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## **BARGAINS UNLIMITED AWARDS \$106,000 IN GRANTS IN FIRST GRANT CYCLE**

**February 18, 2026 – Sturgeon Bay, WI** – The Senior Citizens Agency of Northern Door (SCAND) and the Door County Community Foundation are proud to announce its first grant recipients through the Bargains Unlimited Charitable Fund, a grant program administered by Door County Community Foundation. Six grants were awarded to Door County charities for a total of \$106,000 during the grant program's inaugural cycle.

- **Cycling Without Age Door County** will purchase an electric-assist, side-by-side tandem bicycle to be used primarily at Serenity Spring. This bike will allow riders to enjoy the benefits of pedaling a bicycle with support and safety, while reaping the benefits of outdoor physical activity and socialization.
- **Door County Medical Center's** Memory Care team will expand programming to Northern Door County residents and service providers, helping overcome travel and time barriers that have hindered participation with the Sturgeon Bay programming. These programs include the M.I.N.D. Brain Enhancement program, a Virtual Dementia Tour, and an Early Dementia Support Group for caregivers.
- **Door County YMCA's** Jackie and Steve Kane Center entrance will be renovated to create a warm and welcoming lounge area where Northern Door residents can gather and benefit from increased socialization and communal activities.
- **Sunshine Resource's** Sunflower Cottage, a state-certified senior day service program, provides safe, compassionate care for Door County seniors and their caregivers needing respite. This grant will help with funding for a Northern Door expansion.
- **Unity Hospice** will provide Supportive Care Management services for older Door County adults living with serious or chronic illnesses. The program provides a personalized care plan and home visits that help individuals manage illness and remain safely at home.
- **Washington Island Community Health Program** will hold informational lunches on health, safety and other educational presentations featuring community partners. These events help older residents be better prepared to live independently and safely, as well as provide important socialization opportunities from fall to spring.

"The committee felt that these projects truly aligned with our mission," said Susan Hoffert, President of the SCAND Board of Directors. "These are projects that make a broad impact, helping provide much needed services for working people and seniors in Door County."

The Bargains Unlimited Charitable Fund provides grants to charitable projects that strengthen the well-being of Door County's working people and older adults, with preference given to projects that benefit residents or those who work in Northern Door County.

Since 1995, Bargains Unlimited has been a resale store with a mission, using its proceeds to support the citizens of Northern Door County. That legacy continues and expands through the Bargains Unlimited Charitable Fund which supports projects that assist working people in Door County or enrich the quality of life for our community's aging population.

Grant applications are accepted through the Door County Community Foundation's regular winter and summer grant cycles, with application deadlines on the fourth Mondays of December and June, respectively. The next application deadline is Monday, June 22, 2026.

Grant awards are expected to average \$25,000, with requests of up to \$100,000 considered for exceptional projects that align with the program's goals.

For more information about the Bargains Unlimited Charitable Fund grant program or to apply, visit [givedoorcounty.org/grants](http://givedoorcounty.org/grants) or contact the Door County Community Foundation at (920) 746-1786 or [grants@givedoorcounty.org](mailto:grants@givedoorcounty.org).

Senior Citizens Agency of Northern Door (SCAND) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of seniors and working people in Door County. Its resale shop, Bargains Unlimited, has become a cornerstone of the Sister Bay community by offering quality goods at affordable prices while supporting SCAND's mission through charitable giving.

The Door County Community Foundation, Inc. is a collection of separate charitable funds set up by individuals, families, non-profit organizations, private foundations and businesses that are managed, invested and disbursed for the current and future good of Door County. The Community Foundation was launched in 1999, currently administers more than \$65 million in assets, and distributes more than \$7 million to charities every year.

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