

I am writing on behalf of the Golden Valley County Fair Association in Beach, ND. We have a great small county fairground that is nearly 100 years in existence with barns and restroom facilities needing major improvements.

We have been working on these improvements for the past few years with what we can afford and what the community can help to donate. Even \$100,000 can help us update bathrooms in one of our buildings that have leaks and possible mold behind the walls.

Not only are we a local county fairground we are also the location for emergency management disasters for the town of Beach and surrounding communities. We need a facility with bathrooms that operate and that are safe for the public.

Can we match funds, for example \$100,000 **NO** we cannot. We did updates last year that were costly and depleted our checking acct balance to almost zero until our mill levy funds come in at the first of each year. We take out a line of credit from our local bank to cover our expenses and pay that back when we receive mill money from the county. We never have funds near that amount available to match.

Our fairgrounds are used not only for the yearly county fair but also for events from weddings, funerals, graduations to other numerous community functions throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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