Each year, the FM Area Foundation provides grants to a number of local nonprofits that vary in size, mission, and vision. The one connecting factor is working toward creating a community where everyone thrives. As a community foundation, they address needs throughout Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota, and promote collaborative efforts to improve lives in these areas.

The FM Area Foundation considers grant applications covering a wide range of community needs within five categories, with the following application windows:

- **Arts, Culture & Creativity** - applications accepted Feb. 27-May 3
- **Basic Human Needs** - applications accepted Feb. 27–May 3
- **Community Building** - applications accepted Feb. 27-April 5
- **Education** - applications accepted Feb. 27-April 5
- **Women’s Fund** - applications accepted Feb. 27-April 12

Grant requests from $500 to $10,000 will be considered. Pursuant to the new NDSU policy, F & A costs (overhead costs) will not be charged for foundation proposals at or below $10,000. An NDSU proposal transmittal form (PTF) is required for invited final proposals.

**LIMITED SUBMISSION:** Up to four proposals may be submitted by NDSU per year. This requires that potential applicants must follow the notification process described below so that applications can be coordinated.

### NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Send your notification of interest with no more than a half-page description of your project idea by email to ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu. Include the following:

1. Name the PI(s) with contact information.
2. Select the target category from those mentioned above and described on the website.
3. Identify the target population within the local area of Cass and/or Clay County. Applicants are advised that projects must have a **community** focus (outside of NDSU). Ideas which focus mainly on NDSU will not be considered.
4. Indicate the type of project activities involved and the impact to the local community.

All project ideas will be reviewed by FM Area Foundation, and up to four will be invited to submit final proposals.

### ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

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