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ACDC's 2025 Business Improvement Grant Program

ACDC's Business Improvement Grant program has assisted with over 170 different projects throughout our county since 2013. ACDC designed this grant program to encourage growth and development of existing AC businesses, but we've also seen an infusion of \$337,000 back into our local economy in the form of goods and services from AC vendors. Grant recipients have invested in themselves and leveraged over \$190,000 in ACDC funds (county sales tax dollars allocated to this office via the 1/4-cent economic development sales tax) to complete over \$1,000,000 worth of improvements.



In 2025, ACDC will offer two levels of funding through this reimbursed matching grant program on improvement projects for existing businesses.

- **BASIC:** grant will equal up to 50% of the cost of eligible improvements, max. \$1,000. (If total project cost is \$1,200: ACDC's reimbursed grant is \$600 + business pays \$600. If total project cost is \$2,200: ACDC's grant is \$1,000. Business pays \$1,200.)
- **2.0:** grant will equal up to one-third of the cost of eligible improvements, max \$2,500. (If total project cost is \$7,500+: ACDC's reimbursed grant is \$2,500. Business pays \$5,000+.)

ACDC could award up to \$20,000 in funds during the 2025 grant cycle. Applications will be accepted via mail (or at the ACDC office at 321 S. Main St. in Rock Port, via mail slot in door if the office is closed) after January 15, 2025. Eligible projects must be approved prior to beginning work. Completed applications will be considered in the order they are received. Contact ACDC for an application or more information.

ACDC Scholarship Applications: due March 28, 2025



ACDC's annual scholarship program was created to help outstanding AC graduates fund post-secondary education and training that can help them to create a good life (here, if we're lucky!). 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 district area:

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

Applications are available in each high school counselor's office and online at www.atchisoncounty.org/education and are due to ACDC by 3pm on Friday, March 28.

PLEASE HELP US spread the word about this scholarship opportunity. If you know of a student who needs assistance with the application or if you have any questions, please contact us!

The Mission of ACDC:

To initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity in Atchison County through economic and community development.

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King, Jr



True leadership is servanthood. Put the interests of others at the center of your decisions.

Dave Ramsey

Have an idea of how to improve your corner of AC?

Take advantage of our Community Cleanup & Beautification Grant!



We created this grant program in 2024 to assist with community cleanup and beautification projects. In its first year, volunteer groups in Fairfax planted trees at the ballfield and at the city park.

Successful CC&B grant projects

- are carried out by community volunteers;
- utilize local businesses, vendors and services (whenever possible!);
- and beautify a visible, public area of the community.

ACDC will fund up to \$1,500 total in CC&B grants in 2025, with grant awards ranging from \$25 to

\$500. This is a first-come, first-served grant, with applications considered in the order they are received. Contact us today for an application!

Did you know ACDC supported nonprofit efforts in 2024?

ACDC supports nonprofit projects and efforts around the county. Each year we are the primary sponsor for the Battle of the Books event, support Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation (one of our favorite partners when working with new and potential businesses!), and provide a scholarship to an AC resident attending Leadership Northwest. In addition to those expenditures in 2024, we also supported projects with the Tarkio Rodeo Association and Tarkio Tech.

We have a small grant program in place for the efforts of nonprofits and volunteers in our county, particularly for projects that add or retain jobs or services, increases tourism, or improves local recreation opportunities. If your organization has a project in mind, please contact us to see if we can help! We're proud to back the efforts of nonprofit organizations and volunteers in our county.

Tarkio Renewal's 2025 Property Improvement Grant

In 2019, Tarkio Renewal (TR) established the Property Improvement Grant program designed to encourage visible property improvement in Tarkio. Since then, TR has assisted with over 50 different Property Improvement Grant projects, including sidewalks, exterior painting, landscaping, porch replacement and more.

The Property Improvement Grant is a 50/50 matching reimbursement grant program, which reimburses up to \$1,000 per project. Projects must be approved prior to beginning the project.

Contact ACDC (acdc@atchisoncounty.org, 660-744-6562) to have a grant application packet sent to you. Completed applications must be mailed to Tarkio Renewal (c/o ACDC, P.O. Box 243, Rock Port, MO 64482) or delivered to the ACDC office (321 S. Main) after Feb. 1. Applications will be considered in order of receipt.

AC Jobs

If you're looking for local work or wondering where to best advertise an open position, here are a few options:

- [ACDC's Job Board](http://jobs.atchisoncounty.org) (jobs.atchisoncounty.org)
This section of our website is devoted to positions we see posted in our local paper, on Facebook, or elsewhere online. We prioritize Atchison County positions, but we occasionally post openings in adjacent counties when they are advertised locally.
 - * If you'd like an Atchison County position to be posted on this page, please contact us. We leave positions posted on this site for 8 weeks unless we are notified sooner by the employer that the position has been filled.
- [ACDC's Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/atchisoncountydevelopment) (www.facebook.com/atchisoncountydevelopment)
Our preference is to share posts from the business or organization that is hiring, so that job seekers are directed back to the original page. This encourages the seeker to communicate directly with the business, and helps us promote the business's Facebook presence.
 - * If you don't want to scroll through ACDC's Facebook page, simply do a search for #ACjobs.
 - * When you have a job opening posted and we haven't shared it on our page yet, please contact us and we'll do so!
- [Atchison County Mail](http://660-744-6245) (660-744-6245). A classic! ACDC staff are not the only people perusing the classified section each week. Don't forget your local paper when considering ways to either look for a job or advertise for an opening!



Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

It's been a while since I wrote one of these, but I wanted to take a minute to thank Sheriff Dad for everything he has done for this office.

Did you know that the entire time I've been in this director role (coming up on 14 years...which is, incidentally, the age I was when I became a Sheriff's kid!), my first call on anything has almost always been to Sheriff Dad? This is partly because he's just the one I call, but it's also due to the sheer amount of knowledge that he has acquired during his years of service to this county. Whether he's asked if a small business is active (how does he *always* seem to know?) or who owns what or lives where (who needs GIS?!), his answers are evidence of decades spent observing, listening and driving around the county, watching out for all of us.

We're all blessed to have had his example of humbly serving and protecting for so many years. May we all remember his model: if you're doing life, service, and leadership right, it has very little to do with you.

Thank you for everything, Sheriff Dad!

~Monica



Great Northwest Day at the Capitol 2025

Great Northwest Day, an annual cooperative event, is organized by leaders from the nineteen counties that comprise the "Great Northwest."

This unique regional education effort is well-

known at the Capitol and is scheduled for February 4-5 in Jefferson City. The primary goals are promoting our region and pursuing legislation that is beneficial to our citizens.

This year's itinerary includes introductions of the delegation on the House/Senate Floors, education on legislative priority issues, and breakfast with a keynote speaker. Prior to the main event (the Great Northwest Celebration) on Tuesday evening, the Northwest Missouri Reception will include updates from the region's legislators and the presentation of the Northwest Missouri Citizen of the Year Award.

Each year we travel to the Capitol to educate legislators on the great things happening in Atchison County. If you want to learn more about this event, contact AC Coordinator Monica Bailey at director@atchisoncounty.org or 660-744-6562, or visit www.greatnorthwestday.com.

ACDC will be closed in observance of the following holidays:
 New Year's Day (Jan. 1) • Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 20) • Presidents Day (Feb. 17)

ACDC Board & Staff

Directors:

- * Lori Seymour, President
- * Craig Corken, Vice President
- * Bob Alldredge, Treasurer
- * Eryn Stepp, Secretary
- * Jill Davis
- * W.C. Farmer
- * Mary Ann Hull
- * Roger A. Martin
- * Jeff Meyer

Staff:

- * Monica M. Bailey, Executive Director
- * Stephanie True, Bookkeeper/ Receptionist

ACDC Membership

If you keep up with ACDC, you know that we spend your sales tax dollars working to create a better future for this place we are blessed to call home. We create and administer programs designed to help both new and existing businesses prosper (grants! #ShopAC!), connect our emerging workforce (our amazing youth!) with local career opportunities, and celebrate all the ways #ACisAwesome.

We hope you like what you see from us. We'd be encouraged if you would support us with your membership, which enhances the economic and community development work we do on many fronts. Community enrichment projects supported by your dollars include Battle of the Books, scholarships for graduating Seniors, improvement projects around the county, and scholarships for our regional leadership program.



2025 Members (so far!) are:

- Bob & Marilyn Alldredge
- Larry & Anne Amthor
- Advanced Pork Systems
- Alma's Herbs
- Big John's Fireworks
- Bill Smith Trucking
- Burke and Sons Lumber Co., Inc.
- City of Fairfax
- City of Tarkio
- Clodfelter Insurance Agency
- Colfax Farmers Mutual
- Community Hospital-Fairfax
- Craig Corken
- Do It Best Hardware
- Ed Salmond CPA
- Fairfax Agency, Inc.
- Fairfax Kiwanis Club
- Food Country
- Merle & Ruth Fox
- Lonnie Graves
- Stan & Janet Griffin
- Katia & Mike Hawkins
- Brett & Shelby Hurst
- Brooks & Lydia Hurst
- Lowrey's Yard & Garden
- M&S Storage, LLC
- Amy Moore
- Murf's Auto Supply
- Northwest Missouri Land Title, LLC
- Northwest Missouri Living Center, Inc.
- Oswald Crow Agency
- Perry's Liquor Store
- Quality Auto Repair
- Rock Port Chamber of Commerce
- Roger Livengood and Associates, Inc.
- Billy Smith
- State Line Discount Tobacco
- Tarkio Cooperative, Inc.
- The Flower Mill, LLC
- The Walnut Shop
- Total Property Services
- Tru 2 U Autobody & Repair
- Paul Tiemeyer
- Weedin Painting

If you're interested in becoming a member, contact us (acdc@atchisoncounty.org; 660-744-6562) and we'll send you a letter (and a cool membership sticker)!

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 @atchisoncountydevelopment

Thank you once again for supporting our businesses during our annual #ShopAC event in November. We received 135 completed passports from those of you who visited our 23 participating businesses and were glad to see so many of you out and about!



Please keep up with some of our amazing AC businesses throughout the year by following our #ShopAC Facebook group!
www.facebook.com/groups/shopac/

