



What Buchanan County Economic Development Has Been Up To In 2025

TO DATE:

- Closed out the Independence Catalyst Grant
- Closed out the Fairbank Catalyst Grant
- Wrote and received a Rural Grocery Store Grant to assist with expansion at Nick's Family Grocery
- Assisted with additional grant writing for trails and BOOST applications
- Launched the LEAD Buchanan Academy Leadership program
- Working with City of Jesup on Downtown Revitalization
- Continued extensive work with Buchanan County Tourism
- Continued work with housing including participation in Habitat for Humanity Steering committee
- Meeting with and assisting with communities for RAGBRAI along with Tourism
- Participated in Site Selector Visit with the Cedar Valley Regional Partnership
- Increased State wide participation for BCEDC when appointed to the Iowa Rural Development Council
- Participating with Tourism on the First Impressions grant
- RLF to The Farmers Kitchen in Fairbank
- Approved Key Business Grant for SIPS in

UPCOMING:

- Business Leadership Program
- Building Better Business – September 2nd - Celina Peerman – Goal Setting
– October 8th - Molly Mackey - Beat Burnout
- Housing Task Force for Region implemented by Butler County REC
- Assist with RAGBRAI as it comes through and other tourism events
- Close out of LEAD Buchanan and planning for next year