



The Community Challenge serves as a platform to empower our county to bring their dreams to reality. By enabling fellow community members to create an event or project to better Bowman County we are able to enhance our quality of life and give our residents a way to bring to life what they want in their community.

ELIGIBILITY & RULES

1. We are looking for community champions to enhance the quality of life in Bowman County through a community event or project.
2. Individuals, businesses, and non profits from all cities (Bowman, Scranton, Rhame, and Gascoyne) in Bowman County are eligible. Projects and events must be completed/take place within Bowman County unless specific reasons are made and approved by Community Challenge committee.
3. If tickets are sold, the event must be hosted in Bowman County for two additional years to ensure prize money is used for an event and not for profit.
4. Cannot be for business gain, such as advertising and promotion, or for personal profit. Income from an event may only be used as seed money for the future of the event.
5. Municipal properties are not eligible unless pre-approved by the appropriate boards and committees.
6. Anyone 17 years or younger may apply, but must have a team member 18 years or older willing to assume responsibility.
7. Must provide letter or verification of approval if needed for property, facility, etc. with application.
8. Project must play a role in enhancing the visitor experience in Bowman County.

PHASE, SCOPE, & TYPES OF PROJECTS

1. Individuals or teams may enter only once. A member of a team is not eligible to register as an individual with a separate event or project. Every registered team must have an appointed team leader.
2. Previous applicants and winners are eligible to participate in future Community Challenges.
 - i. Applicants are able to resubmit a previous project or event that has not yet been funded.
 - ii. Winners are able to submit a new idea but not eligible for an expansion on their previous winning project or event unless pre-approved by Community Challenge committee.
3. A panel of judges will narrow down the applicants to the final projects using a scoring system. Bowman County will choose the winner of the challenge through public voting on the final projects.
 - i. Voters are limited to one vote per day during the open voting period.
 - ii. The number of participants moving to public voting is at the discretion of the judging panel.

- iii. In the event that only one application is submitted, public voting will not occur and the award may or may not be awarded at the discretion of the Community Challenge committee and judges.
4. Applicant must adhere to Community Challenge timeline for project completion. Extra measures are in place for projects that exceed the \$10,000 budget.
 - i. If project exceeds the \$10,000 prize money and additional funding is required, winner must prove forward progress by September 1, 2024 or the winner must forfeit the prize. It will be at the Community Challenge committee's discretion whether or not to award the runner up.
 - ii. Project or event must be completed within one year of award. Extensions must be pre-approved by Bowman County Development Corporation's (BCDC) board of directors.
5. If the winning project is under \$10,000, it is at the discretion of the Community Challenge committee whether or not to award another project(s) up to \$10,000 total across all projects.
6. Fifty percent of total pitch budget will be awarded upon project/event start date. When all expenditures have reached that dollar amount, receipts for the project/event must be turned in to BCDC. From that point forward, \$1,000 increments will be disbursed until funding award is reached.
7. A follow up report must be submitted to BCDC upon completion of project/event.
8. If any changes occur to the awarded project that alter the plan submitted and approved, an updated scope of work must be submitted for approval. BCDC board of directors reserves the right to approve or deny any changes. If changes are denied, BCDC board of directors reserves the right to request all funding be returned.
9. Community Challenge recipient must use appropriate signage to denote the grant award. Recipient will work with BCDC to fulfill this requirement, but it is at the expense of the recipient.

FORMAT

1. The application deadline is March 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm MST. Applications may be mailed to Bowman County Development Corporation, P.O. Box 1143, Bowman, ND 58623, delivered to 13 E Divide, Bowman, ND, or emailed to brooklyn@bowmannd.com.
2. Participants are required to meet with judges in person to answer questions prior to selecting the finalists March 26 - 29, 2024.
3. Finalists will be selected by a judging panel. All applicants will be notified of their standing in the competition by March 29, 2024.
4. The final projects will be open to the public to vote. Voting will open April 15, 2024, and close April 29, 2024.
5. In the event that only one project is submitted and public voting does not occur, a modified timeline will be utilized.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The Judges will assess all applications based on a scoring system with the following criteria:

1. Content – Is the presentation put together well with supporting facts and an easy flow to follow?
2. Creativity – Is idea different than other projects/events currently in Bowman County?
3. Impact – Will the project/event make a positive and lasting impact?
4. Completeness – Has adequate information been given showing all complexities are covered?
5. Inclusivity – Will the project/event be for the majority of the county?
6. Feasibility – Will the project/event be sustainable?
7. Visitor Experience – Does the project/event enhance the visitor experience?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any supplies, equipment, etc., purchased for your project or event may not be sold for three years after your award. If less than three years, supplies, equipment, etc. must be donated to anyone willing to take over the project/event or forfeited to BCDC.

If there are no qualifying projects/events prize will not be awarded and public voting will not occur.

By submitting an application, you represent and warrant to the Community Challenge that you have all right, title and/or interest in the plan submitted and the information it contains is accurate and complete, and that by submitting the document to the challenge you are not and will not be violating any contract or third party rights including any patent, copyright, trade secret, proprietary or confidential information, trademark, publicity or privacy right.

BCDC reserves the right to request additional information as needed.

The judging panel reserves the right to disqualify any entry that in its judgment violates the guidelines, processes, or rules of the challenge.

BCDC will have final authority to approve, disapprove, or make changes as necessary.

BCDC reserves the right to use Community Challenge projects and events in promotional materials. Community Challenge recipient must allow a full media release to BCDC including but not limited to interviews, videos, and photos.

DISCLAIMER

Bowman County Development Corporation will not be responsible to accomplish or continue any project or event started in result of the Community Challenge. It is the responsibility of the winning group or individual to create and sustain the event or project.

By signing below I indicate that I have read, understand, and agree with the entirety of Bowman County Development Corporation’s Community Challenge’s eligibility and rules document.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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