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Grants available to enhance or improve the quality of life for resident and/or visitors of the Twin Valley/Gary area

Special emphasis given to beautification for 2024

TWIN VALLEY - The Twin Valley-Gary Area Community Fund and Joseph Urdahl Memorial Fund announce the opening of our 2024 Grant Rounds on September 3, 2024. Grant applications in support of charitable, educational and public purpose projects that will enhance or improve the quality of life for the residents and / or visitors of the Twin Valley-Gary area will be considered.

“This grant money is here to help make this community a better place to live for all walks of life. That could mean park improvements, curriculum or equipment for students, community education or anything beautification related,” said Tracy Christianson, board president of the Twin Valley-Gary Area Community Fund/Joseph Urdahl Memorial Fund. “The options are endless, but the question grant-seekers need to ask themselves is ‘does it improve the quality of life for community members and visitors as well?’,” she added.

The Twin Valley-Gary area is further defined as the area covered by the Norman County East School district, and includes Lake Ida, Wild Rice, Flom, Fossum, Rockwell, Home Lake, and Strand townships.

A single grant maximum of \$10,000.00 will be considered for funding to a grant application. The minimum grant award is \$500.00.

Grants will be considered from any nonprofit organization or public agency whose project addresses one of the following topics: education, economic development, healthcare, environment and recreation, cultural and community service and that benefit the resident of the defined area. This year a special emphasis is being placed on projects that support beautification.

“One of the first things people notice about a community is how it looks, so for this year’s grant round we want to place a special emphasis on projects that either help clean up the community or add to the visual appearance of it,” said Christianson. “We want people to think of our area as a vibrant and thriving community, and beautification plays a big role in that,” she added.

Additional consideration will be given to projects which collaborate with others, provide a long-term impact, and have the ability to use the grant funds within twelve months of the award. A final report must be completed by any previous grant recipient prior to the consideration of a new application.

Applications can be completed online at <https://form.jotform.com/232336102535143>.
Electronic applications are automatically submitted and a clickable link can be found at www.nwmf.org under the open grant rounds tab

Twin Valley-Gary Area Community Fund / Joseph Urdahl Memorial Fund grant applications are due on or before November 1, 2024. Grants will be awarded by December 1, 2024.
For questions about the application, call Karen Bergstrom at 218-584-5266 or 218-368-5113.

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