



ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Why should you vote YES to RENEW the economic development sales tax?

We've got a few reasons for you...

Also, did you know? #ACisAwesome

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WE HELP EXISTING BUSINESSES.

Since 2013, our annual **Business Improvement Grant** has awarded \$1,000-\$2,500 in matching grants to nearly 130 different projects, for a total of \$118,450. (YOUR tax dollars being infused right back into businesses in YOUR county!)

We help promote local businesses by encouraging our citizens to **Shop Local**, especially through our **#ShopAC** event, held annually in November.

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WE ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESSES.

Starting a business can be daunting. We **provide direction and help find answers** when everything feels overwhelming. We are an **information clearinghouse** for people starting a business.

We **partner with groups** like Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation for free and confidential business assistance and **provide personalized referrals** to organizations that provide low-interest loans and other forms of funding.

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WE ARE CHEERLEADERS FOR OUR COUNTY.

We actively engage in county-wide **marketing** and **tourism** efforts.

Our **website**, atchisoncounty.org, provides information to new residents, visitors to our county, and potential businesses.

We publish a concise **visitor guide** that is available locally and distributed through several welcome centers in our state.

We participate annually in **Great Northwest Day at the Capitol**, a regional, 18-county event where we tout Atchison County successes.

The Mission of ACDC is to **initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity** in Atchison County through **economic and community development.**

Please **RENEW** the 1/4-cent Economic Development Sales Tax on **April 2, 2019**, so we can continue putting this mission into action!

"#ACISAWESOME

is the first thing that comes to mind when I think of our county. Having worked hand in hand with ACDC for 4 years to showcase our county at Great Northwest Day, I have seen the fire ACDC brings in representing AC. I love ACDC's focus on educating youth on what our county has to offer and encouraging them to choose AC as their home. I am so grateful to live in a county that has an organization like ACDC."
Crystal Woodring, Director, Northwest Missouri Living Center

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WE PRACTICE TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VIA BUSINESS INCENTIVES.

Statistics show that most job creation stems from start-ups or growth of existing businesses, but we also work to **attract new businesses.** Our website offers valuable information to companies looking to relocate, and we **respond to leads** when there is a chance that our county might be an option for a new company.

Some of our county's greatest successes were made possible by **Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** and our **Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ)**, including Gavilon Grain, a major expansion at Graybill Tire & Repair, Food Country, Farmers City Wind Farm, and Rock Creek Wind Farm.

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WE SUPPORT NONPROFITS.

ACDC supports community improvement efforts that are initiated by nonprofits in our county. Below are some projects we have supported through our **Community Enrichment Program:**

- AC Battle of the Books
- Nutrition centers
- Fire department equipment
- Golf course improvements
- City park projects
- Infrastructure
- Community revitalization and cleanup projects

ACDC provides staff support to community groups like Tarkio Renewal. We support and encourage volunteer efforts, most recently through our **Youth Community Beautification Grant.**

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WE LOVE OUR KIDS. (our Emerging Workforce!)

Our youth are the heart, soul and future of our county. We are committed to showing them what is possible right here at home.

We award a **\$1,000 Scholarship** to two Seniors from each high school who are interested in making a life here: one through a traditional 4-year degree, and one through a career or technical program.

We coordinate multiple **career development programs** for all AC high school students, including Careers on Wheels for Freshmen (highlighting non 'desk jobs'); Youth Professionalism Workshop for Juniors (workplace etiquette, insight from AC employers, entrepreneurship), and job shadowing opportunities for Juniors and Seniors.

"ACDC has served a vital role in recruiting new businesses to the local community, and its work was integral in choosing to develop the Rock Creek wind project here in Atchison County. As a result, Rock Creek is making significant contributions to the local community, by contributing millions of dollars in tax revenue, supporting the renovation and certification of Tarkio College to bring new job opportunities and technical training to the local community, contributing to the development of the new Fairfax Playground, and renovating the former Shopko building to serve as Rock Creek's Operations and Maintenance building."

Corey Martin, Site Supervisor, Rock Creek Wind Farm

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WE ADVOCATE FOR OUR COUNTY.

When economic development opportunities are in jeopardy (as is currently the case with local taxation of wind farm projects) we

advocate for our county

by gathering information, educating legislators, and actively supporting relevant, impactful legislation that will benefit our citizens.

As an active member of Northwest Missouri Roundtable of Economic Developers, Great Northwest Day at the Capitol, and Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, ACDC works regionally to identify, address and develop solutions for economic and community development issues specific to our corner of the world.

“As small business owners in rural Missouri,

we face many challenges. It is very important to us to have an organization like ACDC to be there to help us, and to help other businesses get started. We appreciate everything ACDC does for businesses in our county, including the Business Improvement Grant. Because of that grant, many of us have been able to move forward on projects that in turn gave work to people in the community and kept money local. We support ACDC and the 1/4-cent sales tax that funds the great work they do for our community and county.”

Jim & Alma Clodfelter,

Clodfelter Insurance Agency & Alma’s Herbs

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WE LISTEN TO WHAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE DOING.

We work for the citizens of Atchison County. We determine our priorities based on the needs we see and the potential we have, but **we also rely on your insight and feedback.**

Please reach out to us if you have an idea that would benefit our county. We love to hear from you!

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WE LOOK FORWARD.

Whether we are creating grants for local businesses, connecting youth to their home, or fighting for critical legislation in Jefferson City, we continually plant seeds of hope and future success for our county.

Because our full-time staff and office is solely dedicated to economic and community development in Atchison County, we are poised to tackle the next issue our county brings to the forefront.



“Atchison County is so fortunate to have an economic development office. Many lives are touched by the resources and expertise that Monica and the ACDC board put out into the community. The work ACDC does with the youth sets it apart from others. Cultivating youth to think about careers and entrepreneurial endeavors right in their backyard is what will help sustain this county in the future. I also have the privilege of working alongside Monica with new and existing businesses to ensure that they have the resources needed to be successful. So much is done behind the scenes, but this office is a tremendous asset to Atchison County!”

Keli Morris, Facilitator, Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation

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Want to learn more about what we do or suggest how we can do better? Talk to us!

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Upcoming Events

- March 13/20/27: ACDC Community Lunches
- March 16: CH-F's Celebrity Waiter Dinner
- March 26: Women in Ag
- March 29: AC Battle of the Books (Tarkio Resource Center)
- April 2: General Municipal Election Day

ACDC will be closed on the following holidays:

- ◆ Friday, April 19: Good Friday
- ◆ Tuesday, May 8: Truman Day
- ◆ Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

For more events, please visit our calendar at atchisoncounty.org/events/

Attention AC students - a couple of things for you!



Job Shadowing for Juniors: Friday, March 22

We're putting together a list of jobs for you to learn more about on March 22 and can't wait to hear about your experiences! (Businesses, if you're interested in participating and haven't been contacted, give us a call!)

#MakeACBeautiful Youth Community Beautification Grant

Though groups are still working on their winning 2018 grant projects, it's already time to start thinking about next year! Guidelines and info will be available in April, applications will be due in September, and projects will be completed by July 30, 2020. A minimum of \$500 will be awarded per grant project. Stay tuned!

Community Business Lunches

Each spring, ACDC hosts complimentary lunches around the county to provide updates on ACDC projects.

PLEASE RSVP (660-744-6562) to join us at any of the following locations, on **Wednesdays, Noon-1p.m.:**

- **Tarkio: March 13** AC Nutrition Center
- **Rock Port: March 20** Dusty Trail
- **Fairfax: March 27** Community Room



"When speaking with legislators around the state, I often use Atchison County as an example of what can be achieved when residents truly care about their communities! When compared to many counties throughout our region and state, Atchison County continues to emerge as a leader in rural Missouri. The residents of Atchison County provide economic building blocks through their faithful funding of the Economic Development Sales Tax. By having a full-time office dedicated to economic and community development, Atchison County is uniquely positioned to take advantage of opportunities otherwise easily overlooked to assure a vibrant and sustainable future for Atchison County!" - **Representative Allen Andrews**

ACDC is funded by a **1/4-cent sales tax** that is voted on every 5 years. On **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**, you have the opportunity to help us continue our efforts. Please **vote YES** to **RENEW** the **Economic Development Sales Tax!**