

Bowman County
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2025

CHARITABLE GAMING IMPACT REPORT

Keeping Gaming Dollars Local, for Bowman County's Future



Charitable Gaming

Why It Exists and How It Works

Charitable gaming has been part of Bowman County Development Corporation for more than 30 years. From the early days of paper pull-tabs and bingo to today, the purpose has remained simple: **to keep gaming dollars local and reinvest them back into Bowman County.**

The Work Behind the Scenes

Running charitable gaming is a seven-day-a-week operation that requires ongoing oversight, coordination, and compliance.

GAMING RUNNER

Manages day-to-day operations, ensures machines are functioning properly, and responds to service needs.

GAMING SUPERVISOR

Oversees financial tracking, reporting, and compliance requirements tied to charitable gaming.

BACKUP STAFF

Additional trained staff provide coverage, support operations, and ensure continuity.

BINGO STAFF

Operate weekly bingo games, continuing one of Bowman County's longest-standing gaming traditions.

This structure ensures gaming is managed responsibly, consistently, and with clear accountability.

How the Dollars Flow

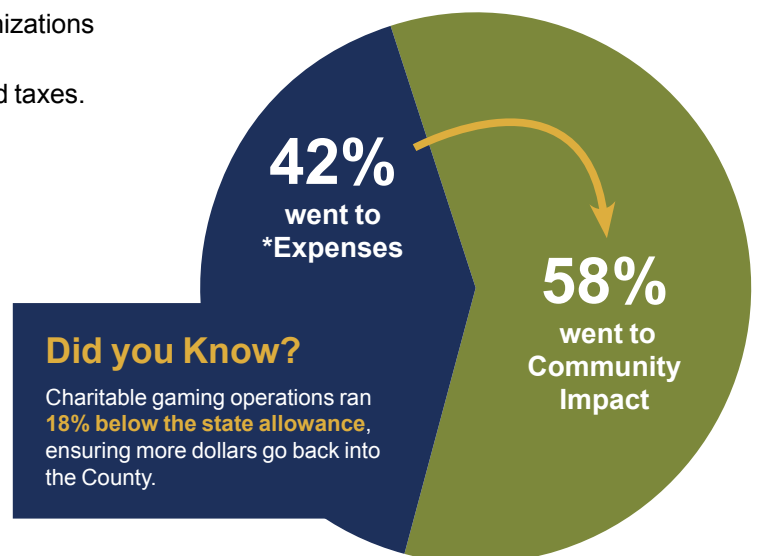
Under North Dakota charitable gaming requirements, organizations must carefully track allowable gaming expenses, including distributor fees, rent to licensed establishments, wages, and taxes.

In 2025, BCDC's operating costs represented **42%, well below the 60% allowance**. Operating below the allowable threshold ensures that a greater share of gaming proceeds can be reinvested directly back into Bowman County.

The remaining funds were distributed locally through:

- **Community partners**
- **Play It Forward grants**
- **Community and capital projects**
- **Program delivery and local initiatives**

Every dollar BCDC receives from charitable gaming is tracked, managed locally, and used for the benefit of Bowman County.



*These are the costs required to operate gaming—not BCDC's program funding.



Built for Transparency

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Bowman County Development Corporation tracks charitable gaming proceeds through its Community Builders Account, providing a clear view of how funds are received, managed, and reinvested locally.

This provides a clear and transparent view of how funds support:

- Community partners
- Play It Forward grants
- Capital and community projects
- Ongoing local initiatives

Each dollar is connected to real projects, real partnerships, and real outcomes across Bowman County.

Program Delivery



Doing the Work

A portion of charitable gaming proceeds supports the hands-on work it takes to deliver projects and programs across Bowman County.

This is the heart of charitable gaming at BCDC: a long-term commitment to stewardship, transparency, and reinvesting in Bowman County.



Play It Forward

Built by the Community, for the Community



The Play It Forward Fund was created to ensure charitable gaming dollars are reinvested directly into projects that strengthen Bowman County.

Through two funding rounds in 2025, local organizations applied for support for projects that improve quality of life, strengthen community spaces, support youth and seniors, and enhance public safety.

Unlike traditional grant programs, Play It Forward is designed to remain flexible and community-driven, allowing local organizations to identify real needs and bring forward projects that make a visible difference close to home.

Every application is reviewed by a committee made up of BCDC board members and community representatives, ensuring funding decisions reflect priorities across Bowman County.

2025 Play It Forward Impact

\$100,000 AWARDED LOCALLY

Supporting projects across Bowman County

18 ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED

Across Spring and Winter 2025 funding rounds

PROJECTS SUPPORTED

- Youth recreation and athletics
- Emergency services and public safety
- Childcare and family support
- Senior services
- Community events and gathering spaces
- Arts, recreation, and tourism
- Food access and quality-of-life improvements

Why Play It Forward Matters

- Play It Forward allows charitable gaming dollars to remain responsive to community needs.
- Some projects are large. Others are small. But together, they represent the everyday improvements that help keep rural communities strong, from replacing firefighting gear and improving childcare spaces to supporting youth activities and senior meal programs.
- Every funded project reflects local initiative, local leadership, and local impact.

Throughout the county, these projects reflect the strength of local organizations working to improve the community every day.



Spring 2025 Awards

Organization	Project Supported	Amount (USD)
All Seasons Arena	LED lighting upgrade	\$6,000
Tot Lot Childcare	Health & safety flooring improvements	\$5,000
Dakota Territory Car Club	Annual community car show	\$2,000
Bowman Fire Department	Replacement turnout gear	\$10,000
The Giving Tree	Facility window and door replacement	\$2,500
Bowman Regional Public Library	Messtival youth event	\$4,500
Meowsers Cat Rescue	New shelter construction	\$5,000
Sodbusters Club	Flooring improvements for senior gathering space	\$9,000
Bowman Parks & Recreation	Summer youth dance camp	\$3,000
Southwest Healthcare Services	Ambulance purchase support	\$3,000

Winter 2025 Awards

Organization	Project Supported	Amount (USD)
Bowman Parks & Recreation	Basketball uniforms & football game-day jerseys	\$9,400
Bowman County Fair Association	4 Seasons Facility concrete floor restoration	\$5,000
Bowman Fire Department	Replacement turnout gear	\$10,000
Bowman Ambulance Services	Youth safety & preparedness education supplies	\$2,785
Bowman County Booster Club	School scoreboard replacement	\$10,000
Sweetwater Golf Club	Community golf clubs & push carts	\$3,000
Kruger's Kitchen	Free food pantry in Rhame	\$3,765
Council on Aging	Mom's Meals senior meal program	\$6,050

"Some projects are small, some are large, but each one reflects people working to make Bowman County stronger." - Executive Director Teran Doerr

2025 Charitable Gaming Impact Recap

Every Dollar Tracked. Every Impact Visible.

Bowman County Development Corporation administers charitable gaming across Bowman County through a structure designed to ensure strong oversight, full compliance with state law, and efficient local reinvestment. This approach allows community organizations and projects to benefit from charitable gaming dollars while ensuring operations are managed responsibly and consistently.

How the Dollars Flow



In 2025, 42% of charitable gaming revenues were used for the regulated costs required to operate gaming, including distributor fees, rent to licensed establishments, gaming staff wages, and taxes. The remaining 58% was reinvested directly into local organizations, projects, partnerships, and community initiatives across Bowman County.

Where the Dollars Went

Recipient / Partner	Purpose / Agreement	Amount (USD)
Pioneer Trails Regional Museum	Evergreen charitable agreement	\$129,351
Rhame Volunteer Fire Department	Long-standing agreement (40% of site net)	\$64,361
Bowman American Legion	Annual community support	\$2,500
Play It Forward Fund	Community grant program supporting local projects	\$100,000
Community & Capital Investments	Local projects supporting community spaces, recreation, public safety, and quality of life	\$163,538
Community Partnerships	Chamber collaboration, SBDC advising, and community initiatives	\$27,500
BCDC Project Delivery	Staff and resources to manage projects, grants, and community initiatives	\$97,013
Total Distributed		\$584,263

All charitable gaming proceeds stay within Bowman County, supporting local programs, projects, and partnerships.

Accountability & Transparency

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, BCDC ensures every charitable gaming dollar is tracked, reinvested locally, and used to deliver visible results.

All proceeds received by BCDC are deposited into the **Community Builders Account**, where funds are tracked and reported to show how they are invested in projects that strengthen Bowman County’s economy and quality of life.

Full reports and financial detail are available at bowmannd.com/economic-development

What Those Dollars Made Possible

Investing in Bowman County's People, Places and Potential.

Community & Capital Investments **\$163,538**

In 2025, charitable gaming funds helped support projects that improve community spaces, expand recreation opportunities, strengthen public safety, and enhance quality of life across Bowman County.

Jump Pillow at Rotary Park **\$41,442**

New recreation feature designed to enhance family experiences, visitor attraction, and community gathering space.

Rural Catalyst Grant Match **\$75,000**

Local matching funds committed to unlock major state investment through the Rural Catalyst Grant program. BCDC convened local leaders, facilitated project discussions, and provided technical assistance and grant writing support at no cost. As a result, the Bowman Fire Department was awarded \$500,000 in state funding.

Boulevard Tree Project **\$6,274**

Completed tree planting along the boulevard corridor, improving community aesthetics and enhancing public spaces.

Future Community Project Set-Aside **\$40,822**

Reserved within the Community Builders account to support future community and capital projects.

Total Gaming Dollars Distributed

\$291,038

Play It Forward Fund **\$100,000**

Through two funding rounds in 2025, Play It Forward supported projects across Bowman County focused on:

- Youth recreation and athletics
- Public safety and emergency services
- Childcare and family support
- Senior services and gathering spaces
- Community facilities and local events
- Recreation, arts, and quality-of-life improvements

Projects funded through Play It Forward reflect the ideas, needs, and priorities identified by local organizations and community members.

Partnerships & Contributions **\$27,500**

BCDC partnered with organizations working to strengthen business support, community engagement, and quality of life throughout Bowman County.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) — \$10,000

Supports free advising, startup assistance, and growth services for local and regional businesses.

Rhame Community Club — \$10,000

Supports community events, local improvements, and community-building initiatives in Rhame.

Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce — \$7,500

Supports Chamber-led events, shop-local promotions, and quality-of-life initiatives.

Charitable gaming dollars are tracked locally and used to support Bowman County — building trust, opportunity, and community.

Leveraging Local Dollars for Greater Impact

In 2025, BCDC committed **\$75,000 in charitable gaming funds** toward the required local match for the North Dakota Rural Catalyst Grant Program.

This local commitment was part of a broader regional effort to support the Bowman Fire Department's application for a new regional fire facility at Crossroads Business Park. BCDC helped bring local partners together for discussion, provided grant writing and technical assistance, and committed charitable gaming funds as part of the required match.



The Bowman Fire Department was **awarded a \$500,000 through the Rural Catalyst Grant Program**. The project reflects an important investment in emergency response, public safety, and long-term service capacity for Bowman County and the surrounding area.

In addition to the charitable gaming commitment, BCDC:

- Provided grant writing and technical assistance
- Helped coordinate local project discussions
- Committed local match funding through charitable gaming
- Will continue supporting the project through grant administration

Local charitable gaming dollars helped support a broader funding effort that brought new state investment into Bowman County — strengthening emergency response, supporting public safety, and helping move an important community project forward.

Reliable emergency services are critical to the safety and strength of rural communities. This project demonstrates how local charitable gaming dollars can be used strategically as part of a larger effort to pursue outside funding and support important community needs.

2025 Rural Catalyst Impact

\$500,000 State Grant Awarded

\$75,000 BCDC Charitable Gaming Commitment

More Than a Grant

Strategic local investment helped bring new state funding into Bowman County — strengthening emergency response, supporting public safety, and building momentum for the future.

