



MAIN STREET ND

FOR A STRONGER NORTH DAKOTA

Resources & Assistance

Main Street gives community leaders a direct access point to a variety of resources, helping capitalize on strengths and make sound planning decisions. Main Street is built on three pillars of economic success: healthy, vibrant communities; smart, efficient infrastructure; and 21st century workforce. A summary of resources and assistance programs available to communities for each pillar is listed below.



HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Agency	Type of Assistance	Programs	Summary	Website	Phone
Bank of North Dakota	Loan	Flex Pace Program Match Program	Competitive interest rate loans for eligible communities and financially strong companies moving or expanding in North Dakota.	www.BND.nd.gov/business	701-328-5600
North Dakota Department of Commerce	Tax Incentive	Renaissance Zone Program	Tool for communities to offer state and local tax incentives to entice investment in the community.	www.NDCommunityServices.com	701-328-5300
	Grant/Loan	Community Development Block Grants	Financial assistance to eligible communities for public facilities, housing rehabilitation and economic development projects.	www.NDCommunityServices.com	701-328-5300
	Grant	Agricultural Products Utilization Commission Grants	Grants for companies that add value to agriculture.	www.NDAPUC.com	701-328-5300
	Grant	Partners in Marketing - Main Street Grants	Assists local and regional economic development organizations to enhance their marketing efforts.	www.NDCommerce.com	701-328-5300
	Loan	North Dakota Development Fund	Offers flexible gap financing options for new or expanding primary sector businesses or licensed childcare centers.	www.NDDF.com	701-328-5300
North Dakota Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation	Information/ Collaboration		Assist in identifying effective treatment resources and training for mental health/opioid issues.	www.ND.gov/docr	701-328-6390



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North Dakota Council on the Arts	Grant	Community Arts Access	Provides financial assistance to nonprofits to create arts programming or arts events.	www.ND.gov/arts/grants/general/community-arts-access	701-328-7594
	Matching Grant	Special Projects	Provides financial assistance to communities for new arts projects or to capitalize on touring arts events.	www.ND.gov/arts/grants/general/spedcial-projects	701-328-7594
	Information/Collaboration	Art for Life	Assists eldercare facilities with toolkits to help improve physical and mental health.	www.ND.gov/arts/programs/art-for-life	701-328-7594
	Information/Collaboration		Assists communities and artists through a variety of programs and grants focused on creating engagement with arts and culture.	www.ND.gov/arts	701-328-7594
North Dakota Highway Patrol	Information/Collaboration		Assists communities with public safety services, training and provides cross-agency assistance.	www.ND.gov/ndhp	701-328-2447
North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission	Information/Collaboration	North Dakota Indian Business Alliance North Dakota Tribal Tourism Alliance	Assists communities in encouraging Native American entrepreneurship and tourism development.	www.IndianAffairs.nd.gov	701-328-2428
North Dakota National Guard	Information/Collaboration		Partners with communities to encourage wellness and awareness of issues at events or through community-based, public safety training opportunities.	www.ND.NG.mil	701-333-2000
North Dakota Securities Commission	Information/Collaboration		Assists businesses with capital formation and registration, and use of securities to raise capital.	www.ND.gov/securities	701-328-2910
North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance	Information/Collaboration		Provides employers workers' compensation coverage and offers incentives/discounts, grants and return-to-work programs for eligible businesses.	www.WorkforceSafety.com	800-777-5033



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Local Incentive Options	Summary	ND Century Code Statute Reference
Business Improvement District (BID)	Allows communities to establish a district in which businesses pay an additional tax in order to fund projects within the district's boundaries. Can be used for planning, beautification, event creation, marketing, etc.	NDCC § 40-22.1
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT or PILOT)	Allows communities (fewer than 40,000) to grant a partial or complete property tax exemption for new or expanding retail businesses.	NDCC § 40-57.1-03
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Allows communities to establish a program for urban renewal to use public and private resources to address underdeveloped, blighted or underemployed areas.	NDCC § 40-58



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SMART, EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

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Bank of North Dakota	Loan	Infrastructure Loan Fund	Competitive interest rate loans for eligible communities to support infrastructure improvement.	www.BND.nd.gov/infrastructure	701-328-5600
	Loan	School Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund	Competitive interest rate loans for eligible school districts to support school construction projects.	www.BND.nd.gov/infrastructure	701-328-5600
	Loan	Community Water Facility Revolving Loan Fund	Competitive interest rate loans for eligible communities given on behalf of the State Water Commission to support water management projects.	www.BND.nd.gov/infrastructure	701-328-5600
North Dakota Department of Commerce	Tax Incentive	Renaissance Zone Program	Tool for communities to offer state and local tax incentives to entice investment in the community.	www.NDCommunityServices.com	701-328-5300
	Grant/Loan	Community Development Block Grants	Financial assistance to eligible communities for public facilities, housing rehabilitation and economic development projects.	www.NDCommunityServices.com	701-328-5300
North Dakota Department of Transportation	Matching Grant	Urban Program	Financial assistance for communities above 5,000 to maintain state highways and roads in the Federal Aid System. Match varies based on project type.	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	County Program	Financial assistance for counties for major collector roads in the Federal Aid System. Match: Federal 80%, Local 20%	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	Transportation Alternative Program	Competitive financial assistance to eligible communities for items such as paths, bike facilities, pedestrian trails, scenic viewing areas, etc. Match: Federal 80%, Local 20%	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	North Dakota Streets Program	Financial assistance for communities below 5,000 to make improvements adjacent to a state highways, such as lighting, sidewalks, drainage, etc. Match: Federal 80%, State 10% , Local 10%	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500



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North Dakota Department of Transportation	Grant	Special Roads Fund Program	Competitive financial assistance to fund projects on roads within recreational, tourist or historical areas.	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	Highway Safety Improvement Program	Financial assistance for improvements to roadways for public safety. Match: Federal 90%, Local 10%	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	Transit Program	Financial assistance available to transit providers. Can be operating and/or capital improvements. Match varies based on project type.	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	Small Rural Economic Development Program	Financial assistance to upgrade roadway and pavement infrastructure to a new business. Match: Federal 80%, Local 20%	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
	Matching Grant	State Highway Projects	Financial assistance for upgrades to interstate or state highway projects. Match varies based on project type.	www.DOT.nd.gov	701-328-2500
North Dakota Highway Patrol	Information/ Collaboration		Assists communities with enforcement of permitting and size/weight regulations on roadways.	www.ND.gov/ndhp	701-328-2447
North Dakota National Guard	Assistance	Community Assistance Projects Program	Assists communities with design, engineering and construction of public projects.	www.ND.NG.mil	701-333-2000



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21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

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Bank of North Dakota	Information	College Awareness	Assists students and parents with information regarding financial options for college.	www.BND.nd.gov/studentloans	701-328-5600
	Loan	Deal One Program			
North Dakota Career & Technical Education	Training	Train ND	Provides customized employee development and training specific to business/industry needs.	www.TrainND.com	701-333-2000
North Dakota Department of Commerce	Matching Grant	Operation Intern	Financial assistance available to businesses to expand the number of new internships and apprenticeships.	www.OperationIntern.com	701-328-5300
	Information/Collaboration	Registered Apprenticeships	Assists businesses in the creation of registered apprenticeships for talent recruitment.	www.NDWorkforce.com	701-328-5300
	Grants	Americorps Grants	Assistance to programs to recruit, train and supervise Americorps members to address critical community needs in specific areas.	www.NDAmericorps.com	701-328-5300
Job Service North Dakota	Tax Incentive	New Jobs Training Program	Assists new or expanding primary sector businesses to offset the cost of training new employees.	www.JobsND.com	701-328-6390
	Tax Incentive	Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Assists eligible employers who hire job seekers facing employment barriers.	www.JobsND.com	701-328-6390
	Federal Incentive	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Trade Adjustment Assistance On-the-Job Training	Assistance to train employees needing experience or education to fill available positions.	www.JobsND.com	701-328-6390



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Job Service North Dakota	Information/ Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Service Consultation Employee Recruitment Job Fairs Labor Market Information 	Assists employers in identifying workforce needs, recruitment, job postings and fairs, and providing insights into trends in the job market.	www.JobsND.com	701-328-2825
	Information/ Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Labor Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H2A Agriculture - H2B Non-Agriculture - Federal Bonding 	Assists employers in hiring foreign labor to meet domestic-worker shortages.	www.JobsND.com	701-328-2825
North Dakota Information Technology Department	Information	State Longitudinal Data System	Provides data from education, training and employment programs to support workforce development.	www.SLDS.ndcloud.gov	701-328-4470
North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance	Information/ Collaboration		Provides employers workers' compensation coverage and offers incentives/discounts, grants and return-to-work programs for eligible businesses.	www.WorkforceSafety.com	800-777-5033



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MAIN STREET PARTNERS

Program	Summary	Partner Agency	Healthy Vibrant Communities	Smart, Efficient Infrastructure	21 st Century Workforce
Center for Community Vitality	Provides resources and training to assist with developing vital communities through planning, asset mapping, leadership development, data-driven decisions and more.	NDSU Extension www.ag.ndsu.edu/ccv 701-231-8944	✓	✓	✓
Center for Technology & Business	Assists small business/entrepreneurs through training and technology, and works closely with economic developers and communities to foster growth in rural areas.	Center for Technology & Business www.TrainingND.com 701-223-0707	✓	✓	✓
Dakota Fiber Initiative	Working to ensure every household and business throughout the state has the capability of high-speed Internet access.	Dakota Carrier Network www.DakotaCarrier.com 800-814-3333		✓	
North Dakota Small Business Development Centers	Provides direct assistance to small businesses to start, manage and grow their business.	North Dakota Small Business Development Centers www.NDSBDC.org 701-777-3700	✓		
Succeed 2020	Supports schools in giving students a successful transition from school to college and careers.	North Dakota Regional Education Association www.NDREA.org/			✓
USDA Rural Development	Assists individuals, communities and businesses obtain financial and technical assistance to address rural needs.	USDA Rural Development www.rd.usda.gov/nd 701-530-2037	✓	✓	✓
North Dakota Center for Distance Education	Assists K-12 schools with options for online courses, project-based learning and other programs.	North Dakota Center for Distance Education www.NDCDE.org 701-298-4830			✓