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NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL

REGION III NEWSLETTER

North Central Planning Accepting Applications for Community Development Block Grant

North Central Planning Council received notification from the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services of their funding allocation for the 2015 Community Development Block Grants. The State of North Dakota has allocated \$1,972,563 for the eight Regional Councils. Region III which is the counties of Benson, Eddy, Cavalier, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner will receive \$251,502 for eligible CDBG projects.

Community Development Block Grant funds are made available to local units of government and non-profits for Public Facility and

Housing projects. Urgent Need and Emergency projects can apply for funding anytime. Funds are also available for economic development projects and are funded out of the State Revolving Loan Fund. Public facility projects can include updating water systems, removal of architectural barriers, repairs or maintenance to sewer systems among many others. In general, projects must benefit at least 51% low to moderate income persons.

Any county, city or non-profit having questions on the eligibility of a project may contact Michelle Fritz, Community Development

Coordinator at NCPC. The pre-application and final application forms may be obtained by contacting NCPC at 701-662-8131.

Dates to Remember:

April 22, 2015 - Submission deadline for pre-applications (original and one copy must be postmarked on or before deadline date).

May 6, 2015 - Eligible application will be accepted.

May 21, 2015 - Pre-application will be reviewed, scored and recommended funding amounts determined.

North Central Planning Council Contracts with Benson County JDA

North Central Planning Council has entered into an agreement with Benson County Job Development Authority to provide administrative services to the JDA.

NCPC is the principal development agency for the six county area known as Region III. It was started in 1972 and works with organized city and county governments to provide financial and planning resources

for economic, infrastructure and housing development.

Benson County JDA was established in 1994 and is overseen by an 11 member board consisting of individuals who reside in Benson County. The duties of the JDA include using financial and other resources to encourage and assist in the development of employment within Benson County.

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For information regarding the Benson County JDA contact North Central Planning offices at 417 5th St NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301 or by phone at 662-8131.

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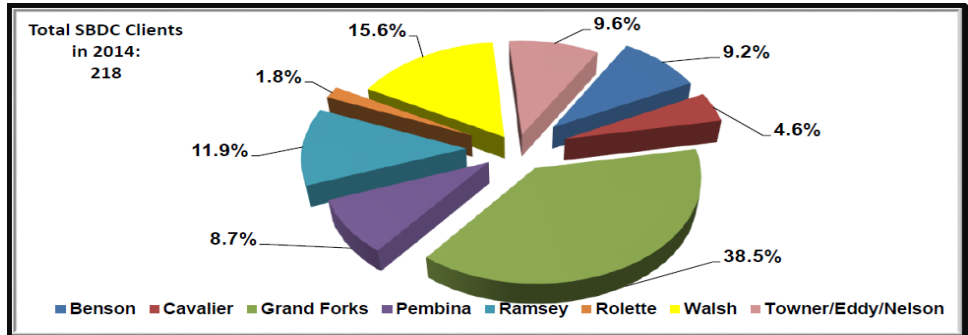
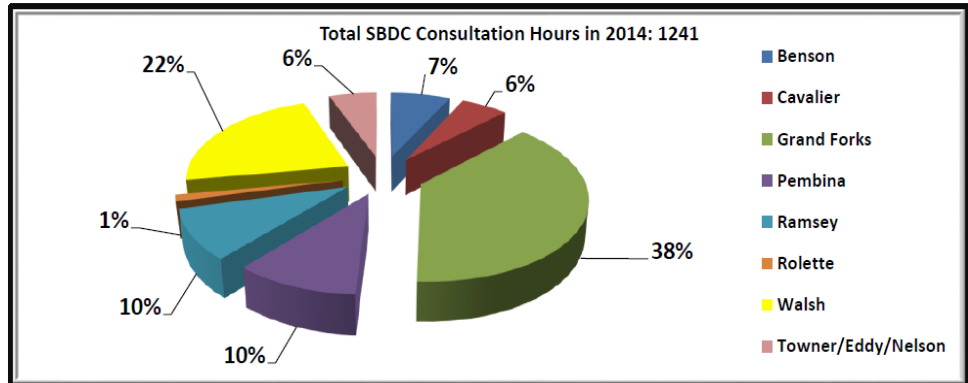
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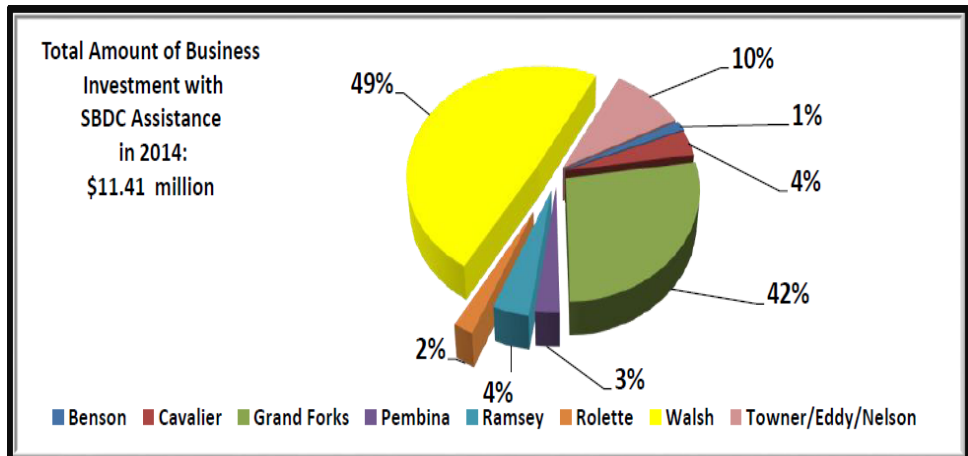
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\$11.43 million invested in area businesses
78 jobs created or retained



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Small Business Development Center Region III

The Small Business Development Center at North Central Planning Council wrapped up 2014 and presented the statistics for client counseling to the Board of Directors. Sandy Shively and Michelle Fritz of NCPC provide client counseling services for Region III. 2014 saw the following:

- 62 clients
- 256 counseling sessions
- 269 hours of counseling
- 11 business starts or expansions
- Capital formation of \$2,171,340

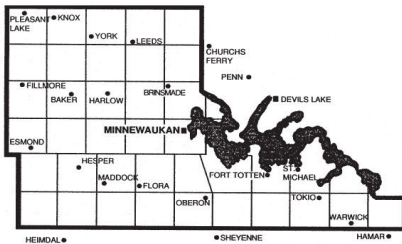
- Owners equity infusion of \$152,090
- 54 jobs created or retained.

The statics broken down by county include:

- Benson County - 14 clients, 28 counseling hours, 36 sessions
- Cavalier County - 7 clients, 32 counseling hours, 30 sessions
- Eddy County - 9 clients 41 counseling hours, 39 sessions
- Ramsey County - 22 clients, 104 counseling hours, 97 sessions

- Rolette County - 2 clients, 15 counseling hours, 12 sessions
- Towner County - 6 Clients, 13 counseling hours, 12 sessions

SBDC is available to provide services at the Spirit Lake Planning Office on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information call the NCPC office at 662-8131.



Benson County JDA Creates Micro-loan Fund

The Benson County Job Development Authority has created a micro-loan fund to assist current and start-up businesses in Benson County to retain or create quality employment opportunities, encourage and support entrepreneurship, encourage expansion, retention and attraction of businesses that offer quality employment opportunities.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants will include projects or businesses in Benson County, although the project developer need not be a resident of Benson County.

Eligible Activities

The micro-loan fund can be used as a stand-alone direct loan fund or as a “gap” lending/participation

program. Loan funds may be used for:

- Building construction/renovation
- Site improvement
- Real estate
- Machinery & equipment
- Training
- Inventory

The minimum loan is \$1,000 and the maximum is \$10,000.

The interest rate is 0% fixed over the life of the loan, with loan fees of 4%.

Repayment terms will vary depending on the use of funds. The maximum term is 10 years.

A minimum 10% developer equity is required for each project.

Benson County JDA partners with the SBDC to provide business development. SBDC can assist with the application for the Micro-loan.

Please contact North Central Planning Council for an application packet or for SBDC services.

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