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Edgemont YMCA receives a \$3,000 grant for Summer Camp breakfasts and snacks

Grant provided by Farm Credit Services of America Working Here Fund for Hunger and Nutrition.

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA – The Edgemont YMCA, a branch location of the YMCA of Rapid City, has received a \$3,000 grant to fund food services for summer camp program. The grant is provided through FCSAmerica’s *Working Here Fund*.

“This \$3,000 grant allowed us to provide over 450 free breakfasts and snacks to children in our community during our 5-week summer camp program.” states Kelsey Trotter, Edgemont YMCA Director. “We are a low-income community and being able to provide a nutritious breakfast when the children arrive and a snack before they go home for the day helps them to be successful and grow and gives parents piece of mind knowing their child has been fed!”

Summer day camp is offered for five weeks in Edgemont from May 27 through June 26. The camp is geared toward all skill levels and age groups for students entering grades 1-6, Fall 2025. Activities included staff-led STEM and art projects, literacy, music, cultural awareness, active physical games and field trips. The camp helps develop children develop through the Y principles of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility while becoming more independent and learning to work within groups.

The Edgemont YMCA is one of 97 organizations to receive a *Working Here Fund* grant in the first quarter of 2025. FCSAmerica awarded more than \$350,030 during the latest grant cycle ending March 31, 2025.

“We are proud to support organizations dedicated to addressing food and hunger issues in our local communities,” said Tonya Houska, regional vice president of customer experience in FCSAmerica’s Rapid City office.

About the YMCA of Rapid City

Driven by its founding mission, the YMCA of Rapid City has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for more than 76 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they’re from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y’s goal is to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across 10,000 communities nationwide. Learn more at www.rcymca.org.

About Farm Credit Services of America

Farm Credit Services of America is a customer-owned financial cooperative proud to finance the growth of rural America, including the special needs of young and beginning producers. With more than 47.6 billion in assets and nearly 8 billion in members equity, FCSAmerica is one of the region’s leading providers of credit and insurance services to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness and rural residents in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Learn more at fcsamerica.com.