



# ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## IN THIS ISSUE

*Our apologies for this abbreviated newsletter. Due to COVID, we've had to cancel many of our annual events over the past several months, so many of our typical updates are absent!*

*Please know that we've been working behind the scenes on a number of projects and continue to take advantage of every opportunity to promote our amazing local businesses (see back page!).*

*Thank you for sticking with us and we hope to see you (in real life!) much more in 2021.*

## 2021 Business Improvement Grant Program

Since 2013, the Business Improvement (BI) Grant has assisted with 135 different business improvement projects throughout our county. ACDC designed this program to encourage growth and development of existing Atchison County businesses, but we've also seen an infusion of over \$270,000 back into our local economy in the form of goods and services from Atchison County vendors. These impressive statistics exist because grant recipients invested in themselves and leveraged nearly \$130,000 in ACDC funds (county tax dollars allocated to this office via the 1/4-cent economic development sales tax) to complete much needed business enhancements.

**Atchison County  
Development  
Corporation's**

**2021  
Business  
Improvement  
Grant Program**

Because Atchison County businesses have been supported incredibly well this year (thanks to each of you who chose to #ShopAC!), ACDC received more sales tax dollars than expected in 2020. **Rather than only allocating \$10,000 to the 2021 BI Grant program as it has in recent years, ACDC will award up to \$20,000 through two different grants: Basic and 2.0.**

Basic grants are 50/50 reimbursable matching grants with a \$1,000 maximum on a \$2,000+ project. 2.0 grants will reimburse up to \$2,500 on a grant project of at least \$7,500. \$10,000 has been allotted to each of these grants.

Applications for both grants will be accepted via mail only (ACDC, P.O. Box 243, Rock Port, MO 64482) beginning February 1, 2021. Eligible projects must be approved prior to beginning work. Completed applications (including vendor bids and project estimates) will be considered by the grant committee in the order they are received. Applications will be accepted until all funds have been awarded.

Visit [www.atchisoncounty.org/acdcgrants](http://www.atchisoncounty.org/acdcgrants) to download the application and guidelines or contact ACDC (660-744-6562, [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org)) to have a copy sent to you.

## Attention Tarkio Property Owners: Tarkio Renewal has a grant for you!

Tarkio Renewal (TR) has committed \$10,000 toward their Property Improvement Grant in 2020. Like ACDC's Business Improvement Grant, TR's grant offers 50/50 matching reimbursable grants up to \$1,000, and projects must be approved prior to beginning work. If you would like a copy of the application packet, stop by the Tarkio Avalanche or send an email to [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org) to request a copy. Applications must be postmarked on or after February 1, 2021, and will be date stamped upon receipt. Applications will be reviewed at monthly TR board meetings in the order they are received.

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

## ACDC Youth Career Program Update

We were so disappointed to have had to cancel our fall youth career events (Careers on Wheels for Freshmen and Youth Professionalism Workshop for Juniors), in addition to cancelling last spring's Job Shadowing Days for Juniors and Seniors. We love these chances to better connect our youth with opportunities (and people!) in their county, and we plan to reschedule what we can later in the school year. In the meantime, please spread the word...

CAREER  
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## ACDC Scholarship Applications: due FEBRUARY 26, 2021

ACDC's annual scholarship program was created to help outstanding AC graduates fund post-secondary education and training that can enable them to live, work and create a life here. ACDC offers a \$1,000 award to one student from each high school in each of the following categories, for a total of two scholarships per school:

- community college or technical training program
- 4-year undergraduate degree

Applications are available in each high school counselor's office and are due to ACDC by 3pm on Friday, February 26.

## Great Northwest Day at the Capitol: 2021



Great Northwest Day, a cooperative event established by Leadership Northwest Missouri in 2003, is organized by the 18 counties that comprise the "Great Northwest." This annual event engages area constituents in a unique regional effort that promotes our region at the Capitol and pursues legislation beneficial to our citizens.

Due to COVID restrictions, the traditional event in Jefferson City event is not possible this year. Instead, a virtual event will include a legislative update, priorities panel, keynote speakers and county/regional promotion. For updates, visit [www.facebook.com/greatnorthwestday](https://www.facebook.com/greatnorthwestday) or [www.greatnorthwestday.com/](http://www.greatnorthwestday.com/).

## Shopping Local: an AC tradition!

This year we had to cancel #ShopAC, our much-anticipated annual shop local event, but that didn't stop you from choosing to support your neighbors and friends! Over the past several months, we have heard many people say that they have been more intentional than ever about purchasing goods and Christmas gifts locally, a claim that is evidenced by sales tax numbers that have been above average for months. This is not something all communities can say this year, and we're so proud of our people for understanding the importance of putting your money where your house is!

Several AC businesses have stepped up their online marketing efforts this season. If you haven't already, please join the #ShopAC Facebook group to keep up to date on what our amazing businesses have to offer YOU!



[www.facebook.com/groups/shopac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/shopac)



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

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