

BOARD REPORT

October 2026

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Look at all those 2026 NCJDA Goals being met! It is truly special to see the work being done in Nelson County and across Region 4. We now look forward to 2027 and will focus on board-directed priorities with a fully-funded ask from NC Commission for 4 mills.

Michigan, ND Spark Build Progress,
October 2026



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FUNDING AND ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- **2027 NCJDA Budget:** 4-mill budget presented to the County Commission on July 21. Approved by NC Commission early October 2026.
- **Region 4 Housing Rehab:** Four Nelson County homes have been rehabbed/completed in 2026, four more in the region are currently in progress.
- **Storefront Improvement Program:** Four new applications to be presented at the October 2026 NCJDA Board Meeting.
- **NCJDA Apprenticeship Program:** Four reimbursable apprenticeships awarded in 2026. Initial surveys very positive, with improved retention markers noted in mid-way and final surveys. Two are completed, two in progress.
- **Beautification Grants:** Awarded one \$5,000 reimbursable grant to the City of Petersburg for seasonal decorations on Main Street.
- **General Funding Requests:** Nelson County 4-H awarded \$5,000 in reimbursable grant for new livestock storage shed at Stump Lake Village. Six more requests to be presented at October 2026 NCJDA Board Meeting.
- **Spark Build Progress:** Michigan and Lakota stud signings conducted with CHDO Board 10/1/26 with both projects estimated to be completed in Spring 2027. McVile is in pipeline but there is no HIF money right now. Depending on what legislature funds in July, will dictate what we can build. Will be visiting McVile later in the 2027 to assess what type of houses will fit best on lots.
- **EDND Fall Conference:** Held in Williston, ND, October 6-8; NCJDA Executive Director in attendance. Walsh County Childcare Center awarded with Community Development Award. Informative conference included topics on regional growth, investment readiness, property taxes, housing, workforce development, natural gas, infrastructure, legislative priorities, healthcare, employee ownership, and small-business development.

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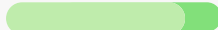
➡ Establish 2027 NCJDA Goals!

STRATEGIC GOALS PROGRESS

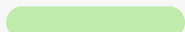


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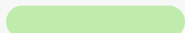
GOAL: Engage at least 5 businesses in storefront improvement program - Pekin CC, Aunt Janie's, Sheri's Design Studio, NCHS Lakota Clinic, Michigan JDA Clinic/Insurance Building, McVile Library

✓ Progress  120%

GOAL: Assist at least 3 addtl businesses with Flex Pace Loans Lakota Car Wash, Michigan Apartment Project, Blackswan Outdoors

✓ Progress  100%

GOAL: Support at least 3 grocery stores with funding Lyndi's Market, McVile Market, Michigan Hometown Foods

✓ Progress  100%



Community Vitality

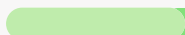
GOAL: Reach at least 2 communities for beautification - Aneta Park District, Tolna Park District, City of Petersburg, City of Michigan

✓ Progress  200%

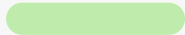


Workforce

GOAL: Assist 2 businesses to establish apprenticeships Lakota Drug, Lakota Pool, J&E Financial Services, Aneta Parkview

✓ Progress  200%

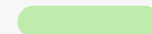
GOAL: Host at least 1 career-focused event - Real.Good. NE ND Virtual Job Fair held July 2026

✓ Progress  100%



Housing

GOAL: Assist at least 10 homes with housing rehabilitation projects - Tolna, Lakota x3, Crystal, 3 others in progress

✓ Progress  80%

GOAL: Identify 2 additional communities for SparkBuild homes - Michigan, Lakota, Petersburg, Pekin, McVile

✓ Progress  250%