



INDUSTRY FACTS

9,203

JOBS CREATED

892

PROJECTS FUNDED

PRIMARY SECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL

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“The Development Fund offers the financing resources needed to help support business startups and expansion projects that create jobs while also providing taxpayers with a strong return on investment. Businesses in need of equity financing can look to the Development Fund as a possible solution. The North Dakota Development Fund is a valuable tool in developing strategies for business growth.”

North Dakota Governor
Doug Burgum



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL

The North Dakota Development Fund, Inc. (NDDF) was created through legislation in 1991 as an economic development tool. It provides flexible gap financing through debt and equity investments for new or expanding North Dakota primary sector businesses. The Development Fund makes investments of up to \$3 million. The board of directors may adjust the limit when deemed appropriate.

The following criteria apply to Development Fund investments:

- The entrepreneur must have a realistic financial commitment at stake. Usually, principals are required to have a minimum of 15% equity in the project.
- Refinancing of debt is not eligible.
- Principal shareholders with 20% or greater ownership are generally required to guarantee the debt. Other shareholders may also be required to guarantee.
- Financing is available to any North Dakota primary sector business project with the exception of production agriculture. Primary sector includes tourism and specific types of investor-owned agriculture.
- Primary sector includes individuals and businesses which, through the employment of knowledge or labor, add value to a product, process or service which results in the creation of new wealth.
- The NDDF is governed by a board of directors. Any request of \$150,000 or greater must be approved by the board.
- The NDDF administers the Angel Match Program which provides up to \$250,000 in matching funds to venture-backable businesses headquartered in North Dakota. Investments are made on same terms as matched dollars.
- Financing is available to any North Dakota licensed child care operator up to \$1,000,000.

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