



Helping build communities in West Central Nebraska.

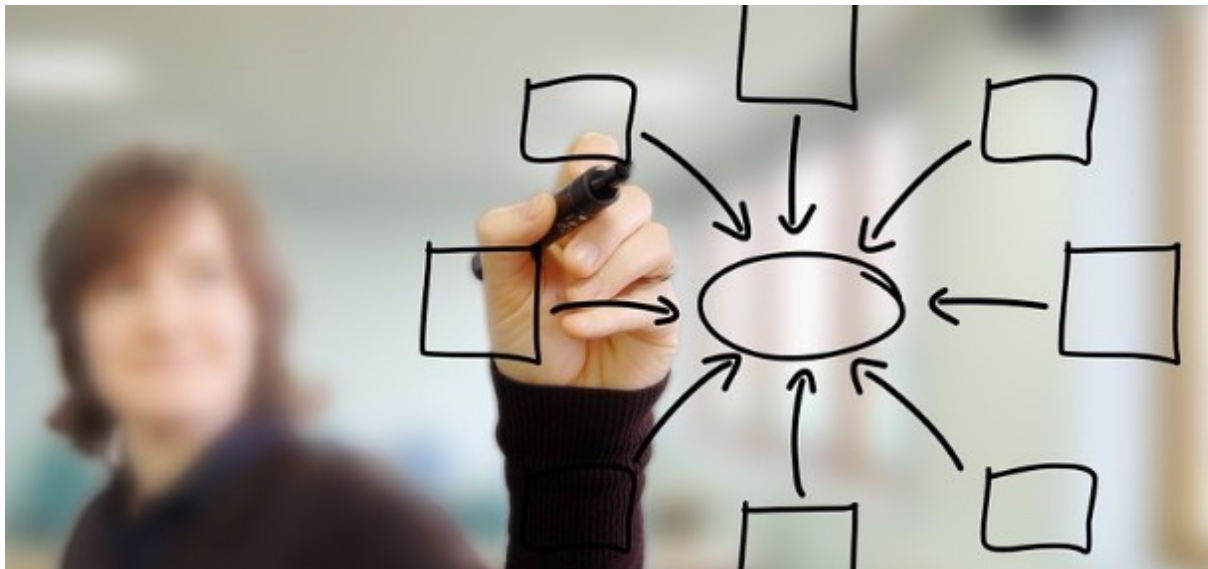


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The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will be accepting applications from Nebraska municipalities for grants to support the development of civic, community, and recreational centers under the CCCFF program. The guidelines require that the municipality must own and operate the facility, the project must be within the municipal limits, and the funding requires a 1 for 1 match (or 50% cash match). Applicants whose population is less than 10,000 residents are eligible for up to \$250,000 in grant funds.

Preliminary applications are due May 1, 2016. Communities will be notified by May 15, 2016 if they are invited to submit a full application. Preliminary

applications will need to include maps, photos, project scope, and courtesy cost proposals plus your site should be shovel ready.

Communities wishing to discuss possible projects and apply for funding should contact staff member [CJ Poltack](#) at 308-284-6077.

## *Happenings...*

### ***We did it!***

We launched our new website with links to your community! Check it out and let us know if there are any corrections for your community or county!

[www.west-central-nebraska.com](http://www.west-central-nebraska.com)

### ***Meeting you where you are...***

Our first county wide meeting held earlier this month was a success! Next month we will be in Furnas County at Subway in Arapahoe. Join us on March 8th at 7 am for information on the latest programs and ideas.

Contact

[kbourque@west-central-nebraska.com](mailto:kbourque@west-central-nebraska.com)

to get your county on the schedule.

### ***Do you have members of your business community who are thinking of retiring?***

Empty businesses and vacant buildings

## ***Meet the Clerk***



**Jessie Faber**

**City of Grant  
Clerk/Treasurer**

Jessie grew up on a farm south of Big Springs NE.

She attended Chadron State College earning a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. In May 2008 she began working for the City of Grant as the Clerk/Treasurer.

Her favorite part of the job is the treasurer position, but she also enjoys the variety in the tasks of her position. She truly enjoys helping with the City's Annual Cruise Night that was started

on main street are a problem for many small towns. Too many times, business owners retire and close their doors. West Central realizes that transition would be a better solution- for the owner and the community. We have the ability to guide business owners with their exit strategies. If you know of someone in this position, have them call [Kathy Bourque](#) at 308.284.6077 for a free consultation on next steps.

### ***GIS Mapping to Serve Community***

Is your community walkable for everyone? Have you thought of mapping your ADA accessibility? Using GIS can help you see your sidewalk layout from a bird's eye view to show you how you are serving your entire community.

in 2012 to celebrate the City's 125th anniversary.

In her free time, Jessie helps her parents with the hardware stores they own in Big Springs and Grant. She also enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She has served on the Perkins County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is currently serving on the Perkins County Retirement Association Board of Directors as the Treasurer.

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### **Important Dates:**

CDBG Planning Grants Pre-App	March 1
Annual Cycle Trust Funds Pre-App	April 1
NE Tourism Community Impact Grant	April 8
CDBG OOR Pre- App	August 5



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