

## Call for Projects – Applications Received

### **Citizens for Responsible Growth and Taxpayer Accountability**

A proposal to apply to any public spending allocated to facilitate economic growth and development where a rigorous and transparent process be created and applied when considering public investment in facilitating growth. The purpose is to understand the short and long term fiscal impact of the public investment. To develop framework for evaluating the fiscal performance of public investment, a task force would be made up of members of the community with direct involvement and understanding of both their investment levels, what the city expects of them on the cost and regulatory side, as well as what the city provides for infrastructure funding, special assessment financing and tax abatement. The “ask” of the City of Bismarck would be to provide City staff as a resource and the potential to hire a specialist (cost to be determined).

### **Dakota Cares**

The project is designed to have a lasting impact on the Bismarck Community by reducing loneliness and isolation among the City’s seniors and young professionals, increasing employee retention and reducing the negative health impacts (social and medical) associated with loneliness.

### **Dakota Media Access**

To relocate Dakota Media Access to a space which will allow for expanded and improved community media services and programming in the Bismarck-Mandan community for the next 10-20 years. The request is twofold: First, obtain support from the city commissions for the concept to allow for the relocation plan (property identification, inspections, cost estimates, etc.) to be developed. Second, upon presentation and approval of the relocation plan, to have Bismarck and Mandan City Commissions contribute to and initiate funds for use towards the cost of property acquisition, equipment, and future programming. Relocating the Dakota Media Access community media center to a cost-effective, functional, and ADA-compliant space will allow expansion to multimedia training programs, offer adaptable, high-tech maker/gathering spaces, and increase live and recording studio capacity for performing artists, schools, civic meetings, and new local-interest programs. The “ask” of the City of Bismarck was to support the plan to relocate and support Dakota Media Access’ plan for a new facility and location.

### **Dakota West Arts Council (DWAC)**

The development and implementation of a Bismarck Arts & Cultural Plan. The Arts & Cultural Plan could be developed through the work of a consultant to facilitate research and drafting of materials. The “ask” of the City of Bismarck would range between \$50,000 - \$100,000 for consulting services.

### **Friends of the Rail Bridge (FORB)**

“By 2022, Friends of the Rail Bridge will find community partners and BNSF will agree to transfer the existing historic 1883 rail bridge to these community partners for a recreational trail. Plans will be in place to ensure that the existing historic bridge will connect to walking and biking trails.” The City of Bismarck can support this project by:

1. Choose “Preserving and Repurposing” the bridge as a project included in Bismarck’s Strategic Plan
2. Send a “Resolution of Support” to the United States Coast Guard.
3. Facilitate partnerships between FORB and government entities. Preserving the historic rail bridge requires city and state partnerships. Friends of the Rail Bridge is able to do much of the administrative and coordination work to physically save the bridge, convert it, and maintain it. However, a partnership of government entities will need to serve as its sponsor.

At this time, there would no cost to the City of Bismarck for items 1-3 listed above.

### **GO! Bismarck-Mandan**

A part-time, seasonal position of Bismarck Local Foods Coordinator be funded by a shared cooperative effort of all four local government entities, included City of Bismarck, Bismarck Parks & Recreation District, Bismarck Public Schools, and Burleigh County. Funding a Bismarck Local Foods Coordinator will improve the quality of life in the community by strengthening, improving, and reinvigorating already existing programs, spaces, and events to ensure that BisMarket, the Community Orchard, Bismarck Community Gardens and the new Farm-to-School programs are sustainable, collaborative and successful. The cost to the City of Bismarck could range from \$8,000 - \$10,000 annually.

### **Missouri River Keepers**

A comprehensive vision of riverfront development on both sides of the Missouri River corridor through Bismarck and Mandan. The scope of work for this project consists of reviewing all riverfront parcels within the corridor and evaluating their current use and establishing a strategic master plan for future uses that provide the greatest public and community benefit. The planning horizon can be defined in three segments:

1. Projects that can be implemented soon.
2. Projects that should be scheduled for funding and implementation.
3. Those parcels that will remain within the private sector for development investment.

The “ask” of the City of Bismarck would be staff time necessary to develop an RFP in 2020 and funding to be determined in 2021.

### **Missouri River Fest**

The River Fest event would host statewide gathering a talent to entertain throughout the festival weekend with different stages for various talent and age groups of children and youth. The intent of the festival is to showcase young talent, seek the support and awareness of any community non-profits with the only requirement to prove that the organization significantly supports children in North Dakota. The organizations collaborating to develop this festival are especially focused on helping to generate funding to benefit children with pediatric cancer. At this time, there would be no cost to the City of Bismarck.

### **Social Health**

The creation and support of a social detox facility to help cover gaps in services for individuals with the most complex behavioral health issues. The project would reduce the number of individuals sleeping on the streets at night, improve the dignity of these individuals, and provide an opportunity for them to transition successfully into the community through appropriate case management services. The project would reduce the cost for local law enforcement and hospitals due to more efficient use of resources and workforce in the City of Bismarck. The cost to the City of Bismarck would be staff time dedicated to the project.

### **United Way**

The development of a new program and facility to serve as the “Center for Opportunity” for the poor, as well as a permanent homeless shelter. This will address ten of the seventeen needs identified in the City’s update to the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness. The Center for Opportunity would provide the community with a one-stop-shop of services to improve access and coordination of nonprofit partners. The “ask” of the City of Bismarck was \$250,000 annually.