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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Macy <b>Last Name:</b> Mack
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 1104 5th Ave NW <b>City:</b> East Grand Forks <b>State:</b> MN <b>Zip:</b> 56721
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	Grand Forks City Budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Hi, I'm Macy Mack. I'm a resident of East Grand Forks. While I don't reside in Grand Forks, I spend most of my free time partaking in art events around town—whether it's going to the Empire or Fire Hall theater for a show, appreciating the art in North Dakota Museum of Art, or learning new art mediums, connecting with other creatives, and building community at Arts for Vets.</p> <p>Please do not cut funding to human needs, arts, and special events. Art helps foster understanding, promotes innovation, increases community well-being, boosts tourism, and helps reduce loneliness and isolation. We need to promote art in this community, not limit it.</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Ted <b>Last Name:</b> Aulich
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 3797 20th Ave So <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1/ 2163 Funding Scenarios
<b>Comments:</b>	I strongly support Scenario 2. Grand Forks today is a great place for kids to grow up, and we need kids to grow into smart, strong, well rounded, creative, and open-minded adults that keep our city vibrant and healthy. Investment in arts, human needs, and BMX biking (and other physical exercise and skill development infrastructure) is critical to our future.



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Olivia <b>Last Name:</b> Lacher
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 901 University Ave apt 309 <b>City:</b> Grand forks, ND, 58203 <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58203
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	Grand Forks budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Dear City Council/Mayor of Grand Forks,</p> <p>I am reaching out to you today about your proposed funding cuts. I have looked at the new distribution and am disappointed to see how few dollars are going to our community. Grand Forks is not only a college town that thrives on events and culture, but a home for many young families that are looking for community. Without programs like Greater Grand Forks and the Arts putting on shows and hosting classes, Grand Forks becomes a very dull place to live.</p> <p>In addition, cutting human needs down to \$0 is comical when I walk along the greenway almost every day and have seen more homeless people struggling to survive. Instead of investing in our people we are more interested in throwing money at the Air Base. All of this shows that your priorities in Grand Forks are not in the interest of its people.</p> <p>Please, I urge you to think about the community you would like for Grand Forks and redistribute your funds.</p> <p>Thank you, Olivia Lacher</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Jacqueline <b>Last Name:</b> Hassett
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 20 Fenton Avenue <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58203
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1 budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>I urge the city council to reinstate the funds for arts and human services to the 2026 budget. To eliminate these funds would disproportionately hurt those nonprofits in our community who have fewer grant options. Its a small amount of money to keep many residents happy. You will get push back on these cuts. I would imagine a deeper dive into how these funds impact our community from both a city income ( attracting people, adding to local business and sales tax) and human impact would make a clear case. The council should make these decisions based on data as voters, who elected you , deserve at least that much. Thank you for your consideration and service.</p> <p>Jackie</p>



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<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> John <b>Last Name:</b> Aulich
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 3797 20th Ave South <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Hello Council President, Members of the Council, and Mayor Bochenski. My name is John Aulich and I am a software developer at the EERC on campus and will be a graduate from the College of Engineering and Mines (UND) in the fall of 2025. I am also a member of Ward 6.</p> <p>First, I am writing to explicitly express my passionate support for fully funding the Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 City Budget, and for at least 10 years into the future (according to Funding Scenario #2, which is a financially viable scenario, unlike some of the others offered.</p> <p>Upon living in Grand Forks all 24 years of my life, I have grown to love and embrace the expanding culture of Grand Forks, much of which heavily relies on community arts. Part of what has kept me here are the live music shows, annual events, special gatherings, and the sense of an expanding vibrant cultural community. To keep the Grand Forks culture and communities thriving, it is necessary that we do not disregard the most foundational pieces of any culture or community: the arts and public support systems. Beyond a humanitarian sense, if the primary objective is to grow the Grand Forks' tax base and generate more revenue from sales tax, deallocated funds from the arts and human needs would serve the opposite purpose. Thus, I strongly suggest you vote in favor of a budget that continues to allocate funding for Human Needs, Arts, and Special Events. Funding Scenario #2 would continue support people who volunteer their time and talents, and, in doing so, generate both monetary and cultural value. I know the people of Grand Forks would be greatly disappointed to lose such a foundational aspect of our community.</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> William <b>Last Name:</b> Wilson
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 4919 Belmont Road <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>I am writing to express my passionate support for fully funding the Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 City Budget, and for at least 10 years into the future (according to Funding Scenario #2. This is a financially viable scenario, unlike some of the others which will be presented tonight)."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to the North Dakota Council on the Arts, "Not only do the arts provide a five-fold return on investment, but we also see the deep value add [that] arts-related activities bring to our communities. For instance, according to the Arts &amp; Economic Prosperity 6 study, attendees to ND arts events spend \$32.50 beyond the cost of admission (per person, per event), providing a direct value add to our local economies."</li> <li>• Also from the ND Council on the Arts, their data shows that of just 8 local arts organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More than 53,000 individuals (or unique visits, likely some overlap here) were engaged through the funded projects, including over 14,000 youth and 2,000 artists.</li> <li>- These programs reached both adults and youth, with several organizations focusing more than half their efforts on arts education — strengthening learning, creativity, and mental wellness.</li> <li>- The organizations leveraged their public funding into millions in total income, including over \$574,000 in in-kind contributions, showing strong community and volunteer support.</li> <li>- Despite receiving relatively modest awards — most less than \$10,000 — these groups were able to generate significant impact, including programs reaching thousands of residents.</li> <li>- NDCA operating support dollars going into the Grand Forks community (last year) total just under \$67,000.</li> <li>- These numbers reflect more than just attendance. They demonstrate that public support for the arts is a multiplier — one that fuels jobs, community engagement, education, and well-being. Cutting funding risks unraveling this ecosystem of connection and creativity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The North Dakota Council on the Arts leverages state funds to ensure that we can stretch each federal dollar – in fact, every \$1 the NEA invests in grants</li> </ul>

leverages \$9 in local and private matches.

- The City of Grand Forks is a key part of this financial support system that enhances Quality of Living in town.

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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Matthew <b>Last Name:</b> Bruflodt
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 1520 Cottonwood Street <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Grand Forks City Council,</p> <p>My name is Matt Bruflodt and I live in Ward 4. I would like to express my fervent support for fully funding the Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 City Budget and for at least 10 years into the future, as is outlined in Alternative Funding Scenario #2 which is the only financially viable scenario that serves the interests of our community.</p> <p>I also support this funding scenario because it includes the Greenway Funding Project, which takes advantage of the Federal Cash Share opportunity that we, as a city, can't afford to leave on the table.</p> <p>Please do not cut the funding to Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs. Please support Alternative Funding Scenario #2, as it best serves the needs of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Matt Bruflodt</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Jesse <b>Last Name:</b> Iverson
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 1104 5th Ave NW <b>City:</b> East Grand Forks <b>State:</b> MN <b>Zip:</b> 56721
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	GF City Budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My name is Jesse Iverson I am writing after hearing it is being considered to eliminate Special events, arts, and human needs funding by the city completely from the upcoming budget. I currently live in East Grand Forks but up until last year I was a resident of Grand Forks and lived here throughout college and decided to remain in this community afterward. What I heard throughout my time in school, and spending time around town was that it was a focus of the city to prioritize getting young people to stay here after school. If that is a priority of the city then this budget is the exact wrong direction to go. If you talk to most anyone in my age range the main complaint they give about Grand Forks is that there isn't anything to do. Events to engage people and foster community are far to few, and far between as it is. To seriously consider cutting funding for those that are here and trying to build exactly the kind of things that will attract people to me is truly unconscionable. This is a common mindset that has befallen not just this city but so many around the country that feels like we are just giving up. That we've decided nothing good can be done anymore and we should be happy that we're at least not fighting for scraps of food on the street. That is a failing soul of a society. Community needs investment, like any good relationship it can't be simply relied upon to provide or else the well will run dry. It is my deep belief that we must fight against this Nihilism. That if we want this community to grow, and be a place that excites and draws people in these investments are absolutely critical. I would even say in their current state they are too small, too short sighted. I love this town and I want to see it succeed, but this is throwing in the towel and I think the people of this town deserve great leadership who wants to see the best possible future and someone willing to invest in a better tomorrow, this city council can be those leaders. Please do not vote to cut this funding.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jesse Iverson</p>

Hello City Council members,

I am writing this letter to share two sentiments: my wholehearted support for Grand Forks' various artistic expenditures, and my extreme dismay that these valuable opportunities may lose their financial support. Grand Forks has had a strong investment in the arts since I moved here as a child, 20 years ago now. This investment has yielded untold returns. It saddens me that the arts culture our community so values could disappear.

Arts opportunities create a better community. They bring people together, and foster a sense of involvement and engagement with our neighbors. They improve self-confidence and academic performance in children. They lessen delinquency in teens. They provide a healthy, sober alternative for young adults, and give older adults a chance to meet friends and pass on knowledge to younger generations. All of these statements are supported by a body of scientific research.

Beyond these stated benefits, the arts make Grand Forks a better place to live. They imbue our community with an immeasurable spirit. People here care. The arts is a part of that. The ~~amount~~ amount of money provided by the city may seem high, but the return on that investment so tremendously outweighs anything else it could be spent on. Except human services that is, which are also being cut.

I hope this letter inspires you to consider the full impact cutting arts funding would have on our city. Do you really want to live in a city with no art?

 Lucas Nelson



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Jackson <b>Last Name:</b> Harper
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 500 DeMers Ave Unit 317 <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>I would like to express my concern regarding the city budget proposal. The decision to cut funding for human needs and the arts seems like it will prove disadvantageous in the long run. I have heard from the North Dakota Council of the arts that their typical programs have about a five-fold return on investment. Continuing this funding seems to be an efficient way to improve our city.</p> <p>I volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and while we do not receive any human needs funding, we work with organizations that do. It's already hard to find support for the people who come to us in need, and I can't imagine what further cuts would do these programs. Our contacts in other churches do good work, but we cannot provide aid alone.</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Sebastien <b>Last Name:</b> Reese
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 100 North 3rd St <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	Grand Fork City Budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>As someone who has worked in tourism in North Dakota and currently at the University of North Dakota. I have served as an advocate for things to do in Grand Forks and the community opportunities. By removing funding from the arts, events and community development we are irreversibly damaging our community both economically and humanitarianly. There is no logic to this decision to cut any of these programs to zero. Look at any urban development study and there is countless evidence for arts, events, and humanitarian needs bolstering communities. As a representative of North Dakota and Grand Forks I always try and pitch our community and encourage people to explore our many great opportunities that have personally improved my standard of living. By removing these investments into our citizens for some non existent museum already with adequate funding might I add, further police spending in a very safe community, and more car infrastructure you are destroying the appeal of Grand Forks. As a young adult as well I constantly hear many of my friends and peere lament leaving here due to lack of things to do, but having introduced many of these same friends to these community events many of us have been able to establish a fulfilling life in Grand Forks. If you remove this funding UND and Grand Forks will simply become a revolving door for individuals to get their degrees and leave rather than the economic and community boost young students should be.</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Brad <b>Last Name:</b> Gibbens
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 2291 S. 36th Street <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Dear Council President, Council Members, and Mayor:</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on our city budget. I have dealt with many budgets in my work at UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (now retired); thus, I appreciate your work. It is never easy and will be harder due to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) is implemented over the years, particularly when the Medicaid cuts become effective after the 2026 election.</p> <p>Nevertheless, my concerns relate to 5.1 and the proposed cuts to what I view as essential public services (e.g. Human Needs and the Arts). It actually makes sense that these are grouped together because while different than public safety and physical infrastructure they do comprise human infrastructure, which is as important to a community as is the physical aspect. They make us a city where people want to live, especially the younger population that we want to recruit and retain. How a city treats its residents defines the nature of that city. We want to live in a city that values humanity -both how we relate to each other and the beauty and entertainment found in the art and humanities.</p> <p>I belong to a local church that is very committed to how we treat each other. My minister recently told the Council that Family of God Church: ELCA and UCC contributed \$42,000 to human needs in 2024. We work with social workers who put in a request for our Community Fund that helps with housing, medicine, medical and dental, transportation, and food. I am Church Council President, so I am aware of our commitment. We are a small and aging church as are many. We will likely never surpass what we did last year, and it is more likely that year by year our ability to respond will decline. That is because older members pass on. And even though we pick up a few younger people they do not have the financial resources to off-set the loss. Nevertheless, we will continue to do what we see as Christ's teachings. A message in this is it is unrealistic to assume that private sources (e.g., churches and philanthropy) will offset public cuts. They are all already being overwhelmed with requests. This will increase as the OBBBA takes full effect and cuts Medicaid, ACA Marketplace, SNAP, weatherization, fuel assistance, veteran and disability services, and more. There will simply more in</p>

need - more homeless, more hungry, more without security. This is simply the wrong time for a city to cut its commitment to human infrastructure. The private sector simply cannot replace the public sector. It requires both to work together, augmenting each other. I believe in "skin in the game" and that is why I strongly support private initiatives such as the faith community being engaged in community development such as human needs. However, it is not large enough to replace the public sector.

Thus, for your options, as I read them, I would recommend Alternative 2. This will maintain human needs and arts funding for numerous years. Again, the pressures against our sense of humanity are increasing and we need to pull together as a city. I really encourage you to start researching the implications of the federal Continuing Resolution, the OBBBA and developing our community plan. I have worked with federal health policy for most of my career (and actually still do as a Board member of the ND Rural Health Association where I chair our Policy Committee). Policy is not static; we are hopeful that before the real dire consequences of this Act strike that corrective action will be implemented. However, we need to be prepared.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views. We have a good city government which includes our city workers,

Brad Gibbens

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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Grant <b>Last Name:</b> McMillan
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 324 1/2 kittson ave apt. A8 <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1 Budget
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Hello city council members. I am writing to express my support for fully funding the Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 City Budget, and for at least 10 years into the future, as proposed in Scenario #2 in the budget scenarios presented tonight, 8/4.</p> <p>A city is its culture. When I moved to Grand Forks in 2020, I had no intention of remaining here for this long. Because of my experience living in and around the downtown area over the past five years, I've come to love this city deeply. There is a vibrancy to our city center that has everything to do with public art and special events (which are, to be clear, human needs in their own right).</p> <p>I have, over the last five years, I have taught many English classes at UND. One of my courses is themed around civic engagement. When we discuss Grand Forks, I ask them what it would take for them to make a life here. Again and again, year after year, I have encountered students who want to live in places with walkable zones that rich in culture and host a wide variety of engaging events.</p> <p>Any proposed budget that aims to cut human needs, arts, and events--which, to be clear, receive a pittance compared to other budgeted items--operates on a drastically misguided short-term basis. These areas of economic development are investments that make our town better for current residents and entice the next generation of residents to stay.</p> <p>Each of these items is a public good that must be viewed in the same way that we view our other public services. To cut funding completely is to implicitly say that these services must operate like private businesses which is, again, a fundamental misunderstanding of what human needs, arts, and special events are. It also ignores the labor and economic impact that folks in these areas have on our town. Let's be clear, cutting these funds to zero would beginning the death process of our town's culture at the root. Likewise, dangling funding out for these organizations on a year-to-year basis would burden them with a recurring political battle that would slowly crush their ability to build up our town.</p>

A city is its culture. We should consider ourselves lucky to have so many laborers turning the small amount of funds they receive into the cultural foundation of Grand Forks today.

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Submitted On:

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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Alexia <b>Last Name:</b> Langowski
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 3797 20th Ave S <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Greetings Council President, Members of the Council, and Mayor Bochenski. My name is Alexia Langowski. I am 24 years old, a UND graduate, and I currently work as an academic advisor for the College of Engineering and Mines at the University of North Dakota. I am writing to express my passionate support for fully funding the Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts programs in the 2026 City Budget, along with continued funding for at least 10 years in the future (as proposed in Funding Scenario #2, which is a financially viable scenario, unlike some of the others which will be presented). Currently, I am a resident in Ward 6 and I have made myself a part of communities all around town. Having been in Grand Forks for nearly 6 years, I have grown accustomed to enjoying the culture and beauty in annual events, art shows, live music, and opportunities to volunteer and connect with people who care deeply about making Grand Forks a safe and inviting place to live.</p> <p>I have seen so many of my friends leave because they say that there's nothing to do here, and I would have agreed with them until I actually started taking advantage of events like the Farmer's Market downtown, theater shows at the Firehall, and ArtFest. It has been through these events that I have met people who volunteer for arts programs and run organizations that support the people who need it most in our community. That being said, I cannot stand to watch our city reallocate our tax dollars away from Arts, Special Events, and Human Needs. In an economic and humanitarian sense, the grants given on behalf of fund 2163 are the most important investment in this community. If you want to continue growing your tax base and generating more revenue from sales tax, I strongly suggest you vote in favor of a budget that continues to allocate funding for Human Needs, Arts, and Special Events. This funding supports people who volunteer their time and talents, and, in doing so, generate both monetary and cultural value. Funding Scenario #2 is what this city needs to continue growing and thriving in the eyes of people like me.</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Daniel <b>Last Name:</b> Two Crow
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 116 S. 3rd St. Apt 307 <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Greetings Council President, Members of the Council, and Mayor Bocheniski,</p> <p>My name is Daniel Two Crow, and I am a resident of Ward 3. I am concerned about the removal of funding for Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 city budget. This removal is concerning on both economic and human levels.</p> <p>According to the North Dakota Council on the Arts, "Not only do the arts provide a five-fold return on investment, but we also see the deep value add [that] arts-related activities bring to our communities. For instance, according to the Arts &amp; Economic Prosperity 6 study, attendees to ND arts events spend \$32.50 beyond the cost of admission (per person, per event), providing a direct value add to our local economies." Removing arts funding ultimately loses money for our city, and will harm small businesses and organizations.</p> <p>On a human level, these programs help the residents of the city, and contribute to the cultural life of our city. They form community, drive engagement, and improve quality of life in Grand Forks-driving better mental and physical health outcomes. Higher quality of life also draws new residents to our town, and keeps existing residents here.</p> <p>With these facts in mind, I would like to express my support for Alternative 2163 Scenario #2. This budget proposal, which continues funding for Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs, will provide the best outcomes for the residents of Grand Forks, and for our economy.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Daniel Two Crow</p>



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<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Name:</b> Madeleine <b>Last Name:</b> Two Crow
<b>Full Address</b>	<b>Street Address:</b> 116 S. 3rd St. Apt 307 <b>City:</b> Grand Forks <b>State:</b> ND <b>Zip:</b> 58201
<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	5.1
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Greetings Council President, Members of the Council, and Mayor Bocheniski,</p> <p>My name is Madeleine Two Crow, and I am a resident of Ward 3. I am concerned about the removal of funding for Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs in the 2026 city budget. This removal is concerning on both economic and human levels.</p> <p>According to the North Dakota Council on the Arts, "Not only do the arts provide a five-fold return on investment, but we also see the deep value add [that] arts-related activities bring to our communities. For instance, according to the Arts &amp; Economic Prosperity 6 study, attendees to ND arts events spend \$32.50 beyond the cost of admission (per person, per event), providing a direct value add to our local economies." Removing arts funding ultimately loses money for our city, and will harm small businesses and organizations.</p> <p>On a human level, these programs help the residents of the city, and contribute to the cultural life of our city. They form community, drive engagement, and improve quality of life in Grand Forks-driving better mental and physical health outcomes. Higher quality of life also draws new residents to our town, and keeps existing residents here.</p> <p>With these facts in mind, I would like to express my support for Alternative 2163 Scenario #2. This budget proposal, which continues funding for Human Needs, Special Events, and Arts ReGrant programs, will provide the best outcomes for the residents of Grand Forks, and for our economy.</p> <p>Sincerely, Madeleine Two Crow</p>

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**Subject:** Grand Forks Leadership and Council Let them eat cake. Palantir

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/news/grand-forks-mission-food-pantry-to-temporarily-close-aug-8-due-to-high-use-fewer-donations>

<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/grand-forks-nd> 16.5%  
Poverty. Has the council ever taken time to look at real data besides the show and tell of the City leadership and those looking like the property developers looking for property tax handouts?

Greetings, Grand Forks City Leadership

Grand Forks leadership has given millions of unneeded PILOTS for apartment complexes, along with spending on nice-to-have projects (Altru complex, Children's museum, BMX Track), while not only underfunding but also deleting all funding from the Mission Community Food Shelf.

Unbelievable and Embarrassing. Convince me otherwise, there are two better words to describe the GF City leadership and Council as it relates to looking out for the poverty end of the community!

Grand Forks would be served to establish the following: a task force to address waste, fraud, and prioritize the needs of Grand Forks, in collaboration with Donald Trump and the North Dakota Legislature.

<https://www.kfyrtv.com/2025/08/01/nd-doge-task-force-meets-first-time/>

Call me, I, along with 50-plus residents, am more willing to help!

Wait, I have an Idea, let's have a community Meeting to look at the root causes of poverty in Grand Forks County and proven solutions to solve them?

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Tell me again about what your focus was at the North Dakota Legislature.  
Grand Forks County, ND, outside the reservation counties, has the highest poverty rate!

What have you done to make Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the United States a better place than yesterday?

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