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## **Farm Credit Announces Latest Grants to Support Western North Dakota Communities**

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**ST. PAUL, Minn., June 25, 2021** — Farm Credit organizations in western North Dakota today announced six grants totaling \$140,640 to worthy programs that will improve lives in local communities through the Rural Community Grant Fund.

The fund was established as a partnership between Farm Credit Services of Mandan and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota – the two largest providers of agricultural loans in western North Dakota – and AgriBank Farm Credit Bank, their St. Paul, Minn.-based funding bank, to help communities impacted by mineral development.

“Farm Credit Services believes the funds awarded in this grant period will continue to build strength and resilience in organizations that provide essential services for our local rural communities,” says Gordon Hanson, CEO – Farm Credit Services of North Dakota.

Grants support critical community needs such as health, safety and emergency services. The latest grants include:

- \$38,000 to Mercer County Ambulance Service for a new ambulance
- \$30,000 to Glenburn Fire Protection District for firefighting gear
- \$25,000 to City of Berthold for a police patrol vehicle
- \$25,000 to Kenmare Police Department for a police patrol vehicle
- \$12,640 to Bakken Oil Rush Thrift Store for laundry equipment
- \$10,000 to Minot Rural Fire Protection District for firefighting gear

The Rural Community Grant Fund is accepting applications for programs that meet the needs of local communities impacted by expanded mineral exploration and production in western North Dakota. Interested parties should apply at [www.AgriBank.com](http://www.AgriBank.com), [www.farmcreditnd.com](http://www.farmcreditnd.com) or [www.farmcreditmandan.com](http://www.farmcreditmandan.com) by October 31, 2021.

### **ABOUT AGRIBANK**

AgriBank is part of the customer-owned, nationwide Farm Credit System. Under Farm Credit's cooperative structure, AgriBank is primarily owned by 14 local Farm Credit Associations, which provide financial products and services to rural communities and agriculture. AgriBank obtains funds and provides funding and financial solutions to those Associations. The AgriBank District covers a 15-state area stretching from Wyoming to Ohio and Minnesota to Arkansas. For more information, please visit [www.AgriBank.com](http://www.AgriBank.com).

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## **ABOUT FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Farm Credit Services of North Dakota is a member-owned agricultural credit association providing loans to farmers and ranchers for real estate, machinery, livestock and operating needs. FCS of ND also offers life and disability and crop insurance to the rural community. FCS of ND serves 17 counties in central and northwest North Dakota through branch offices located in Minot, Bottineau, Carrington, Crosby, Rugby, and Williston, including Bowbells Crop Insurance (Bowbells), and Ward County Crop Insurance (Minot). For more information, visit [www.farmcreditnd.com](http://www.farmcreditnd.com).

## **ABOUT FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF MANDAN**

In addition to operating and real estate loans, Farm Credit Services of Mandan offers agribusiness financing, livestock and equipment loans, leasing services, tax, recordkeeping and payroll services, crop, forage and livestock insurance, life and disability insurance, and a cash patronage program. Farm Credit Services of Mandan is a member-owned agricultural financing cooperative that serves a twenty-county area in southwest North Dakota, with full-time offices in Beulah, Bowman, Carson, Dickinson, Mandan, Mott, Washburn, and Wishek. For more information, visit [www.farmcreditmandan.com](http://www.farmcreditmandan.com).

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