

Recipients of 2023 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
Avera St. Benedict	\$1,000	Avera	bike safety rodeo for community youth; home alone education program
Avera St. Benedict	\$5,000	\$3,000 – Avera \$2,000 – PAF	water safety training (classroom and in water) to local colonies; provide lifesaving equipment
Be-YOU-tiful Strides Running club	\$500	Avera	offset costs of the club ( prizes, advertising, and decorations/food/water for race)
Children’s Summer Theater	\$500	Benson	Pay for scripts, costumes, props, t-shirts
Colleen Mette	\$2,500	PAF	Sculpture walk installation around town; starting with 3 locations honoring community members
First Circuit CASA	\$1,000	Benson	help fund a program to recruit additional CASA volunteers
Higher Power Sports	\$1,000	PAF	serve Parkston and area communities through programs and presentations
Hutchinson County Fair Committee	\$4,000	PAF	help fund activities at the Hutchinson County Fair
Jeff Murtha	\$6,300	\$2,100 – Benson \$2,100 – PAF \$2,100 – PAF (Wisner)	9 vine arches - 3 for East Park, 3 for Papa's Park, and 3 for Dimock Park
Papa’s Park Committee	\$7,900	PAF	Help fund new park

Parkston Area Development Corporation	\$7,500	PAF	General economic development in Parkston and the surrounding area per discretion of the board.
Parkston Fire Department	\$10,000	\$2,000 – Benson \$8,000 – PAF	secure 36 radios for firemen and rescue units
Parkston PTO	\$3,000	PAF	Fund Missoula Children’s Theater
Parkston Rural Ambulance District	\$4,200	\$500 – Avera \$3,700 – PAF (Wisner)	purchase stair chair for second ambulance
Sack-It Friday Program	\$5,000	\$2,500 – Benson \$2,500 – PAF	supplement the Sack-It Friday Program; currently serving 52 students weekly
Town of Dimock	\$50,000	PAF (Wisner)	Community Center improvements
Trojan Den	\$3,000	\$1,500 – PAF \$1,500 – PAF (Wisner)	Purchase lice kits, shoes, snow boots, underwear and supplies that cannot be donated
Trojan Learning Center	\$15,000	\$1,900 – Benson \$13,100 – PAF (Wisner)	purchase playground equipment

Recipients of 2023  
Parkston Area Foundation Educational Assistance Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	School/Area of Interest
Jacqueline Braley	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Criminology
Preston Mattheis	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Animal Science
Reagan Monson	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Advertising
Kaleb Weber	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Business Economics
Wyatt Wuertzer	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Mechanical Engineering
Taryn Lentsch	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund	DSU/Elementary Ed
Reid Leischner	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund (VOTECH)	Lake Area Technical College/Diesel Technology
Kacy Goehring	\$1,000	Parkston Area Foundation	SDSU/Agriculture
Jesse Newton	\$1,000	Parkston Area Foundation	Southeast Technical College/Construction Management