



Rural Development  
Finance Corporation  
GROWING COMMUNITIES



## 2021 RDFC Grant Program

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) is pleased to announce it has approved a 2021 grant allotment of \$2,000 per member-cooperative to be used to support community owned entities, non-profits and community-based projects. As a member, Polar Communications encourages community projects in our service territory to apply for this funding.

### **Guidelines:**

**Eligible projects:** community owned businesses (café, grocery store, motel, other); community facilities (such as ambulance services, fire districts, recreation, hospital/clinic, community center, etc.); or community-based projects (such as school/youth projects, other) that benefit rural areas.

**Matching funds:** \$4 dollars of other funds to every \$1 of RDFC funds. Please provide matching fund information for verification.

**Maximum/minimum grant amounts:** The minimum grant amount is \$500; the maximum is \$2,000. The limit is \$2,000 per member cooperative for 2021.

**Time frame:** February 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

### **Process:**

Applications and process information can be found on Polar Communications website at [polarcomm.com/resources/#agreements](http://polarcomm.com/resources/#agreements). The application for funds needs to flow through Polar Communications. Once the RDFC Grant Application is received by Polar, it will be reviewed by the board of directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the board votes to recommend the project for the RDFC Grant, the application will then be submitted to the RDFC Board for review. Applicants will be notified when submission information is returned to Polar Communications.

### **Contact Information:**

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# 2021 Grant Application

Those interested in receiving a grant through RDFC need to work directly with their local cooperative.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Mailing Address (include street address, city, state & zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Request from RDFC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Costs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(max. \$2,000 / min. \$500) (\$4 other funds to \$1 RDFC funds – Member assures matching fund minimums are secured)

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Community-owned business or facility (i.e. ambulance, hospital, fire district, recreation, community center, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community-based project (i.e. service group/club; youth/school programs, etc.)

How will the grant funds be used? (Funds are to be used for community betterment and/or economic development projects (i.e.: café, grocery store, motel; ambulance services, fire districts, recreation; school/youth projects, etc.) **Please note that RDFC does not provide funds for medical fundraisers or general operating costs.**

## Funding Sources:

Local Incentive Funds	\$ _____
State Funds	\$ _____
Federal Funds	\$ _____
City	\$ _____
County	\$ _____
RDFC Member Co-op	\$ _____
Bank	\$ _____
RDFC request	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____ (Please list) _____
Total:	\$ _____ (must equal total project costs listed above)

## **RDFC-MEMBER INFORMATION (Utility Cooperative to fill out)**

RDFC Member Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of RDFC Authorized Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit To: Polar Communications, PO Box 270, Park River, ND 58270 or email to [clahaise@polartel.com](mailto:clahaise@polartel.com)