



## Grant Program Information

### About Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Caring Foundation

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND) Caring Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) charitable organization with a mission of positively bettering the health and well-being of North Dakotans and their communities. Through giving and investing, the Caring Foundation focuses on improving key health issues and works with grantees to support nonprofit sustainability, collaborate on shared outcomes and create lasting change.

### Grant Program Opportunities

BCBSND Caring Foundation believes health and well-being are essential building blocks to personal fulfillment, thriving communities and a strong state. BCBSND Caring Foundation is proud to offer three grant funding programs to qualified organizations to develop programs and initiatives which will positively impact the health and well-being of North Dakotans. These funding opportunities include CaringforKids, CaringforCommunities Programming and Rural Health Provider Partnership Grants.

Select the grant opportunity below that best fits your community or organization’s needs. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to discuss proposal ideas and eligibility with the BCBSND Caring Foundation staff prior to starting a grant application.

CARINGFORKIDS GRANTS	CARINGFORCOMMUNITIES PROGRAMMING GRANTS	RURAL HEALTH PROVIDER PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>CaringforKids Grants support initiatives aimed at preventing childhood obesity and encouraging healthy lifestyles at an early age.</p> <p>A successful grant will incorporate proven, evidenced based approaches and demonstrate how funding will positively impact kids where they live, learn and play.</p>	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>CaringforCommunities Grants recognize that developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a lifelong process and our communities play an integral role.</p> <p>Priority will be given to grants that demonstrate strong collaborations and sustainability, incorporate proven, evidenced based approaches and encourage citizen engagement.</p>	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>BCBSND Caring Foundation partners with the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota, School of Medicine and Health Sciences to provide grant funding for projects that demonstrate collaborative efforts involving rural healthcare providers and local partnerships to support physical activity and wellness across all ages.</p>

### Grant Application Procedure

Applicants must use the appropriate BCBSND Caring Foundation grant application form when applying for funding and may include additional attachments when noted. These applications should be sent via email to [caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com](mailto:caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com).

CaringforKids and CaringforCommunities grant submissions are reviewed and awarded on an ongoing basis. You can expect to receive communication on the status of your grant application within four weeks of submitting your request. Rural Health Provider Partnership Grants are reviewed and awarded once annually. Applications are posted in December.

## Grant Application Frequency

The Foundation receives numerous grant requests and is unable to fund all projects, even though those projects may be well-designed and well-conceived. Applicants may submit one application per category, per year. An applicant is eligible to be the primary applicant in only one category, but can be included as part of a collaboration in a separate category.

## General Instructions for Applying

- Applications contain three parts. Please be sure to complete all parts
- Provide all information in the order listed
- All questions relative to your project request must be completed fully. If any question is not applicable, please give an explanation.

## Grant Restrictions

The Foundation restricts grants for these purposes:

- Grants that do not support our foundation mission of bettering the health and well-being of North Dakotans and their communities
- Grants to individuals for any purpose
- Funding for general operating or indirect costs
- Grants to religious organizations for religious purposes
- Grants to organizations for funds spent outside of North Dakota
- Grants to capital campaigns, endowments or other discretionary funding pools
- Grants for political purposes or lobbying activities
- Organizations outside North Dakota

## BCBSND Caring Foundation reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all funding requests submitted
- Request additional information from any or all respondents
- Conduct discussion with respondents to ensure full understanding of the funding request submitted
- Negotiate modifications to a respondent's proposal prior to final award

## Evaluations and Other Requirements

Organizations receiving funds from BCBSND Caring Foundation are required to complete one mid-project and one final-project evaluation report. Templates will be provided by the Foundation. Future grant eligibility will be impacted if these reports are not returned. Follow-up beyond the actual project is expected.

Organizations receiving funds must also provide a certified statement that the funds received from the Foundation have been used for the purpose intended. This statement, which must be signed by the nonprofit's accounting firm or chief financial officer and must be filed with the Foundation no later than 12 months after the date such funds are awarded.

## **Communications and Social Media Consent and Release**

BCBSND Caring Foundation, its affiliates, employees and members very much appreciate learning more about the communities and organizations who are directly benefiting from the Foundation's funding. If the organization submitting this application is awarded funding they are required to provide photos detailing the progress throughout the grant project. The organization awarded funding consents for BCBSND Caring Foundation to use, publish, republish or exhibit in its work, the photographs or videos received with or without identification of the organizations name or individual's names that are in the photos and can use for any purpose. The organization additionally acknowledges and agrees that BCBSND Caring Foundation may edit photographs or videos as BCBSND Caring Foundation determines fit. The organization also waives any right of inspection or approval of the photographs or videos and its use by BCBSND Caring Foundation.

### **Questions?**

Email [caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com](mailto:caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com).