



Rural Development  
Finance Corporation  
GROWING COMMUNITIES

## 2023 Grant Program

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) is pleased to announce it has approved a 2023 grant allotment of **\$3,000** per member-cooperative, such as Red River Communications, to be used to support community owned entities, non-profits and community-based projects.

### 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. That means the organization needs to fundraise at least \$2,000 to be eligible for a \$500 RDFC grant.

**\*Maximum/minimum grant amounts:** The minimum grant amount is \$500; the maximum is \$3,000.

### Apply

Complete the one-page RDFC grant application. Attach photos, letters, budget, proposals, quotes or any other items to show your project and to document costs.

Be sure the section on the application listing sources of funding either equals the total amount of the project or at least 75%. If it is 75%, include a paragraph on how you plan to raise the additional 25% of funds needed.

- Do list the amount you are requesting from the RDFC grant as funds received as a RDFC member co-op donation.

**Return your completed grant application to Red River Communications by **June 10, 2023.****



by mail: PO Box 136, Abercrombie, ND 58001  
drop off: 510 Broadway in Abercrombie (8 am - 4:30 pm or use outside drop slot on north side of building)  
OR  
522 Dakota Ave, Wahpeton, ND until May 31  
Beyer Insurance Building on the west edge of Wahpeton  
(7925 180th Ave SE, Wahpeton) after June 1

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