



Economic Development Funding Opportunity Toolkit

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

The Economic Development Funding Opportunity Toolkit is a compilation of resources that can support the staff of the City of Minot as they seek to enhance and elevate the community's economic climate. The Economic Development Funding Opportunity Toolkit is specifically comprised of five sections, including:

Categories & Definitions: This section describes the twelve categories into which various economic development grant opportunities are subdivided.

Funding Opportunity Database: This section lays out the grantmaking entities, program goals, approximate deadlines, and website links for each grant opportunity currently available and applicable to the greater Minot community.

Community Development Resources: Access to additional grant funding alone will not lead to greater economic success; therefore, applicable programs and extended learning opportunities are outlined for added staff and organizational capacity building.

Budget Templates & Generators: To promote added efficiency of grant writing, a budget template and generator section has been included to add value to the toolkit.

Grant Writing Manual: Grant writing is a skill to be nurtured; therefore, Strengthen ND's Grant Writing Manual has been adapted for use by economic development staff.

How should it be utilized?

The Economic Development Funding Opportunity Toolkit is meant to provide resources for added efficiency and impact by City of Minot staff. It is important to note that municipalities are typically not the favored grant applicant for many opportunity; therefore, it will be critical that the City of Minot leverage partnerships and support from 501(c)3 entities, including the Minot New Opportunities Fund, created through appropriations from the National Disaster Resiliency Program. Through partnership, the City of Minot can access all of the hundreds of opportunities available in the toolkit. Moreover, new funding opportunities become available almost weekly, so it is important that the toolkit remain properly maintained for ongoing use.

Additionally, it is important to note that the database of grant opportunities allows for delineation between funds available for urban communities and rural communities. This feature



will be a critical element to navigate as the community undergoes new Census efforts in 2020, as the community currently sits on the cusp of being deemed “urban”.

In what formats is the toolkit available?

The Economic Development Funding Opportunity Toolkit is available both electronically and in print format. Both formats are owned by the City of Minot and can be accessed only through them.

Who developed the toolkit?

Through funding made available by the City of Minot’s National Disaster Resiliency grant funds, Strengthen ND was able to research, analyze, adapt, and compile the five components of the toolkit.