



Grant news
Mary Chilton DAR Foundation
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Mary Chilton DAR Foundation starts 2019 by awarding more than \$48,000 in grants

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation awarded more than \$48,000 to nonprofit organizations and public institutions across South Dakota in its first grant-distribution period of 2019.

Grants totaling \$48,054.66 were awarded by the Sioux Falls-based DAR Foundation. DAR is short for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

“We were very pleased with the quantity and quality of the grants we were able to award to start the year,” said Judy Goetz, who chairs the DAR Foundation’s Grants Committee. “The recipients serve children and thousands of other South Dakotans in exciting ways with projects that advance causes our organization supports, including education, patriotism and historic preservation.”

The DAR Foundation awarded grants in three categories: Regular Grants (\$1,000 to \$15,000), Mini-Grants (for up to \$1,000), and Schoolroom Grants (for up to \$500 for educational projects in public schools with fewer than 300 students.). Recipients were:

Regular Grants

- Siouxland Heritage Museum in Sioux Falls. \$15,000 to replace 558 existing photographic albums and album pages with high-quality archival pages. The albums were donated to the Museum from county and city offices.
- National Music Museum in Vermillion. \$15,000 to have four historic pipe organs packed and preserved during an expansion of the Museum, which is on the University of South Dakota campus.
- The Rural Ethnic Institute in Rapid City. \$10,357 to sponsor the creation of a manuscript documenting the life of Marcella LeBeau, a 99-year-old Lakota leader and patriot. LeBeau served in the military as a nurse during World War II. She has received many honors and is in the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

- South Dakota News Watch, a nonprofit news-distribution service in Sioux Falls. \$5,000 to acquire advanced digital equipment, including video cameras and editing software.

Mini-Grants

- Mitchell Area Historical Society. \$1,000 to buy archive-quality boxes to store and help preserve a portion of its newspaper collection.

Schoolroom Grants

- Jones County Elementary. \$500 for Mini iPads for use in classrooms to make South Dakota history more engaging and challenging for students.
- Willow Lake School. \$250 to help fifth- and sixth-grade students learn about history through Skype with the Boston Tea Party Museum in Boston.
- Summit School. \$497.32. To help integrate social studies and buy books for fifth-graders.
- Menno Public School. \$450.67 for field trips for two classes to visit the Discovery Science Museum and the Cultural Heritage Museum in Pierre.

The DAR Foundation typically awards Regular Grants three times a year. May 5 is the next deadline for applications to be considered. For application forms and filing criteria for all of DAR's grant programs, see www.DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org.

The DAR Foundation awards approximately \$100,000 in grants a year. The organization prefers that applications for regular grants be used for specific projects and not to partly fund large programs.

Written inquiries about grant policies and procedures may be mailed to: Mary Chilton DAR Foundation, PO Box 90716, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-0716. Prospective grant applicants also may contact Grants Committee Chair Judy Goetz at jgoetz6970@gmail.com or (605) 413-3798

The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation is affiliated with the Mary Chilton chapter, NSDAR. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution strives to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who gave their lives and fortunes for American Independence.