



The Vermillion Area Community Foundation was established in 2000 for the sole purpose of creating an endowed fund to build financial resources, that aren't depleted each year and are forever and perpetual, to assist with capital projects that address community needs and that impact and enhance the quality of community life for residents of all ages. The fund has grown to over \$200,000 in the last decade, and the goal is to grow it to over \$1,000,000 in the upcoming years. As an endowed fund through the South Dakota Community Foundation, funds contributed to the Vermillion Area Community Foundation are pooled into a larger fund in order to maximize return on funds invested. At the current level, Vermillion's fund generates proceeds of around \$10,000 annually that are used to fund a variety of community projects. Any 501c3 sponsored organization with a project in mind can apply to the VACF for grant funding at any time throughout the year, and a local board comprised of involved and passionate citizens then makes funding decisions to try to best fulfill community needs and desires with the resources available. Projects funded in the past include:

- Vermillion Police Department – Radios
- City of Vermillion – Prentis Park Playground Equipment
- City of Vermillion – Downtown Streetscape Benches
- Dakota Hospital Foundation – Healing Garden
- Vermillion Area Arts Council – Classroom Renovations
- WH Over Museum – Discovery Room Renovations
- City of Vermillion Sesquicentennial Celebration – Street Banners
- City of Vermillion – EMS – Power Cot
- WH Over Museum – Reconstruct / Move Historical Schoolhouse
- Clay County Park – Playground Equipment
- Vermillion Community Theater / VHS – Audio Equipment
- Vermillion Community Gardens – Tool Shed
- Center For Children & Families – Interior Facility Enhancements
- Vermillion Rotary – Clock for Ratingen Platz
- Coyote Country Rodeo Club – Ticket Booth / Storage Facility
- Vermillion Area Dance Association – Dance Floor
- Vermillion Public Access to Defibrillation / Dakota Hospital Foundation – Automated External Defibrillators for Public Places
- WH Over Museum – Interior Facility Enhancements
- Main Street Center (Senior Center) – “Tomorrow Project” Expansion
- Vermillion Public Library Foundation – Expansion Project
- Vermillion Area Arts Council – Handicapped Restroom

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation has established a “Round Up For Your Community” program, in partnership with the City of Vermillion, that provides residents with an opportunity to make a big difference and to give back to their community for years to come. If you are a city utility user, you can voluntarily sign up to “round up” your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar. The maximum investment in any month would be 99 cents, and in a year, \$11.88. Funds collected by the city through utility billing are remitted back to the VACF to be invested into the permanently endowed fund, and as the fund grows, additional proceeds are available each year for community projects. Contributions to the VACF, as a 501c3 organization, are tax deductible. This program is available for residential and business users.

We hope that you will join us in contributing to this legacy program for Vermillion by “signing up and rounding up for your community.” Thank you!

Respectfully, the Vermillion Area Community Foundation Board of Directors on behalf of our community

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