



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...
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WE HELP EXISTING BUSINESSES.

Since 2013, our annual **Business Improvement Grant** has awarded \$1,000-\$2,500 in matching grants toward 165 different projects, infusing \$171,000 of YOUR tax dollars right back into businesses in YOUR county!

We help promote local businesses by reminding our citizens to **Shop Local**, annually during our **#ShopAC** event in November, and daily on our **#ShopAC** Facebook Group. We also support the annual Atchison County Artisans Holiday Makers Market.

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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 **connect** potential business owners with 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 concise **visitor and resident guides** that are available locally and distributed through welcome centers in our state.

We participate in **Great Northwest Day at the Capitol**, a regional, 19-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, 2024**, so we can continue putting this mission into action!

“As a small rural farming community, I feel Atchison County always stands out and is on the leading edge with the economic development tools we can offer. I have had the opportunity to work alongside this office for many years and having a dedicated funding source through the Atchison County Development Sales Tax has made that possible. This office works hand in hand with the county to provide economic development tools that many other small counties cannot offer. The programs that have been established with our youth over the years to show them the opportunities they can have right here at home are discussed at the national level and so important to the long-term viability of the county. The ACDC Office is a tremendous asset to the county, and it is only possible through the continuation of the sales tax already in place.”

Susette Taylor
Atchison County Clerk

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**WE SUPPORT
NONPROFITS.**

ACDC supports community improvement efforts that are initiated by nonprofits and volunteers in our county.

Below are some organizations and projects we have assisted with through our **Community Enrichment Program:**

- Battle of the Books
 - nutrition centers
 - fire departments
 - Tarkio Tech
 - golf courses
 - city parks/ballfields
 - infrastructure upgrades
 - community revitalization and cleanup projects
- ACDC provides staffing and bookkeeping assistance to community groups like Tarkio Renewal and Restore Rock Port.

We support and encourage volunteer efforts, through programs like our **Youth Community Beautification Grant.**

#5

**WE LOVE OUR KIDS.
(aka our
Emerging Workforce!)**

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

We coordinate multiple **local career development and exploration programs** for AC students, including a career day for 8th Graders, Careers on Wheels for Freshmen (highlighting non 'desk jobs'); a Youth Professionalism Workshop for Juniors (covering workplace etiquette, insight from AC employers, and entrepreneurship), and job shadowing opportunities for Juniors.

We award a **\$1,000 Scholarship** to two Seniors from each high school: one for a traditional 4-year degree, and one for a career or technical program.

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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.

ACDC was instrumental in the establishment of both the EEZ and TIF programs, and continues to manage both boards.

Having an office dedicated to economic development has helped our county to be a leader in rural Missouri.

#3

WE ADVOCATE FOR OUR COUNTY.

When economic development opportunities are in jeopardy or when changes can be made at a state level, we **advocate for our county** by gathering information, educating legislators, and actively supporting impactful legislation and policy changes that will benefit our citizens.

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

"ACDC believes in helping to bring businesses and work to Atchison County and enticing our youth to see how fortunate they are to live here. The group encourages county growth by providing grants to businesses, large or small. After my son started his mowing/snow removal/yard cleanup business, he was encouraged to apply for an ACDC grant to help him improve his endeavors. Quin learned how to write a grant, showcase his business, and decide how the funds would be used, all at 13 years of age! It was quite a life lesson and receiving that grant has encouraged him to write other grants to improve Q and M Snowing and Mowing."

Mark Staten, Tarkio

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WE LISTEN TO WHAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE DOING.

We determine our priorities based on the needs we see and the potential we have, but **we work for YOU and we 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.

Since 1998, Atchison County has had an office and full-time staff dedicated to economic and community development.

Whether we are creating grants for local businesses, connecting youth to their home, celebrating new businesses and projects, or representing our county in Jefferson City, we are purposely and continually planting seeds of hope and future success for our county.

We are poised and equipped to tackle the next issue our county brings to the forefront.

"I shop in Atchison County as much and as often as I can. I like the idea that ¼-cent of the sales tax I pay helps fund the many programs ACDC administers. Our county is blessed to have a development corporation with the innovative thinking of Monica and the Board of Directors. They not only assist new businesses in getting established in our county, but also have a Business Improvement Grant to help existing businesses. Their focus on our county's youth is tremendous, offering career programs, a beautification grant, job shadowing and scholarships. These efforts are sure to pay off down the road, with young people staying in the county or coming back home to work and raise their families. ACDC supports nonprofits, community improvement projects, and so much more throughout our county. Very thankful for ACDC!"

Ginny Vernon, Fairfax

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Upcoming Events

- March 13/20/27: ACDC Community Lunches
- March 16/17: CH-F's Gala and Show
- March 19: 8th Grade Career Day
- March 29: AC Battle of the Books (Tarkio Resource Center)
- April 2: General Municipal Election Day
- April 4: Job Shadowing Day (AC Juniors)

- ACDC will be closed on the following holidays:
- ◆ Friday, March 29: Good Friday
 - ◆ Wednesday, May 8: Truman Day
 - ◆ Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

Community Lunches - join us!

This year's **complimentary** community lunches will provide info on ACDC's efforts prior to the tax renewal vote on April 2.

PLEASE RSVP (660-744-6562 / acdc@atchisoncounty.org)

to join us at any of the following locations on **Wednesdays, Noon-1p.m.:**

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



Attention AC youth - lots of opportunities for you this spring!



8th Grade Career Day: Tuesday, March 19
New this year - a cross-county career adventure for AC 8th graders! We'll start that morning at CH-F then head to points east and west, learning about multiple industries and career paths in our county.

ACDC Scholarships: due Friday, March 29

We give scholarships to two graduating seniors from each school, one for traditional 4-year education and one for career/technical training. Grab the app from your school counselor's office or visit www.atchisoncounty.org/education to print.

Job Shadowing for Juniors: Thursday, April 4

We're putting together a list of jobs for you to learn more about on April 4 and can't wait to hear about your experiences! (Businesses, if you are interested in hosting a student and haven't been contacted, give us a call!)

#MakeACBeautiful Youth Community Beautification Grant

It's already time to start thinking about next year's beautification projects, kids! Guidelines and info will be available in April, applications will be due in September, and projects will be completed by July 30, 2025. A minimum of \$500 will be awarded per grant project. Can't wait to see how you'll beautify your home!

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

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ACDC is funded by a **1/4-cent sales tax** that is voted on every 5 years. On **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, you have the opportunity to help us continue our efforts. Please **vote YES** to **RENEW** the **Economic Development Sales Tax!**