



Dakota Prairie Kindergarten and High School Graduates, McVilleville/Petersburg

BOARD REPORT

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Apprenticeship Program has been launched and has been met with a lot of enthusiasm! We now have four applications for the board to review - businesses range from healthcare, finance and retail. We have also progressed towards several more goals - one storefront application, and one funding request.

FUNDING AND GRANTS SUMMARY

Destination Development Grant

- The Bins Coffee and Spirits applied for a project including lodging and recreational activities, and was awarded \$500,000!

Lyndi's Market

- \$30,000 secured for new flooring
- Meeting with outside sources for financing for the rest of project (about 15k)
- Received updated flooring quote

UP NEXT

Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant

- Many opportunities open now we are exploring

2027 Budget Presentation to NC Commission

- Preliminary budget presented to NCJDA Board at June 2026 Meeting
- NC Commission Budget Meeting 7/21 or 7/22

Brownsfield Program

- Pembina County to head up application of three separate buildings in Emerado, Niche and McVilleville

Housing Rehab

- 20 housing projects selected in the region, one completed in Nelson County from previous funding
- Beginning homes in Lakota now

Real. Good. NE ND Virtual Job Fair - 7/23

STRATEGIC GOALS PROGRESS



Economy

GOAL: Engage at least 5 businesses in storefront improvement program - Pekin Community Center, Aunt Janie's
✓ Progress 40%

GOAL: Assist at least 3 addtl businesses with Flex Pace Loans - Lakota Car Wash
✓ Progress 33%

GOAL: Support at least 3 grocery stores with funding - Lyndi's Market
Progress 33%



Community Vitality

GOAL: Reach at least 2 communities for beautification - Aneta Park, Tolna
✓ Progress 100%



Workforce

GOAL: Assist 2 businesses to establish apprenticeships - 4 applications to consider
✓ Progress 100%

GOAL: Host at least 1 career-focused event - working on marketing for Virtual Job Fair on 7/23
✓ Progress 50%



Housing

GOAL: Assist at least 10 homes with housing rehabilitation projects - 1 completed in Tolna
✓ Progress: 10%

GOAL: Identify 2 additional communities for SparkBuild homes - McVilleville, Pekin, Lakota (second round)
✓ Progress: 100%



HERE'S WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Where are some areas we could explore for 2027, or expand opportunities in others?