

WELCOME TO OUR
**MONTHLY NON-PROFITS
NEWSLETTER**

STRENGTHENING YOUR NON-PROFIT: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Disaster preparedness is crucial for non-profits to maintain services during emergencies. This article offers simple steps to protect your team and those you serve, ensuring readiness in unpredictable times.

1. **Workplace:** Could you function and do business if your physical location was inaccessible or destroyed? Think about what plans or equipment you would need to continue your work. Plan for operations if your location is inaccessible. Consider creating an emergency evacuation plan from your office, securing backup locations, and acquiring secure entry methods for law enforcement such as a keypad.
2. **Communication:** Ensure you have backup communication systems like Zoom or alternate phone lines. Prepare a press release template and contact lists for staff to communicate with your stakeholders. Include information about ways to contact you.
3. **Records:** Store important documents, passwords, and bylaws securely, either on backup drives or in the cloud. Make sure it is accessible to key people.
4. **Partnerships:** This could be an agreement to use the workspace of a local partner in the case yours becomes inaccessible. Inform key partners in your community in the case you are unable to continue operating during the time of transition.
5. **Assess Technology:** Ensure your systems can operate remotely and that you have portable devices like laptops for your team. Budget for any necessary upgrades.

By following these steps, your non-profit can continue to support your community, even in challenging times. Stay proactive and prepared to make a difference when it matters most.

CHANGES TO WACF GRANT ROUNDS

Starting this fall, the grant cycles will shift focus areas to better address community needs. This change aims to ensure that funding is directed towards the most impactful and relevant projects. **Visit our website for more details.** Changes are as follows:

Fall Cycle: **Community Impact**

Community Innovations - Projects that creatively tackle some of our community's most urgent needs, even if they don't perfectly align with a designated priority area.
Increasing Community Connections and Welcoming Diverse Populations
Supporting Productive Aging
Capital Projects of Physical Infrastructure
Difference Maker Grants (between \$20,000-\$50,000) by invitation only for strategic, community-wide impact projects involving more than one organization or agency in Kandiyohi County. Contact WACF Executive Director, Sara Carlson, to present your project!

building blocks



- 1 STABLE FAMILY AND PARENTING
- 2 HIGH QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
- 3 ENGAGEMENT IN THE K-12 YEARS
- 4 SAFE AND CARING COMMUNITIES
- 5 CAREER 'ON-RAMPS' FOR SUCCESS

Spring Cycle: **Opportunity Gap**

Career on-ramps
Engagement in the K-12 Years
High Quality Early Childhood Education
Addressing the Achievement Gap for our Youth
Stable Family and Parenting

THE PROJECTS FOR THE SPRING GRANT CYCLE MUST DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE OPPORTUNITY GAP AND FOCUS ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN KANDIYOHI COUNTY.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2024

October 29, 2024 : Bridge Builders 12PM-1:30PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROPEL NONPROFITS AND THE SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

DATE CHANGE- October 30, 2024: Registrations open now! Limited to 45 attendees.

Training Sessions are as follows:

- **Fundamentals of Non-profit Board Governance, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m**
- **Fundamentals of Non-profit Finance, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**BRIDGE BUILDERS
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