-based approach to keep youth and families out of the juvenile justice system.

- **South Dakota Diabetes Coalition (Statewide) - \$10,000**

The South Dakota Diabetes Coalition will administer and market the Virtual Nurse Program to support insulin-dependent individuals who cannot provide basic diabetes care for themselves in settings where a full-time nurse is not present.

- **Special Olympics South Dakota (Statewide) - \$10,000**

Special Olympics South Dakota will support a new Unify Center to establish Project UNIFY® in the state. The program brings Intellectually Disabled (ID) youth together with other students to provide them with the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote acceptance, respect and human dignity for all students.

Eastern South Dakota

- **EmBe (Sioux Falls) – \$10,000**

EmBe will facilitate a Childcare Workforce Development Alliance in Sioux Falls to create a three-year strategy to attain, develop and retain childcare workers in the community.

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- **Greening Vermillion (Vermillion) - \$9,250**
Greening Vermillion will embark on a one-year process to develop a vision for a sustainable and desirable city. All members of the community will be invited to participate.

Central South Dakota

- **Cheyenne River Youth Project (Cheyenne River Indian Reservation) - \$10,000**
The Cheyenne River Youth Project's Teen Internship Program will teach youth valuable job and life skills through working in the Wiyan Toka Win Garden, Leading Lady Farmers Market, Gift Shop and the Keya Café.
- **Greater Huron Development Corporation (Huron) - \$10,000**
For the past decade, Huron has faced a significant shortage of workers compared to available jobs. The community will implement the Huron Workforce Development Initiative, a three-year plan to tackle the shortage and recruit workers to the community.
- **Goodthinking 4 All Our Relations (Rosebud Indian Reservation) - \$10,000**
Goodthinking 4 All Our Relations will launch A Brighter Future Project to equip youth to produce poultry, fish and bee products for the community. The sale of the products will have the potential of generating significant revenue.
- **Hoven Area Community Foundation (Hoven) - \$10,000**
The Hoven Area Community Foundation will conduct a three-phase study to assess the assets and needs of the community. The project will engage a broad spectrum of community members through focus groups and listening sessions.
- **Oahe, Inc. (Pierre) - \$10,000**
Based on the results of a community survey, Oahe, Inc. will open a new childcare center that offers drop-in service as well as weekend and holiday hours. The center will be a helpful resource to the Pierre Economic Development Corporation as it encourages businesses and employees to relocate to the Pierre area.
- **Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Fort Pierre (Pierre, Fort Pierre) - \$8,000**
In response to recent young-adult attempted suicides, accidents and deaths due to suicide in the community, the Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Fort Pierre will implement an anti-bullying mass media campaign to get information about cyberbullying into the hands of teachers, counselors, parents and students.

Western South Dakota

- **Badlands/Bad River Economic Development Partnership (Haakon, Jackson and Eastern Pennington Counties) - \$10,000**
The Badlands/Bad River Economic Development Partnership will engage with the area's chambers of commerce and economic development associations to develop a promotional plan, provide trainings and create a network for entrepreneurs in order to promote economic development.

- **Crisis Intervention Shelter Service, Inc. (Sturgis, Faith, Buffalo, Union Center, Summerset and the Ellsworth Air Force Base area) - \$10,000**

Crisis Intervention Shelter Service, Inc. will hire a consultant to conduct focus groups, meet with existing organizations and create educational information to enhance service delivery aimed at eliminating domestic and sexual violence in the communities it serves.

- **West River Foundation (Western South Dakota) - \$10,000**

The West River Foundation will develop a Community and Economic Development Engagement Plan to identify a sustainable process of engaging communities within the region in planning their futures on a continual basis.

Applications are being accepted for the \$400,000 that is available in 2015 through the Community Innovation Grant program. The second round of Community Innovation Grants will open on May 1 and close May 31. Interested organizations can visit SDCommunityFoundation.org/CIG to review the grant guidelines, deadlines and application instructions. In order to qualify, a nonprofit must be IRS Publication 78 verified or have a fiscal sponsor. Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Ginger Niemann by calling 800.888.1842 or by sending an email to ginger@sdcommunityfoundation.org.

About the SDCF

Since 1987, the South Dakota Community Foundation has helped people reach their philanthropic goals and strengthened communities across the state. The SDCF administers more than \$227 million in total assets for over 700 funds. By commingling endowed assets, the SDCF gives its partners enhanced investment opportunities that provide long-term support to charitable causes. Last year, the SDCF distributed more than \$7 million in grants to nonprofits through the funds it manages. Visit SDCommunityFoundation.org/CIG to learn more.

About the Bush Foundation

The Bush Foundation invests in great ideas and the people who power them. Established in 1953 by 3M Executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth, the Foundation encourages individuals and organizations to think bigger and think differently about what is possible in communities across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geographic area.

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