



The Qwest Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of customers and the communities we serve. Community service is at the heart of Qwest's heritage. It's more than just caring; it's a commitment to making a difference.

Dedicated to building strong communities, we believe that investing in people, and the communities where they live and work, provides lasting value for the future. Supporting our communities is not only a privilege, but also a responsibility.

The Qwest Foundation awards grants that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs, including K-12 education and economic development. We encourage you to learn more about the Foundation and request funding for your program.

<http://www.uswest.com/about/company/sponsorships/foundation/>

Deadline Reminder

The deadline for Champion and REAP communities to express interest in hosting the 2004 Annual Meeting is October 20, 2003. For more information contact Laura Every, levery@gondtc.com or call 701-438-2660.

Funding Opportunities

Support for K-12 Urban Public Education

[Broad Foundation](#)

The Broad Foundation's mission is to dramatically improve K-12 urban public education through better governance, management and labor relations. The Foundation reviews requests from nonprofit organizations that provide programs that address the Foundation's focus in eligible urban school districts throughout the United States. (A list of eligible districts is available on the Foundation's website.) In addition, the Foundation offers a number of special initiatives to further its mission. Interested applicants may submit a concept paper to the Foundation year round. For more details, please visit the above website.

Grants to Connect Religious Leaders and Religious Academics

[Louisville Institute General Grants Program](#)

The fundamental mission of the Louisville Institute is to enrich the religious life of American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of Christian institutions by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them. The Institute's interests include Protestantism, Catholicism, the historic African-American churches, and the Hispanic religious experience. The General Grant Program supports a limited number of individual and collaborative projects related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute, especially projects that bring pastors and academics together. Letters of inquiry are accepted year-round. For more information, please visit the above website.

Support for Community Education

[Intel Corporate Contributions Program](#)

Intel Corporation is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the communities in the ten states where the company has a major presence. Intel's primary giving focus is education. The company is especially interested in supporting K-12 education, higher education, and community programs that deliver educational opportunities allowing students to prepare themselves to succeed in the 21st century. Programs that advance science, math and technology education, particularly for women and underserved populations, are of special interest. Intel also considers requests for funding for environmental programs and other programs that improve the quality of life in its site communities. Applications are accepted year-round via email. For more information, please visit the above website.

Grants for Wild Land and Wildlife Protection

[Norcross Wildlife Foundation](#)

The Norcross Wildlife Foundation's mission is to support wildlife and wildland conservation efforts that benefit the public welfare. One of the Foundation's main purposes is the protection of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Massachusetts. The Foundation also supports local grassroots organizations in other areas of the U.S. that have difficulty raising the modest funds they need to do their critical work "in the trenches" of environmental conservation. Grants are not made to large regional or national organizations, or endowed colleges and universities. The Foundation also administers the Norcross Land Protection Fund, which offers loans to local grassroots organizations for the purpose of acquiring land for wildlife protection, and the A.V. Stout Fund,

dedicated to supporting research grants for New England wildlife and its habitat as well as improving management techniques. Please visit the above website for more information.

Grants for Kids' Gardening Projects

[National Gardening Association: Grants Program](#)

The National Gardening Association provides various grants to support gardening projects for kids. Nonprofit organizations and schools across the nation with gardening programs for youth between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible to apply. Support is provided for child-centered outdoor gardens, programs that use the garden to teach about nutrition and hunger, and programs that emphasize youth learning and working in a greenhouse environment. Application deadlines vary by program. Visit the above website for more information.

Funds to Abolish the Death Penalty

[Tides Death Penalty Mobilization Fund: Rapid Response Grantmaking](#)

The Tides Death Penalty Mobilization Fund supports efforts that will lead to the abolition of the death penalty in individual states and as a national policy. The Fund's Rapid Response Grantmaking program supports short-term, concrete projects rather than providing general operating support or supporting organizational development. Priority is given to projects at the local, state or national levels that entail collaboration between groups and aim to achieve maximum impact in a short time. Proposals may be submitted via email by the first day of each month. For more information, please visit the website above.

Grants for Research to Improve Depression Treatment

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Depression in Primary Care: Linking Clinical and System Strategies](#)

The Depression in Primary Care: Linking Clinical and System Strategies, a five-year national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, aims to increase the use of effective treatment models for depression in primary care settings. The Value Research Grants component of this program promotes investigations to improve the quality of depression treatment in primary care. Small grants of up to \$100,000 and larger grants of \$100,000 to \$300,000 are available. Researchers or practitioners from managed care organizations, office practices or delivery systems, employers, academic institutions, or research organizations are eligible to apply. The deadline for letters of intent for larger grants is November 3, 2003; the deadline for smaller grants is November 17. This is the final request for proposals for this program. Visit the above website for more information and application procedures.

In Need of News/Updates

I am in need of news to share in my weekly emails and to post on the ndalliancelink.com website. E-mail me at levery@gondtc.com

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- ✓ November 4 CONAC Monthly Mtg, Rugby, ND
- ✓ February 17, 2004 Sirolli Institute Presentation (TBA)
- ✓ Feb 18 & 19, 2003- REAP Annual Meeting, TBA

Upcoming Training Opportunities

October

- 20- SBA Market Research in Mayville
- 21- SBA Against the Odds, Making it & keeping it in Grand Forks
- 21- SBDC Quick Books for Small Businesses Training in Jamestown
- 23- SBA ND/SD Sales Tax & Contractors' Excise Tax Border Issues Workshop in Fargo
- 27- SBDC Marketing: Developing YOUR Firm's Strategies in Mott
- 28- SBDC Working with Quick Books Training in Grand Forks
- 29- SBA Where is all that economic development money? In Lakota

November

- 3- SBA Business Records in Wahpeton
- 3- SBDC Business Structures in Mayville
- 12- SBA Year end tax planning for small business in Grand Forks
- 17- SBA Marketing in Mayville

17 & 18- Procurement Seminar in Minot
18- SBA Learn the ABC's of Collecting & Reporting Sales Tax in ND/MN in Fargo
19- SBA Year end tax planning for small business in Devils Lake
24- SBDC Advertising: exercising control & development strategies in Mott

December

1- SBA You asked for it, more information from Dept of Labor in Wahpeton
4 & 5- SBA Contractors: Selling to the Corps of Engineers in Fargo
15- SBA Homebased Businesses in Mayville
22- SBDC Pricing for Profitability & Strength in Mott

Current and Ongoing Projects

- ✓ NDalliancelink.com maintenance and updating
- ✓ Alliance Link Newsletter (December 2003)
- ✓ Sirolli Institute Demonstration Project
- ✓ ND Leadership Capacity Building in Designated Areas

Links

SBDC <http://www.ndsbdc.org>

E-Commerce Guide <http://sbdnet.utsa.edu/SBIC/e-com.htm>

Biz Pathways <http://nd.bizpathways.org/Bizpathways/Index.aspx>

SBA <http://www.sba.gov>

Fundsnet <http://www.fundsnet services.com/>

Philanthropy News Digest <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/>

The Grantsmanship Center <http://www.tgci.com/>