



Rural Development
Finance Corporation
GROWING COMMUNITIES



2022 RDFC Grant Program

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) is pleased to announce it has approved a 2022 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 and lead to community betterment. RDFC does not provide funds for medical fundraisers or general operating costs.

Matching funds: \$4 dollars of other funds to every \$1 of RDFC funds. The member cooperative is responsible for verifying the matching funds. The matching funds DO NOT need to come from the utility cooperative. RDFC will not require documentation.

Maximum/minimum grant amounts: The minimum grant amount is \$500; the maximum is \$2,000. The limit is \$2,000 per member cooperative for 2022.

Time frame: January 27, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Process:

Applications and process information can be found on Polar Communications website at 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.

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2022 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: \$ _____
(max. \$2,000 / min. \$500)

Total Project Costs: \$ _____
(\$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)

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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 clahaise@polartel.com