



BUSH  
FOUNDATION

Vision West Consortium

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# Introductions

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# Today's objectives

Background and info on the Bush Foundation

Recent grantees in North Dakota

Community Innovation Grant Program

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-Bush Prize for Community Innovation awards

# About the Bush Foundation

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Archibald and Edyth Bush

# About the Bush Foundation

## What we do.

We invest in **great ideas** and the **people** who power them in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

## Why we do it.

To inspire and support creative problem solving – **within and across sectors** – to make our region better for everyone.

## How we do it.

Support people and organizations working on **any issue** that is most important to their communities.

Work to advance **specific issues** that are a priority to the Foundation through our strategic initiatives.

# Operating values

## Spread Optimism

We encourage individuals and organizations to think bigger and think differently about what is possible. We are positive and supportive in our internal and external interactions.

## Work Beyond Ourselves

We actively seek opportunities to work in true collaboration with others to have more impact. We are willing to both lead and follow. We candidly share what we learn with others.

## Everybody Matters

We are a champion for both excellence and equity inside and out of the Foundation. We have fair, open and inclusive processes. We work to raise overall quality of life while also closing opportunity and achievement gaps.

## Steward Well.

We demonstrate appreciation for the Foundation's history and thoughtfully build on its legacy. We hold ourselves to high standards of integrity and accountability and conduct ourselves in a way we hope would make our founders proud.

## More Good. Every Year.

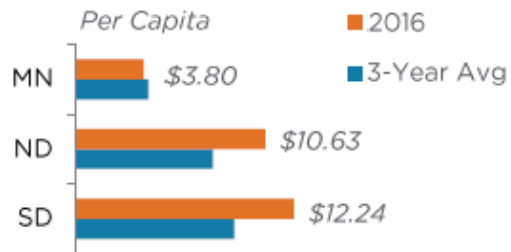
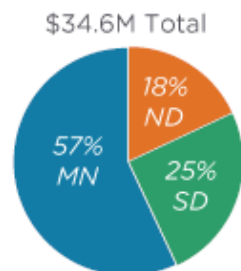
We are a true learning organization and work to be smarter and more effective every year. We never lose sight of the reason we exist: to do the most possible good with the resources left to the community by Archibald G. Bush.



## 2016 Budget Dashboard

### GRANT PAYMENTS

#### By Geography Served (2016)



Payments to support Native Nations totaled \$4.6M, or 13%. This amount is included in the MN/ND/SD amounts above. Per capita this is \$20.29.



## Bush Foundation Funding in North Dakota | 2012-2016

We have given \$17M to individuals and organizations in North Dakota in the past 5 years. That represents 11% of our total giving. (North Dakota represents 10% of the population in our region.)

### Other

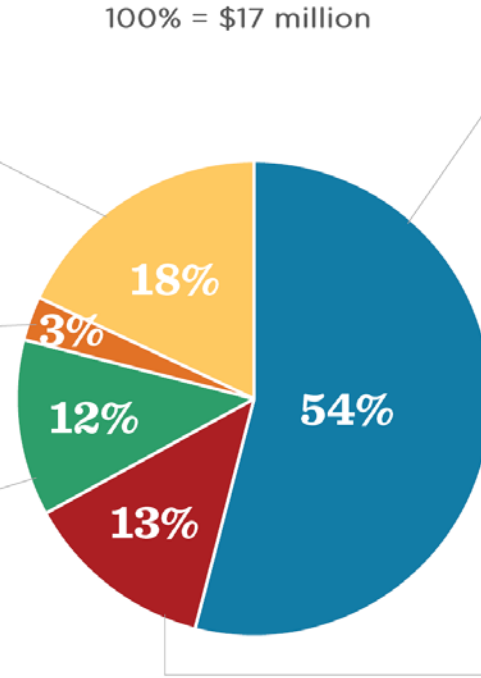
Examples of other recent grants include funds for Giving Hearts Day (\$325K); ND Compass (\$495K); bushCONNECT partners (\$132K); Community Creativity Cohort (\$200K); Event Sponsorships (\$312K).

### Native Nation Building

We have 49 total Rebuilders and have made direct grants to 3 of the 5 tribes that share North Dakota's geography.

### Leadership

We have 6 current Bush Fellows and a total of 212 people from ND have received Bush Fellowships.



### Community Innovation

28 projects have received CI Grants totaling \$4.5M and 9 Bush Prize winners have received a total of \$3M. In partnership with the Consensus Council and the ND Community Foundation we have funded 101 small CI grants totaling more than \$947K.

### Education

Our largest current grant relationships are with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for a Lakota/Dakota Language Institute and to North Dakota State University to support the use of data to inform teacher training.

# Bush Foundation Updates - handouts

Bush Prize

Community Innovation Grants

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Evaluation and Learning

# 2016 Bush Prize Winner- North Dakota!



# North Dakota Bush Prize Winners | 2012-2016

We've awarded 9 North Dakota organizations the Bush Prize, with grants totaling \$3M

*The Bush Prize for Community Innovation honors and supports innovative organizations with a track record of making great ideas happen. Winners receive a package of recognition, including a flexible grant of 25 percent of the organization's last fiscal year budget, up to \$500,000.*



# 2016 Community Innovation Grants- North Dakota!



Accepting applications year-round!

# CI Intermediary Partners



THE CONSENSUS COUNCIL, INC.

# 2017 Bush Fellows!



# New leadership program: Change Network

- Year-long cohort working on inclusivity and diversity training and projects in North Dakota
- Partner conducting the program is National Art Strategies
- Next application period (Cohort 2) is April 1-May 31, 2018



# Event Sponsorships

**We** award grants three times annually, up to \$50,000 to support events that:

- Inspire, equip and connect people to effectively lead change in their communities
- Connect people across sectors, geographies and cultural communities
- Reach an audience that could benefit from the Foundation's grant and fellowship programs

# Event Scholarships

We now offer scholarships for individuals from our region to attend national events and conferences: <http://www.bushfoundation.org/event-scholarships>

## Independent Sector

OCTOBER 25-27, 2017 | DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
Application information coming soon!

# Strategic Initiatives

## How they work.

### Guiding Goal

Each initiative is guided by a specific goal.

### Investments

We use a mix of open and proactive grant processes to invest in people and organizations with potential to help accomplish our goal.

### Finding Investments

We work with issue experts, community members, nations and our Board of Directors to identify and develop investment opportunities.

# Strategic Initiatives: Education

Education is critical to making our region better for everyone. Our education system should help all kids reach their full potential.

We believe this requires a more individualized approach to learning, one that makes education more relevant to all students in terms of:

## WHO THEY ARE

*Create learning environments that welcome and support students from all cultures and backgrounds.*

## HOW THEY LEARN

*Help students learn in a manner and at a pace that meets their individual needs.*

## WHAT THEY WANT TO DO

*Help students imagine a career and provide them with support that is tailored to get them where they want to go.*

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# Strategic Initiatives

## Native Nation Building

Strengthen tribal governance.

### Guiding Goal

Support tribal governance models that inspire other nations working to exercise self-determination for the good of their people.

### Why

A responsive and effective government is essential to achieve significant, sustainable solutions to any nation's challenges.

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Native Governance Center

# Native Nation Rebuilders – Cohort 8

Now operated by Native Governance Center

7 of 25 are also North Dakota residents:

Cheryl Abe

Jared Eagle

Heather Lawrence

Joshua Tweeton

Marlo Hunte-Beaubrun

Jacob Davis

Marlene Schroeder

# Strategic Initiatives

## Social Business Ventures

Help people do good through business.

### Guiding Goal

Make our region the national leader in creating successful business ventures to address social issues.

### Why

Increase the capacity to solve big problems when doing good is part of the bottom line for all sectors of the community.

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# Strategic Initiatives

## Community Creativity

Make art central to problem solving

### Guiding Goal

Make art a central element of problem solving for more issues, in more sectors and in more communities across the region.

### Why

Art can inspire people to think bigger and think differently; it's a vital asset for communities taking on big problems or seize opportunities.

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