



Memo To: Town of Sumner Residents

Date: December, 2025

From: Sumner Community Foundation Board

RE: SUMNER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

In 2025, did you bring your unwanted items to the town hall for the annual **May Clean Up Day** and were NOT charged for your “junk”? (\$6,000) Did one of your children, a neighbor or friend receive one of the \$2,000 **scholarships**? (\$20,000) Did you attend a ball game or event at the **Canton ball field** and notice the new fencing? (\$3,931) Do you know it costs (\$7,153) to **support ambulance service** south of Highway 8 in Town of Sumner? Did you know Sumner residents were eligible for partial payment for **therapeutic services** at Natures Edge? (\$5,250) Did you know the town **cemeteries** received \$5000 in support of maintenance requirements? Did you know the town has a new **road patching trailer** (\$25,578] and that the town did not have to borrow \$123,737 to pay for the balance of the **repaving costs of 16th Av.** (Old 14)? All of these improvements were accomplished WITHOUT increasing our TOWN property taxes. These are grants provided by the Sumner Community Foundation.

PURPOSE, HISTORY AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of the Foundation is “to grow and maximize earnings . . . to be used for the benefit of, and to enrich the lives of, the residents of the Town of Sumner.”

The Sumner Community Foundation is a result of a 2015, agreement between the Town of Sumner and Source Energy Services (SES). For each ton of wet sand shipped from their mine East of Cameron, SES will contribute 20 cents to the Foundation. Last year’s production resulted in a check for \$340,796.26. We, again, anticipate a donation from SES in excess of \$300,000 in February of 2026.

No less than 80% of each year’s SES contribution is invested in a perpetual endowment fund. The remaining 20% is awarded to projects to improve the lives of people in the Town of Sumner. The annual budget also includes 5% of the previous year’s assets, less any encumbered funds. The perpetual Endowment Fund now exceeds \$3,000,000.

In April of 2025, a “Long term encumbered investment of \$100,000 was made. As of this publication our eighth month return on the investment has been 33% or a balance of \$132,599.40

In 2024, the six month average asset balance was in excess of \$2 million. There for the annual budget for 2025 was increased from \$68,159.25 to \$201,856.76.

For additional details about the Foundation, (By-laws, Investment Policy Statement, Request for Proposals and the Grant Application Request Form, etc.) go to:

<https://www.townofsumner-wi.com/community/sumner-community-foundation/>

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GRANTS AWARDED

Scholarship awards were increased to \$2,000 in 2025. Grants were awarded to Kaylynn Ewald, Olivia Gifford, Wyatt Gifford, Summer Hanson, Bailey Hauck, Chase Hauck, Isabella Harder, Nicholas Johnson, Briana Klabunde, and Kaydra Krovoza. Congratulations! Other awards went to “the Basement” of the Canton United Methodist Church: \$1000 in matching community support utilities expenses, the Canton Park: \$10,000, and the Blue Hills Mounted Search Rescue: \$770. The Town of Sumner was granted \$123,737 towards repaving costs of 16th Av. (Old 14).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors encourages you, or your organization, to make a Grant Request which meets the Grant application criteria by **January 15, 2026**.

To be considered eligible for charitable, educational or public works funding, the organization or individual must either: (1) reside within Town of Sumner (confirmation of residence may be requested), or the: (2) proposal must serve the residences of the Town. The Foundation does not support private foundations, political or religious activities, advertising, or disease prevention/research organizations.

Amendment to By-Laws: The Foundation will not consider grant requests from individuals for medical, dental, psychological or psychiatric services. Grant requests may be considered from non-profit organizations assisting Sumner residents.

Preference will be given to proposals that (1) promise broad benefit and are likely to improve the quality of life for the people of Town of Sumner, (2) contribute to and support activities or projects within the Town, and (3) extend the financial impact of a project through matching funds. Requests for post secondary education support/scholarship are also encouraged.

Completed grant requests **must be post marked by January 15, 2026** and sent to Sumner Community Foundation, c/o Dave Mansfield, 2622 16Th Ave, Rice Lake, WI 54868. Grant notifications will be made no later than April 15, 2026.

If you want to discuss a potential grant request, have any questions about the grant application process, or the Foundation itself, please contact one of us. We also **encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting** of the Foundation which will be held at the Sumner Town Hall, **February 25th, 2026 at 6 pm**.

Thank you for your interest in the Sumner Community Foundation. We look forward to hearing from you.

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