

Recipients of 2026 Parkston Area Foundation, Anita and Gerald Wisner Fund, Opie R.  
and Helen A. Benson Community Improvement Fund, and Avera St. Benedict  
Foundation Grants

| Grant awarded to                      | Amount   | Awarded by                                | Purpose                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colleen Mette                         | TBD      | PAF                                       | Mural on Main St. building                                                            |
| Elizabeth Schoenfelder                | TBD      | PAF                                       | Purchase and plant a variety of pollinator friendly flowers at local parks            |
| First Circuit CASA                    | \$2,500  | PAF (Wisner)                              | Partially fund improvements in workplace                                              |
| Higher Power Sports                   | \$1,000  | PAF                                       | Help cover expenses for distracted driving presentations                              |
| Milltown Island Park Association      | \$3,000  | Benson                                    | Replace trees                                                                         |
| Parkston Area Development Corporation | \$22,500 | \$15,000 – PAF<br>\$7,500 – PAF (Wisner)  | General economic development and Downtown Façade Improvement                          |
| Parkston Children’s Summer Theater    | \$600    | PAF (Wisner)                              | Scripts/costumes/set                                                                  |
| Parkston Main St. Flowers             | \$3,000  | PAF                                       | Fund flower baskets on every light pole on Main St. as well as some at the city parks |
| Parkston Commercial Club              | \$10,000 | \$7,000 – Avera<br>\$3,000 – PAF (Wisner) | Avera First Aid Station/Green Room                                                    |
| Parkston Country Club                 | \$10,000 | PAF                                       | Funding toward new sprinkler system                                                   |
| Parkston High School (HOSA)           | \$3,000  | Avera                                     | provide 9-12 grade students with a sudden cardiac death screening                     |

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| Parkston Pathfinders                     | \$2,250  | Benson                                     | Establish and operate a youth boys running club in Parkston                                  |
| Parkston School District                 | \$750    | PAF                                        | Sensory table and materials for preschool classroom                                          |
| Parkston School District                 | \$4,500  | PAF (Wisner)                               | Fund K-5th summer reading program                                                            |
| Parkston School District                 | \$2,280  | PAF                                        | Trojan Fitness Center mural                                                                  |
| Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Association | \$12,000 | PAF (Wisner)                               | Repair and straighten older headstones; repair/replace metal crosses; replace concrete bases |
| Stacy Weber (Dimock Lake)                | \$1,000  | PAF (Wisner)                               | Gas and maintenance for lawn mower/trimmers; trimming trees                                  |
| Tamara Morehouse                         | \$473    | PAF                                        | Purchase a watering cart to be used at the East Park                                         |
| Trojan Learning Center                   | \$10,800 | \$4,750 – Benson<br>\$6,050 – PAF (Wisner) | Funding to provide nutritious meals in order to meet guidelines and regulations              |
| VFW Post 3298                            | \$1,000  | PAF (Wisner)                               | Update the Veterans Board on the South wall in the Armory                                    |

Recipients of 2026  
Parkston Area Foundation Educational Assistance Grants

| Grant awarded to  | Amount  | Awarded by                      | School/Area of Interest                                           |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Finley Bogenreif  | \$2,000 | Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund   | SDSU/Exercise Science                                             |
| Preston Mattheis  | \$1,000 | Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund   | SDSU/Animal Science                                               |
| Lexi Schoenfelder | \$2,000 | Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund   | Northern State University/Elementary Education                    |
| Ava Laffey        | \$1,000 | Parkston Area Foundation        | DSU/Education                                                     |
| Gracie Oakley     | \$1,000 | Parkston Area Foundation        | SDSU/Elementary Education                                         |
| Cole Prunty       | \$1,000 | Parkston Area Foundation        | University of Nebraska Medical Center/College of Dentistry        |
| Lauren Ziebart    | \$1,000 | Parkston Area Foundation        | SDSU/Elementary Education                                         |
| Wyatt Anderson    | \$1,000 | Lucille McCright-Leischner Fund | Northern State University/Elementary Education; Special Education |
| Hilary Polreis    | \$1,000 | Lucille McCright-Leischner Fund | DSU/Business Education                                            |