

Recipients of 2024 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
Be-YOU-tiful Strides Running club	\$500	Avera	Offset costs of the club (prizes, advertising, and race day supplies)
Children's Summer Theater	\$500	Benson	Pay for scripts, costumes, props
Ethan-Parkston Softball	\$2,000	Benson	Safety and training equipment
First Circuit CASA	\$1,000	Benson	Office equipment upgrades
Hutchinson County Post 3298 VFW	\$3,500	PAF (Wisner)	Support VFW service projects and promote patriotism
Milltown Cemetery	\$3,000	Benson	Maintain and beautify the cemetery; reset headstones
Parkston Area Development Corporation	\$7,500	PAF	General economic development in Parkston and the surrounding area per discretion of the board.
Parkston PTO	\$10,000	\$5,000 – PAF \$5,000 – PAF (Wisner)	Supplement new playground equipment at school
Parkston Rural Ambulance District	\$4,500	\$4,500 – Avera	Purchase stair chair for second ambulance
Parkston School District – Art department	\$3,000	PAF	Purchase two new pottery wheels

Parkston Youth Baseball and Softball Association	\$4,000	PAF	Concrete and turf for the batting cage near orange field
Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery	\$12,000	PAF (Wisner)	Stone repair; repair/replace broken metal crosses; replace concrete bases and dead trees; re-gravel entry
TNT's Inflatables	\$1,000	PAF (Wisner)	Help fund "Hallmark" Christmas evening for the public
Trojan Den	\$4,000	\$4,000 – PAF (Wisner)	Clothing, hygiene, shoes, coats, food
Trojan Learning Center	\$20,000	\$2,000 – Benson \$9,000 – PAF \$9,000 – PAF (Wisner)	Shade structure for preschool/school-aged playground

Recipients of 2024
Parkston Area Foundation Educational Assistance Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	School/Area of Interest
Evan Bartelt	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/engineering
Avery Bogenreif	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/biochemistry/pre-med
Luke Bormann	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/business economics/accounting
Payton Herrmann	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	Lake Area Technical College/dental assisting
Will Jodozi	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/architecture/construction management/business management
Preston Mattheis	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/animal science
Mariah Maxwell	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	Mount Marty/nursing
London Sudbeck	\$500	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	Mount Marty/biology
Elyssa Bartelt	\$900	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund	SDSU/history education
Gracie Oakley	\$900	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund	SDSU/elementary education
Grace Lindeman	\$900	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund (VOTECH)	Northeast Community College/veterinary technology