



FACTS

63%
OF ND COMMUNITIES
POSITIVELY AFFECTED BY
CDRP PROJECTS

MORE THAN
\$2.6 MILLION
AWARDED IN GRANTS

113 COMMUNITIES
BECAME
MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES

62 COMMUNITIES
COMPLETED A
COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

258,437
ND CITIZENS TOUCHED BY
SUSTAINABLE FOOD GRANT

Community Development and Rural Prosperity



DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES

The office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity (CDRP) was formally announced on January 23, 2024. CDRP's mission is to empower North Dakota communities through efficient development, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life through collaboration to address unique rural challenges, promote innovation and leverage resources to build resilient, thriving communities.

CDRP conducts in-person visits, supports non-primary businesses, hosts various partner calls, webinars and community chat forums that include state and federal, nonprofit, and external agencies. The goal of this is to use a whole of government approach to educate and empower rural communities in North Dakota. Additionally, CDRP sends relevant and timely newsletters and informational emails to communities to provide resources to help them reach their goals.

REVITALIZING RURAL

Community Development and Rural Prosperity is the catalyst and support network that propels communities into planning and execution for success in reaching their vision. We collaborate with 81 agency partners to address multiple challenges such as workforce, childcare and community service shortages. CDRP helps prepare communities for economic development, diversification, and placemaking to assist in recruiting and retaining talent.

The CDRP team connects with more than **4,476** community leaders, volunteers and advocates from around the state to promote learning and collaboration.

MEASURABLE GOALS



Increase in GDP.



Amplify a rich cultural or historical facet.



Increase school enrollment.



Provide resources to communities that result in increased vibrancy and overall health and wellness.



Increase in tax valuation.



Provide leadership training in communities to increase overall civic engagement, especially in youth.

SUCCESS STORIES

Rural Workforce Housing Grant

Sheyenne GRIT completed a successful grant project that involved demolishing two dilapidated buildings. With these lots now cleared, they are given opportunity to construct new homes for the community. The planned development is expected to greatly enhance local tax revenue, contributing to the area's economic growth. There are families already interested in living on the soon-to-be developed properties.

Expansion of Sustainable Foods:

The Rural Access Distribution Cooperative, serving the communities of Park River, Hoople, Edinburg and Fordville, received \$243,000 from the Sustainable Food Grant to purchase a larger delivery truck and a climate-controlled van for deliveries. The funds will also be used for construction of a concrete slab for the relocation of food lockers to an outdoor location in Fordville to prevent overheating. Food lockers in Park River and Fordville should become operational in early 2025, expanding the opportunity for more customers.

A first-of-its-kind regional local foods processing facility near Baldwin, ND received \$300,000 to support construction. This facility will serve citizens within a 100-mile radius. This was part of a regional agriculture and economic development project that is tied to a \$675,000 EDA grant, complemented by \$168,329 of local funding. The facility is projected to create 47 jobs and generate \$1.8M in private investment.

CDRP GRANTS HAVE INCLUDED:

Vibrancy Grant

95 communities awarded

Rural Food Sustainability Grant

12 communities awarded

Rural Facility Planning Grant

3 communities awarded

Rural Workforce Housing Grant

17 communities awarded

Partners in Planning Grant

26 communities awarded

Artists on Main Street

5 communities awarded