

## DISCOVERY WIND AWARD GRANTS TO MCLEAN COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Washburn, ND - May 19, 2023 - Apex Clean Energy is proud to announce the support of the McLean County Speedway and the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Office - McLean County through the latest round of the Discovery Wind Community Grant Program. The Community Grant Program is one way that Apex Clean Energy hopes to aid in expanding meaningful assistance for the community and those committed to bettering it.

Grant funds awarded to McLean County Speedway will help pay for and install a new scoreboard at the facility. The McLean County Speedway provides outdoor entertainment for hundreds of community members in the surrounding area. "The funding will be used to help improve our property at the McLean County Speedway," said Marcus Tomlinson, President of McLean County Speedway. "Thank you so much for your wonderful donation!"

Grant funds awarded to NDSU Extension Office - McLean County were used to sponsor the inaugural Rural Resilience Retreat. This event focused on wellness education and resources in agriculture, specifically stress management and community support. This day-long event hosted agriculture professionals seeking information from mental health experts, learning about self-care and wellness strategies, and partaking in goat yoga.

"This is a very special event [that] is close to my heart. I am a fifth-generation farmer and have seen firsthand how farmers, ranchers, and those who live and serve rural residents can struggle with stress management and access to resources to increase mental wellness. [This] has a tremendous effect on whole body wellness," said NDSU Extension Agent and Co-Host Sarah Bedgar. "Normalizing this type of training and resources and conversations can change the mindset of communities and better many people's lives."

The Discovery Community Grant aims to fund projects and programs that build healthy communities. Discovery Wind awards local grants through its Community Grant Program on a quarterly basis. Grant dollars are limited; if you are interested in applying for future rounds of funding, please visit <a href="www.discoverywindenergy.com/grant">www.discoverywindenergy.com/grant</a> or contact Karson Pederson (karson.pederson@apexcleanenergy.com).

## About Apex Clean Energy

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