

Rural Development

RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (2016)		
Recipient	Grant Amount	Purpose
City of Anamoose	\$218,462	Funding will be used to renovate a former bank building that has been leased to 1909 Steakhouse and Saloon, a new startup restaurant in Anamoose. The restaurant will feature a night and weekend dining menu using locally and regionally grown produce and meats. The project will assist in the creation of 5 new jobs.
Dakota College at Bottineau <i>Bottineau, ND</i>	\$108,800	Funding will be used to expand the aquaponics facility through the purchase of equipment; and provide technical assistance to students and entrepreneurs in the CONAC REAP Zone. The project will assist individuals in developing their own commercial aquaponics businesses to create and save jobs and increase local food production to meet the increasing customer demand.
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians <i>Belcourt, ND</i>	\$103,994	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance through small business and agri-business workshops and entrepreneurship training supporting a local foods initiative. The goal of the project is to provide opportunity for entrepreneurs to generate additional revenue through selling home-grown/home-made products and services at local farmers markets.
REAP Investment Fund <i>Dickinson, ND</i>	\$86,764	Funding will be used to provide training and technical assistance to local growers in the Southwest REAP Zone to plant and sell grapes, seasonal fruits and vegetables to capitalize on increased market opportunities to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, prisons and an expanding wine industry.
Tuttle Betterment Club, Inc. <i>Tuttle, ND</i>	\$51,090	Funding will be used to purchase equipment for a commercial kitchen space to assist local growers, caterers and small and medium sized food processors to process their products for wholesale and retail sales. The availability of a commercial kitchen will help assist these rural small businesses improve their efficiencies and expand their businesses.
Bowman County Fair Association <i>Bowman, ND</i>	\$37,000	Funding will be used to purchase equipment for a commercial kitchen. The kitchen will provide an opportunity for small and emerging food processors and similar type businesses to process their products for resale, which will help increase their income generation.
Pembina County Job Development Authority <i>Grafton, ND</i>	\$30,000	Funding will be used to complete one-on-one technical assistance activities with small and emerging businesses to identify retention and expansion opportunities in Pembina County.

City of Michigan	\$26,910	Funding will be used to purchase kitchen equipment which will be leased to the Wagon Wheel Grill in Michigan. The project will assist in the reopening of the local café and help create 6 new jobs.
Dakota College at Bottineau <i>Bottineau, ND</i>	\$21,482	Funding will be used to conduct a regional needs assessment to provide improved training to students and individuals within the CONAC REAP Zone. Funds will also be used to develop horticulture and sustainable vegetable production courses in a revised format, as well as, develop eight online courses in horticulture and sustainable vegetable production to assist individuals in developing their own business enterprise.
Sacred Pipe Resource Center <i>Bismarck, ND</i>	\$17,000	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance to members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. The technical assistance will guide them through a local food economy assessment, including gathering data about food purchasing and consumption; analyzing data to determine which foods could be locally produced, and identifying thresholds for local markets in order to provide and sustain local jobs. The result will identify significant sectors of the current imported food market that can be provide opportunity to small, local entrepreneurial enterprises.
City of Hettinger	\$15,715	Funding will be used to purchase fitness equipment, which will be leased to Jackson Training Systems. The project will provide for expanded fitness and exercise amenities.
TOTAL	\$717,217	

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