

Community Awareness

- Learning website development, taking classes to make necessary improvements & changes on website; keeping it fresh, current & up-to-date. website - www.deuelarea.com
- Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- New Pages added: 1) Arts, Culture & Trades 2) Hunting, Fishing & more. 3) Deuel County Golf Courses Baseball, Softball, Youth. 4) Farmer's Market 5) Crystal Springs Rodeo.
- Community: Parades, Media, Engagements, Supporting organizations & clubs within Deuel County.
- Promote DADi within the county, state and nationally. Speaking engagement at the Midstates Conference in Sioux City in April. Promoting DC in statewide tourism publications
- Business Survey - getting local businesses online and in our Business Directory.
- New Signs on Courthouse ramp targeting location of DADi and BRC.
- Promoting Tools for Business on our Website.
- Constructing two new Sandwich board Displays. (One for the community to use, 1 for Farmer's Market).

Business Development

- Entrepreneurs: Coaching, Outreach, Identification, Targeting, Connecting, Utilize External Resource System
- Increased Client Flow. DADi has been contacted by 14 new start-ups, transitioning and retention businesses. There is significant increase in number of contacts.
- DADi has contacted approximately 55-65 businesses in DC.
- Customized Technical Assistant grants to help retain jobs or create them. Website development for area businesses fall into this category. Currently 4 new businesses are working on websites.
- Working with 3-4 new start-ups; one business expansion; local business transition;
- The Area Resource Team (team of professionals in DC) are being utilized.
- Workshops, including OSHA, is helping our local businesses; DADi is offering TA grants for assistance. Classes are also being offered in the BRC besides workshops.

Incubator Development

- Supporting the Business Development Strategy, these incubators have been a vital part of this USDA Grant.
- The Business Resource Center in the Courthouse has been created. Equipment has been purchased, including computers, large screen monitors, privacy walls, printer, office supplies as well as advertising for usage of the BRC.
- Providing community awareness that the BRC is available at limited to no rent.
- Deuel Community Kitchen has hit a roadblock. Two businesses that had agreed to having the Kitchen Incubator have both gone out of business. We are seeking a new location. We are working also with Dakota Rural Action as they have made this kitchen a project of theirs. (A new location is possibly going to happen. Working on details.)

Sustainability

- Informing Stakeholders
- Capital Campaign possibility; need ongoing financial support.
- Office hours in Toronto, Gary, and Clear Lake.
- Efforts in time extended to other DC Communities.
- Build stronger foundation for funding and support; build legacy.
- Center for Rural Entrepreneurship facilitating 360 degree review and assessment for the next Economic Development game plan.

Community Life - Deuel County

- Possible plans for a Daktronics Signboard in Clear Lake. Beginning phases of committee beginnings.
- Safe Routes to School Recreation Trail with CL City & Deuel School getting youth safely to and from the Sports Complex. DADi assisting if needed.
- Dakota Rural Action Org. in Deuel Cty: support of the Deuel Community Kitchen.
- Promotion of Activities in Deuel County: Dances, pages on Website, Farmer's Market and more.
- Gary Area Betterment committee formed in 2013 in Gary, SD.
- Work with other organizations on Grant editing.

Long Term & Future Development Ideas

- Sustainability: New Strategic Plan to come out of Sustainability portion of the grant.
- Future talks with ECDC (Eastern Central Development)
- GOED looking for industrial buildings for new companies to relocate to SD. Ongoing emails from the State looking for these buildings.
- Looking for new stakeholders, entities, supporters to come on board DADi; basic support.
- Fundraisers on-going.
- Director's Continuing Education.
- Many miscellaneous projects as they come up or too numerous to mention.