

2025 Community Services Grant Annual Report

The purpose of the CSG Program is to provide funding to agencies that serve the human needs of Grand Forks, particularly its low-income populations, and enhance the quality of life for Grand Forks residents. The program was established in 2019 as a means to supplement, then supplant, shrinking CDBG Public Service (operating) funds. The CSG funds are allocated from the Human Needs line item of the City's 2163 Economic Development fund.

In 2025, City Council approved a total of \$159,135 in CSG grant awards to 5 non-profit organizations. Awarded agencies were recommended by the Community Advisory Committee and approved by City Council who prioritized the need to address homelessness and homelessness prevention in the community.

Across all awarded agencies, **1,282 low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons were assisted**. Details regarding each awarded agency's programs & accomplishments are detailed below.

CSG Grant Awards Completed in 2025:

- **St. Joseph's Social Care (\$47,500):** Emergency assistance to prevent homelessness, including repayment of delinquent rent, providing portion of 1st month's rent.
 - o 147 LMI persons assisted.
- **Northlands Rescue Mission (\$40,000):** Operating funds to provide emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - o 581 LMI persons assisted.
 - o 291 individuals were placed in secure housing upon exit.
- **United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and Area (\$36,500):** Start-up and operating funding for an emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Funding included \$23,500 of reprogrammed 2023 CSG funds and \$13,000 of carryover funding from fund 2163.
 - o 79 LMI persons (23 families) assisted.
 - o Grant start date of November 1, 2024, with completion date of December 31, 2025.

- Grant served as community match that unlocked two grants from the Bank of North Dakota (BND) totaling \$67,755.64. The BND grants buy-down the interest on the mortgage payments for the shelter properties. BND and CSG grant funding assisted in getting the project across the finish line on a tight timeline.
- **United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and Area (\$34,000):** Operating funds for an emergency family shelter for families experiencing homelessness.
 - 79 LMI persons (23 families) assisted.
 - These are the same beneficiaries as the grant above since both grants were utilized for operations of the emergency family shelter.
 - Allocated by 2025 annual allocation process with a grant term of 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025.
- **Spectra Health (\$27,635):** Personnel funding for social work FTE to assist clients with housing navigation.
 - 330 LMI persons assisted.
- **Homeless Helpers (\$10,000):** Operating funds to provide temporary emergency shelter, food, and other assistance to homeless individuals and families.
 - 145 LMI persons assisted from 1/1/2025 to 6/30/2025.
 - 138 nights of shelter provided to individuals and 38 nights of shelter provided to families from 1/1/2025 to 6/30/2025.