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REGION III NEWSLETTER

# North Central Planning Council Awards CDBG Block Grants

North Central Planning Council Board of Directors held the Scoring and Ranking meeting on May 21, 2015. NCPC was allocated \$251,502 through the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services for Region III CDBG projects.

NCPC received ten applications from throughout the Region and representatives from the applicant agencies presented their projects to the NCPC Board of Directors. Three projects were awarded grants. The recipient project descriptions are:

The City of Oberon will replace their lift station which will include a redundant pump system with 2 different pumps. It will also include new controls to help monitor lift station run time which will improve accessibility.

The City of Bisbee project will repair the Bisbee Dam. This will require replacing the concrete headwall and the first two upstream sections of channel and sidewall. A new concrete cutoff wall will be installed and the damaged wall drains and low-level outlet system will be replaced.

The City of Leeds will make improvements to the sanitary sewer system. This involves repairs and replacement of sanitary sewer, sewer relining, sanitary manhole rehabilitation, asphalt replacement in excavation areas, miscellaneous concrete repairs, and site restoration.

The following table shows the totals funds required to complete the projects:

2015 CDBG Projects			
<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
City of Oberon	Life Station Replacement	\$100,000	\$275,000
City of Bisbee	Bisbee Dam Repair	\$100,000	\$1,751,616
City of Leeds	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$51,502	\$1,775,150

## NCPC Revolving Loan Fund

The NCPC RLF has funds available for economic development projects in Region III. The principle objectives of the fund include creation of permanent jobs, economic diversification, leveraging of private and local investments, assistance to disaster impacted businesses and benefits to the Region and State.

Eligible applicants are businesses, private developers and development groups, and cities and counties taking an active role in economic development within Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner Counties.

Eligible activities are, but not limited to, acquisition of real property, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, site improvements, equipment, inventory, and operating capital for which credit is not otherwise available.

For more information contact NCPC office at 701-662-8131.



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## NCPC Becomes Small Business Development Center Regional Office



**SMALL BUSINESS**  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
N O R T H D A K O T A

In July of 2015 North Central Planning Council became a Regional office for the North Dakota Small Business Development Center program. There were seven regions in the State and the six counties that NCPC served had previously fallen under the guidance of the Grand Forks Region.

NCPC has provided SBDC services to the residents of Region III for a number of years and will continue to provide the same great service and clients

won't notice a difference.

The difference will come in the participation of NCPC staff in overall guidance of the statewide program. NCPC will participate in the strategic planning process to help establish program goals, and accreditation of the program.

To find out more about the ND SBDC and the Devils Lake office visit the NDSBDC website at <http://ndsfdc.org/devilslake.cfm>.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1. Small Business Lending:** SBA loans under \$100,000 have grown by 11.6% since 2011.
- 2. Banks:** Big banks approved 22% and small banks approved 49% of small business loan requests.
- 3. Credit Unions:** SBA loans by credit unions are up 37% over 2014.
- 4. Women:** Women-owned businesses are growing three times faster than their male counterparts.
- 5. Hispanic:** The number of Hispanic small business owners has increased by 82% since 1997.
- 6. Seniorpreneurs:** 26% of the businesses started in 2014 were by people ages 55 to 64.
- 7. Veterans:** 30% of all American businesses are owned by veterans.