

# 2021 Annual Report



A Report to the Board of Directors, Federal, State and Other  
Governmental Agencies, Elected Officials, and the General Public  
Reflecting the Activities and Achievements of the Northwest  
Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in 2021.

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# Chairman's Comments

Judge Frank Weaver, Chairman, NWAEDD, Inc.



As each of you has the opportunity to review the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District's (NWAEDD) 2021 Annual Report, I anticipate that you will appreciate the significant impact the District has made in Northwest Arkansas.

NWAEDD is structured to assist local governments in meeting the needs of its citizens by providing a wide array of planning, administrative, and technical services throughout the region.

I am proud of our District and the efforts of Joe Willis, Executive Director, and all the staff. Together, they have brought us to where we are today. As we move forward, expect new faces on the Board of Directors as this is an election year. Let us welcome and support new board members as we continue working towards improving economic development in the district. This in turn helps create opportunities for the increasing population of the nine counties we serve.

Above all, let us be thankful to God for the freedom we have in our Country and lift up in prayer those who are suffering in the of suppression of theirs.

Thank you for allowing me to play a part in helping the District to achieve its mission of staying committed to helping local governments and citizens by acting as a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities; and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our District.



# **NWAEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# NWAEDD At Work



NWAEDD Staff attended 2021 Economic Development Week at North Arkansas College



Yellville CDBG Award Signing



NWAEDD WIOA Staff attended the Springdale Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Northwest Arkansas Workforce Summit



Chelsey Weaver attended Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course



Tina Cole presented to the Lead Hill City Council for adoption the Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan



Career Advisors Nadine Sewak & Rose Sparrow, attended the Annual Community Speed Networking Event



NATS Driver Robert Lowry provided transportation for the 2021 SWREDA Conference in Rogers

# Review of District Programs

| <i>Program</i>                                                                                    | <i>Staff and Participant Information</i>       |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>North Arkansas Transportation Service (NATS)</b>                                               | <i>Number of NATS Staff</i>                    | 43                 |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Salaries and Fringe</i>               | \$ 914,588         |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Trips for Commuters to Worksites</i>  | 3,691              |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Trips for Elderly and Handicapped</i> | 6,063              |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Trips for Education</i>               | 50,248             |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Personal Shopping</i>                       | 21,702             |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Miles Driven</i>                            | 689,765            |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Number of Buses in Service</i>              | 65                 |
| <b>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)</b>                                            | <i>Number of Full-Time Positions</i>           | 18                 |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Salaries and Fringe</i>               | \$ 936,992         |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Adult WIOA Participants Served</i>          | 128                |
|                                                                                                   | <i>DLW WIOA Participants Served</i>            | 65                 |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Youth WIOA Participants Served</i>          | 122                |
|                                                                                                   | <i>AR 31 National Emergency Grant</i>          | 17                 |
| <b>Community and Economic Development<br/>Finance/Human Resources<br/>Administrative Services</b> | <i>Number of District Staff</i>                | 10                 |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Salaries and Fringe</i>               | \$ 679,709         |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                                                     | <i>Number of District Staff</i>                | 71                 |
|                                                                                                   | <i>Total Salaries and Fringe</i>               | <b>\$2,531,289</b> |

# Financial Report

|                                             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MAJOR PROGRAMS</b>                       | <b>REVENUE</b>      |
| <b>WORKFORCE (WIOA)</b>                     |                     |
| <b>U.S. Department of Labor</b>             |                     |
| Youth                                       | \$ 845,094          |
| Adult                                       | 534,076             |
| Dislocated Worker                           | 453,728             |
|                                             | <u>\$ 1,832,898</u> |
| <b>TOTAL MAJOR PROGRAMS</b>                 | <u>\$ 1,832,898</u> |
| <b>NONMAJOR PROGRAMS</b>                    |                     |
| <b>WORKFORCE (WIOA)</b>                     |                     |
| <b>U.S. Department of Labor</b>             |                     |
| NEG-AR31                                    | \$ 253,954          |
| AREA 1                                      | 72,592              |
| AREA 2                                      | 229,432             |
| AAPI                                        | 37,473              |
|                                             | <u>\$ 593,451</u>   |
| <b>EDA</b>                                  |                     |
| <b>U.S. Department of Commerce</b>          |                     |
| EDA Planning Grant                          | \$ 70,000           |
| EDA CARES Act Grant                         | 234,268             |
|                                             | <u>\$ 304,268</u>   |
| <b>NATS</b>                                 |                     |
| <b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>    |                     |
| Federal Transit Formula Grants              |                     |
| Operating                                   | \$ 1,025,397        |
| Administration                              | 429,762             |
| Formula Grants for Rural Areas              |                     |
| Capital                                     | 26,528              |
|                                             | <u>\$ 1,481,687</u> |
| <b>Delta Regional Authority</b>             |                     |
| Delta Local Development District Assistance | <u>\$ 6,000</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL NONMAJOR PROGRAMS</b>              | <u>\$ 2,385,406</u> |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS</b>                 | <u>\$ 4,218,304</u> |

# Community and Economic Development

## 2021 Project Review

As part of the grants administration services, the District assists local governments with securing funding from multiple federal and state agencies. Some of these include:

### Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)



#### September 2021

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) awarded the City of Lincoln **\$307,285.00** and the City of Yellville **\$227,590.00** through its general assistance set-aside program to rehabilitate the existing wastewater systems which includes replacement of manholes and sewer lines. Through the efforts of Catherine Baker, Community Development administrator, the City of Leslie completed its sidewalk/drainage project, and Carroll County completed renovations at the Carroll County Health Unit.



#### October 2021

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) awarded Marion County a **\$200,000** Economic Development Grant. This investment benefited Vexus Boats in Flippin, AR by allowing them to expand operations which was expected to create 50 new full-time positions.



#### March & August 2021

NWAEDD remained active with AEDC's Rural Services Division by totaling **\$189,183.50** in grant awards. Grantees included the communities of Baxter County (Galatia Community Center), Boone County (Bergman VFD), Gravette, Marshall, Pindall (PG&S VFD), Washington County (Round Mountain VFD), and Winslow. These grants helped renovate community centers, purchase firefighting equipment, and city equipment.

### FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning

Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Tina Cole, stayed very busy last year leading efforts to help counties throughout Northwest Arkansas update their FEMA Hazard Mitigation plans. She attended numerous quorum court and city council meetings to educate communities and help them understand the importance of adoption of Hazard Mitigation plans. Boone County and Marion County were both completed and approved by FEMA in 2021.



## Community and Economic Development

The Community and Economic Development Division is pleased to report that 2021 was full of successful achievements. NWAEDD was responsible for writing and administering approximately \$2,649,291.60 million in new grant awards throughout the nine-county region. Significant progress was made despite the circumstances of the time. In the world of community & economic development, the outcomes seen in one year are often a direct result of the previous years' work, and there is no doubt that 2020 provided extensive challenges in the development and planning of community projects. However difficult the challenges may have been, it did bring awareness to the strengths and weaknesses that exist throughout the region.

In 2021 the Community & Economic Development staff was proactive in engaging member governments to assist with determining eligibility of projects under provisions of the various funding programs, ensuring compliance with program requirements, and answering questions & making referrals to other programs.



NWAEDD continued its strong partnership with the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Construction is underway at the Harrison Goblin Drive project and at Berryville to make infrastructure improvements to its new industrial park. Another highlight from last year was the Southwest Region Economic Development Association (SWREDA) 2021 Annual Conference which NWAEDD had the opportunity to host in Rogers. Strong economic development projects that are funded by the U.S. EDA Austin Regional office are recognized each year. The Northwest Arkansas Robotics Training Center was chosen as one of the "Star of the Southwest Awards." Steve Clark, President/CEO of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Willis, Executive Director, proudly shared the story behind the project.

# Community & Economic Development

We have seen a significant focus on outdoor recreation over the past few years. This led to a very productive year working with our members to secure FUN Park & Matching Grants to develop and improve community park facilities.

## Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grants Program

|                                            |                                                                  |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Goshen FUN Park<br>\$75,000.00             | Johnson City Park<br>Matching Grant<br>\$225,000.00              | Mountain Home<br>Hickory Park<br>Matching Grant<br>\$225,000.00 |
| Valley Springs<br>City Park<br>\$91,385.43 | Washington Co.<br>Brentwood<br>Community FUN<br>Park \$44,752.00 |                                                                 |

In 2021 several communities reached out to the District for assistance with grant writing and administration services to apply for funding from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to help with construction of new trail systems and trail repairs at community parks.

## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) & Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

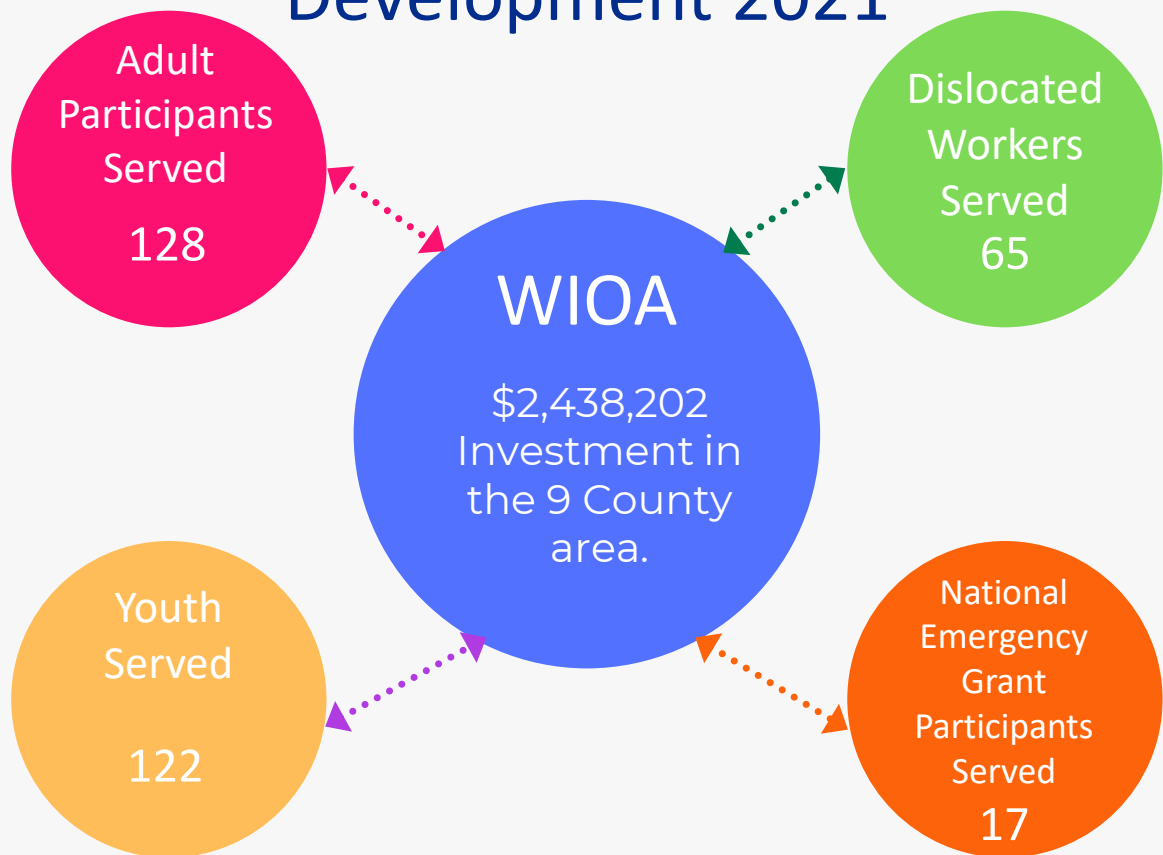
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| New Trail<br>Harrison<br>Creekside Trail<br>(TAP)<br>\$300,000.00 | New Trail<br>Lancaster Park<br>Gassville (RTP)<br>\$50,000.00 | Trail Repairs<br>Yellville City<br>Park (RTP)<br>\$75,000.00 | Trail Repairs<br>Big Springs<br>Park at Cotter<br>(RTP)<br>\$49,000.00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|



Last but certainly not least, we must mention the impact from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which allocated a total of approximately **\$219.5 million dollars** to the counties, metro cities, and non-entitlement units in the NWAEDD region to support their response and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The District is collaborating with the communities of Cotter, Garfield, Gassville, Flippin, Madison County, Oak Grove, Searcy County, St. Paul, and Valley Springs with administration of the funds. Since the passing of this legislation, the community and economic development staff has gone through extensive and ongoing training to be a guiding resource for members. We held the first ever County Judges Forum to provide information and gather a better understanding of how to support local governments through the process.

# Northwest Workforce Development 2021



## NORTHWEST WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT SUCCESS STORIES 2021

### Verginia Abo, WIOA Adult Nursing Program



Verginia Abo is one of the first two Marshallese students to enroll in the Northwest Technical Institute (NWTI) licensed practical nursing (LPN) program. Her mother died of COVID in June 2020 at the age of 54 and was part of her inspiration for enrolling in the program. Verginia moved to Springdale with her family from the Marshall Islands in 1997. She graduated from Springdale High School in 2005. She has observed a need for medical care within the Marshallese community. "People around me had a lot of diabetes and heart failure," she said.

Verginia was enrolled in the CNA program at Petro through the WIOA Adult program. Verginia graduated in October 2020 and started the LPN program in January 2021.

## NORTHWEST WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT SUCCESS STORIES 2021

### Charm Keef, National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) Participant

Charm Keef had been laid off due to the COVID crisis in 2020. She came to NWAEDD with limited work skills which became a barrier to her finding new employment. Charm was placed in a full-time work experience at the City of Jasper under the NDWG program. Charm's job duties included supervising other NDWG participants at her worksite and being responsible for making sure all the FEMA paperwork was completed timely and accurately. Her supervisor at the City of Jasper complimented her, saying that she was a great employee, was friendly and always showed up on time. Thanks to the experience Charm gained through the NDWG program she was able to get a full-time job in customer service with Windstream. Her position with Windstream provides an increase in her income with additional employee benefits. Charm is thankful to NWAEDD's WIOA program and the City of Jasper for the opportunity to improve her skills and for their help with finding a full-time job.

### RN Graduates at North Arkansas College



WIOA RN Students L to R: Angela Ballard, Tabitha Marr, Chastity Morse, Hannah Prunte, Monica Reuter (non WIOA), and Quinci Wilburn.



WIOA RN Student: Alexis Cain

WIOA had six Adult and Dislocated Worker students graduate from the RN training program at North Arkansas College. These ladies faced many obstacles due to COVID-19 and were unable to attend a class setting during their second semester. Some of these ladies are single moms and had children at home also while trying to study and pass their classes. They have all secured employment using their RN degree and are extremely excited to start a new chapter in their future!

### LPN Graduate at Arkansas State University at Mountain Home

Mountain Home WIOA Adult participant, Heather Worth Decker, graduated from the LPN program at ASUMH in December 2020. She has found employment at Lincoln Padon Clinic in Mountain Home and started the RN bridge program in June 2021. Heather is pictured with Dr. Myers, Chancellor at ASUMH.



# NORTHWEST WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT SUCCESS STORIES 2021

## Disaster/National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG)

Harold Waters was a full-time employee under the NDWG program during 2020-2021 at the Newton County Road Department. He was able to learn many things working for the road department while in the NDWG program. He shared that being in this program has played a huge role in his success in acquiring his new full-time job outside of the program. The City of Jasper reports it is pleased to have Harold as the Park Supervisor and knows he will do a good job.

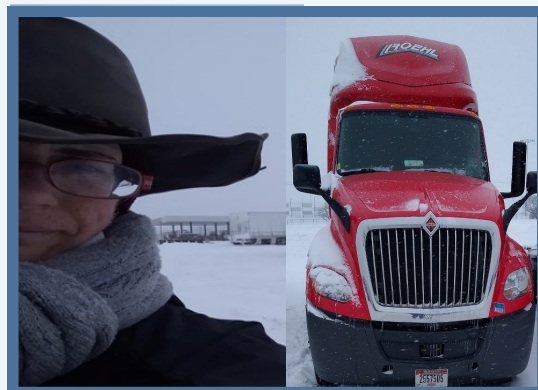


Daniel Campbell was an NDWG participant who began working with the Newton County Road Department and has been a great worker. He was hired full-time with the road department and currently is learning to operate a road grader. He says his job experience with NDWG while working with the road department facilitated his gaining the skills needed to get this job. He loves his job and is thankful for the work preparation he received from NWAEDD.



## Melody Tapprich Success Story

Melody Tapprich was in the Adult WIOA program and completed the CDL training program at North Arkansas College in December 2021. She is currently working for Roehl Transport. Roehl flew her to Atlanta for orientation and then flew her to Chicago for further training with a peer. Melody now has her own routes and said while it is a challenge, it is fun!



# North Arkansas Transportation Services

North Arkansas Transportation Service (NATS) has built a sound reputation throughout its 40-year history. If you live in Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton, Searcy, parts of Carroll, Fulton, Izard, and Madison Counties, you have probably seen the NATS vehicles driving around in your community. Some of the public transportation services provided by NATS include

- Commuter Service Routes for workers who live in rural areas
- City Routes restarted in 2022 for Harrison and Mountain Home
- Demand Response services Monday-Friday that can take passengers shopping, to medical appointments, errands, etc.

2021 was an eventful year for NATS with several updates made to improve efficiency and performance. Through funds received from the CARES Act, NATS purchased four large vans, four fully accessible minivans, and two Dodge trucks. Through a sealed bid process, NATS sold seven well used vans and the trolleys which made room for the 10 new vehicles received last spring. With the additional space, the trolley barn was converted into a second full service garage with two additional bays. The trucks were a significant improvement to the fleet of vehicles and allow drivers to access more rural areas while preventing unnecessary damage to the vans which can occur on the rough terrain of Arkansas dirt roads.

Some other notable successes for NATS included several partnerships with community organizations, including The Learning Center of North Arkansas for its Berryville and Harrison locations as well as Boone County Special Services to provide transportation for its clients and students. Through a partnership with Southeastrans, NATS provides public transportation for Medicaid clients.

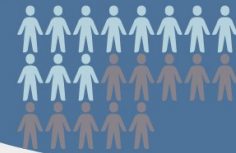
## 2021 NATS Data

### NATS MISSION STATEMENT

As a non-profit organization, NATS is committed to our core values of providing safe, reliable and accessible transportation, maintaining affordability along with continued growth, and a superior standard of courtesy and professionalism toward our clients and employees.

### Passengers

During 2021 NATS provided transportation for a total of **81,704** passengers throughout the service area.

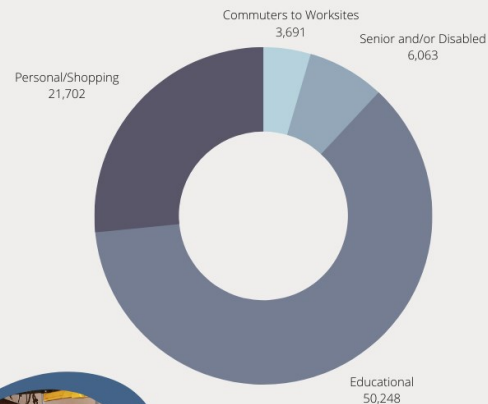


### Miles Traveled

NATS drove a total of **689,765** miles in 2021 compared to 565,418 driven the previous year for a 22% increase.

22%

### Breakdown of Total Trips



### NATS Mechanic

Andy Carboni



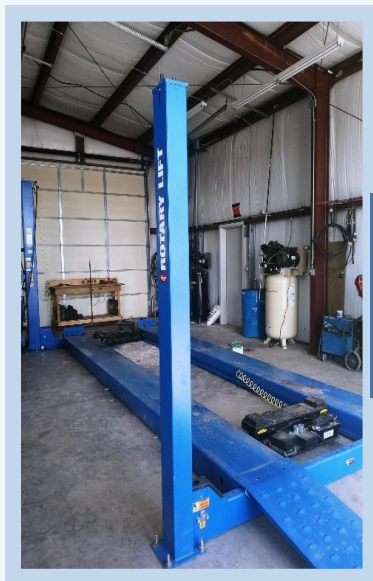
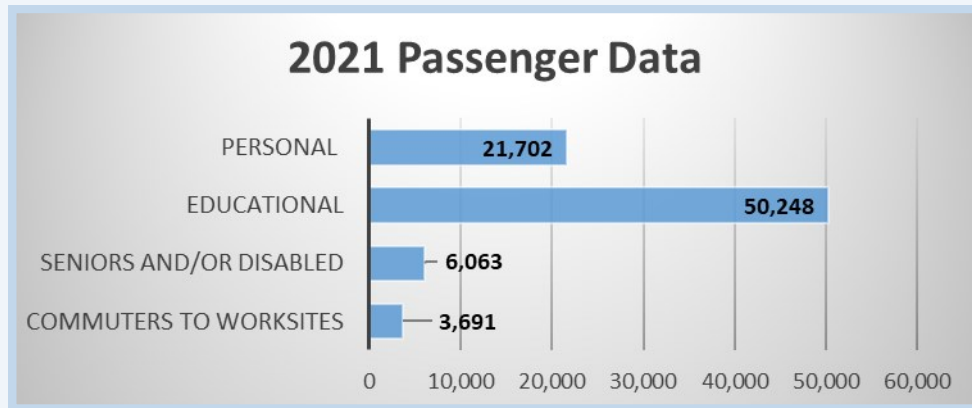
NATS would like to acknowledge the following partners for their donations in 2021:

- Harrison Round Up Club
- Hutchcraft Ministries
- Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce
- North Arkansas College
- American Legion Baseball Team
- UP2U Film Productions



The NATS division continues to follow COVID-19 CDC guidelines as well as state and federal directives for the safety of passengers and staff, but it was able to return to some of the less restrictive procedures such as the capacity to transport more than one rider at a time.

NATS also welcomed several new staff members throughout the year to meet increased demand. In the early years, NATS only had five employees, and today there are 43 full and part-time employees.

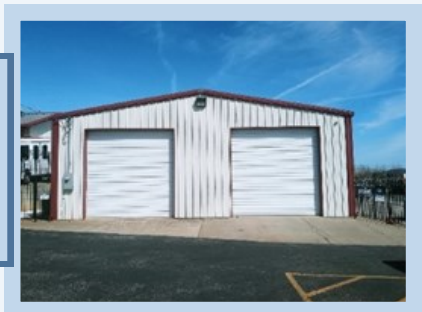


New Lift

NATS  
Offices  
&  
Garage



Trolley barn  
converted  
into two bay  
full service  
garage



# History of Economic Development

| Project                    | Year Approved | Project Description                    | Total Project Cost | Total Grant    |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>BAXTER COUNTY</b>       |               |                                        |                    |                |
| Baxter County              | 1967/2018     | Various Projects                       | \$28,157,595.00    | \$9,029,010.00 |
| City of Briarcliff         | 2019          | Dump Truck                             | 30,000.00          | 15,000.00      |
| City of Cotter             | 2019          | Playground Improvements                | 50,000.00          | 50,000.00      |
| City of Lakeview           | 2019          | Purchase of RTV                        | 13,685.00          | 6,842.50       |
| City of Mountain Home      | 2019          | Playground Improvements                | 193,000.00         | 96,500.00      |
| Baxter County              | 2020          | Baxter Regional Medical Center         | 500,000.00         | 500,000.00     |
| Baxter County              | 2020          | Denton Ferry Road Bridge               | 1,200,000.00       | 900,000.00     |
| Baxter County              | 2021          | Community Center Renovation            | 30,000.00          | 15,000.00      |
| City of Cotter             | 2021          | ARPA Administration                    | 195,700.00         | 195,700.00     |
| City of Gassville          | 2021          | ARPA Administration                    | 450,000.00         | 450,000.00     |
| City of Mountain Home      | 2021          | Park Improvements                      | 775,195.00         | 225,000.00     |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1980/2004     | Sixteen (16) Revolving Loans           | 990,144.00         | -              |
| <b>BENTON COUNTY</b>       |               |                                        |                    |                |
| Benton County              | 1967/2017     | Various Projects                       | 55,926,057.00      | 12,966,256.50  |
| City of Garfield           | 2019          | Pave Walking Trail                     | 33,540.70          | 15,000.00      |
| Benton County              | 2019          | Maysville Community Center             | 16,775.00          | 8,387.50       |
| Benton County              | 2020          | Ozark Community Hospital               | 250,000.00         | 250,000.00     |
| Benton County              | 2020          | Siloam Springs Regional Hospital       | 500,000.00         | 500,000.00     |
| City of Garfield           | 2021          | ARPA Administration                    | 60,000.00          | 60,000.00      |
| City of Gravette           | 2021          | Turnout Gear for Fire Department       | 30,000.00          | 15,000.00      |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1980/1992     | Eight (8) Revolving Loans              | 5,223,400.00       | -              |
| <b>BOONE COUNTY</b>        |               |                                        |                    |                |
| Boone County               | 1967/2018     | Various Projects                       | 11,635,111.00      | 6,686,252.00   |
| City of Harrison           | 2019          | Goblin Drive                           | 2,075,000.00       | 1,660,000.00   |
| City of Harrison           | 2019          | Barrier Free Playground                | 402,440.00         | 201,220.00     |
| Boone County               | 2020          | North Arkansas Regional Medical Center | 500,000.00         | 500,000.00     |
| Boone County               | 2021          | Bergman VFD Equipment - Turnout Gear   | 25,256.00          | 12,728.00      |
| City of Harrison           | 2021          | Street Sweeper                         | 249,690.00         | 37,000.00      |
| City of Valley Springs     | 2021          | ARPA Administration                    | 34,922.18          | 34,922.18      |
| City of Valley Springs     | 2021          | Park Improvements                      | 182,770.87         | 91,385.43      |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1979/2010     | Thirty (30) Revolving Loans            | 2,911,850.00       | -              |

# Fostering Economic Growth

| Amount of Grant by Agency |              |         |                |               |                       |         |                 | Est. Jobs<br>Created<br>or<br>Saved |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDA                       | Other        | Agency  | State          | Agency        | Federal/State<br>Loan | Agency  | Local<br>Funds  |                                     |
| \$3,185,700.00            | \$30,000.00  | -       | \$5,813,310.00 | Various       | \$4,697,725.00        | Various | \$14,430,860.00 | 2,805                               |
| -                         | -            | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 15,000.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 50,000.00      | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 6,842.50       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 6,842.50        | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 96,500.00      | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | 96,500.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 500,000.00     | AEDC          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 900,000.00     | FEMA          | -                     | -       | 300,000.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 15,000.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 195,700.00     | ARPA          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 450,000.00     | ARPA          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 225,000.00     | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | 550,195.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | -              | -             | 582,650.00            | NWAEDD  | 407,494.00      | 130                                 |
| 1,599,541.50              | 3,035,901.00 | Various | 8,330,814.00   | Various       | 1,749,500.00          | Various | 41,210,300.50   | 3,687                               |
| -                         | -            | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 18,540.70       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 8,387.50       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 8,387.50        | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 250,000.00     | AEDC          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 500,000.00     | AEDC          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 60,000.00      | ARPA          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 15,000.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | -              | -             | 592,400.00            | NWAEDD  | 4,631,000.00    | 189                                 |
| 1,431,000.00              | 2,824,349.00 | Various | 2,430,903.00   | Various       | 2,340,800.00          | Various | 2,608,059.00    | 1,914                               |
| 1,660,000.00              | -            | EDA     | -              | -             | -                     | -       | 415,000.00      | 54                                  |
| -                         | -            | -       | 201,220.00     | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | 201,220.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 500,000.00     | AEDC          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 12,728.00      | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 12,528.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 37,000.00      | USDA          | -                     | -       | 212,690.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 34,922.18      | ARPA          | -                     | -       | -               | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | 91,385.43      | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | 91,385.44       | -                                   |
| -                         | -            | -       | -              | -             | 1,717,325.00          | NWAEDD  | 1,194,525.00    | 262                                 |

# History of Economic Development

| Project                    | Year Approved | Project Description                        | Total Project Cost | Total Grant     |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>CARROLL COUNTY</b>      |               |                                            |                    |                 |
| Carroll County             | 1967/2014     | Various Projects                           | \$15,760,902.00    | \$10,221,043.00 |
| Carroll County             | 2019          | Hazard Mitigation Plan                     | 25,000.00          | 17,500.00       |
| City of Berryville         | 2019          | Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvement | 1,901,100.00       | 1,500,000.00    |
| City of Berryville         | 2019          | Two Police Vehicles                        | 89,730.00          | 49,000.00       |
| Carroll County             | 2019          | Osage Creek Bridge                         | 265,000.00         | 132,500.00      |
| City of Eureka Springs     | 2019          | Wastewater Improvements                    | 263,470.00         | 221,500.00      |
| Carroll County             | 2019          | SCC Fire District - Jaws of Life           | 29,977.00          | 14,988.50       |
| City of Oak Grove          | 2020          | Walking Trail/Playground Equipment         | 43,281.95          | 15,000.00       |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1979/2004     | Eight (8) Revolving Loans                  | 4,537,000.00       | 158,000.00      |
| <b>MADISON COUNTY</b>      |               |                                            |                    |                 |
| Madison County             | 1967/2014     | Various Projects                           | 12,489,155.00      | 4,846,961.00    |
| City of St. Paul           | 2019          | Community Center Improvements              | 93,960.00          | 75,000.00       |
| City of Hindsville         | 2020          | Walking Trail                              | 20,000.00          | 10,000.00       |
| City of St. Paul           | 2021          | ARPA Administration                        | 23,000.00          | 23,000.00       |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1987/2009     | Two (2) Revolving Loan                     | 307,000.00         | -               |
| <b>MARION COUNTY</b>       |               |                                            |                    |                 |
| Marion County              | 1967/2014     | Various Projects                           | 33,681,366.00      | 14,164,115.50   |
| City of Yellville          | 2019          | Tractor with Bushhog                       | 30,330.00          | 16,000.00       |
| City of Yellville          | 2019          | Fence for Splash Pad                       | 10,500.00          | 5,250.00        |
| City of Flippin            | 2021          | ARPA Administration                        | 136,947.34         | 136,947.34      |
| City of Yellville          | 2021          | Wastewater Rehabilitation                  | 227,590.00         | 227,590.00      |
| Marion County              | 2021          | Vexus Boats ED Project                     | 3,410,800.00       | 200,000.00      |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1982/2016     | Nine (9) Revolving Loans                   | 852,000.00         | -               |
| <b>NEWTON COUNTY</b>       |               |                                            |                    |                 |
| Newton County              | 1967/2014     | Various Projects                           | 12,173,617.00      | 8,606,081.00    |
| Newton County              | 2019          | Mount Judea VFD Fire Truck                 | 82,500.00          | 75,000.00       |
| Newton County              | 2019          | Compton VFD Fire Station                   | 39,800.00          | 15,000.00       |
| Newton County              | 2020          | Old Newton County Jail Roof                | 26,667.00          | 26,667.00       |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 2003/2006     | Two (2) Revolving Loan                     | 66,489.00          | -               |

# Fostering Economic Growth

| Amount of Grant by Agency |                |         |                |           |                       |         |                | Est. Jobs<br>Created<br>or<br>Saved |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDA                       | Other          | Agency  | State          | Agency    | Federal/State<br>Loan | Agency  | Local<br>Funds |                                     |
| \$1,433,800.00            | \$2,406,900.00 | Various | \$6,380,343.00 | Various   | \$3,889,500.00        | Various | \$1,650,359.00 | 2,438                               |
| -                         | -              | -       | 17,500.00      | FEMA      | -                     | -       | 7,500.00       | -                                   |
| 1,500,000.00              | -              | -       | -              | -         | -                     | -       | 401,100.00     | 320                                 |
| -                         | -              | -       | 49,000.00      | USDA      | -                     | -       | 40,730.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 132,500.00     | ADEM      | -                     | -       | 132,500.00     | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 221,500.00     | AEDC      | -                     | -       | 41,970.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 14,988.50      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 14,988.50      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 28,281.95      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 158,000.00     | AHPP/AIDC | 364,500.00            | NWAEDD  | 4,014,500.00   | 121                                 |
| 255,500.00                | 85,300.00      | Various | 4,506,161.00   | Various   | 1,161,866.00          | Various | 6,480,328.00   | 1,377                               |
| -                         | -              | -       | 75,000.00      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 18,960.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 10,000.00      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 10,000.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 23,000.00      | ARPA      | -                     | -       | -              | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | -              | -         | 140,000.00            | NWAEDD  | 167,000.00     | 8                                   |
| 2,936,683.00              | 3,180,076.00   | Various | 8,047,356.50   | Various   | 2,087,800.00          | Various | 17,429,450.50  | 1,578                               |
| -                         | -              | -       | 16,000.00      | USDA      | -                     | -       | 14,330.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 5,250.00       | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 5,250.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 136,947.34     | ARPA      | -                     | -       | -              | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 227,590.00     | AEDC      | -                     | -       | -              | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 200,000.00     | AEDC      | -                     | -       | 3210800        | 50                                  |
| -                         | -              | -       | -              | -         | 382,500.00            | NWAEDD  | 469,500.00     | 40                                  |
| 503,000.00                | 1,168,370.00   | Various | 6,934,711.00   | Various   | 3,369,423.00          | Various | 198,113.00     | 100                                 |
| -                         | -              | -       | 75,000.00      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 7,500.00       | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 15,000.00      | ADRS      | -                     | -       | 24,800.00      | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | 26,667.00      | AHPP      | -                     | -       | -              | -                                   |
| -                         | -              | -       | -              | -         | 47,344.00             | NWAEDD  | 19,145.00      | 5                                   |

# History of Economic Development

| Project                    | Year<br>Approved | Project Description            | Total<br>Project Cost   | Total Grant             |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>SEARCY COUNTY</b>       |                  |                                |                         |                         |
| Searcy County              | 1967/2016        | Various Projects               | \$23,820,472.64         | \$17,828,297.97         |
| City of Leslie             | 2019             | Sidewalks/Drainage             | 147,500.00              | 147,500.00              |
| City of Marshall           | 2019             | Wastewater Extension           | 231,770.00              | 231,770.00              |
| City of Gilbert            | 2020             | Fire Station Renovation        | 18,000.00               | 9,000.00                |
| City of Marshall           | 2020             | Police/Fire Equipment          | 50,000.00               | 50,000.00               |
| City of Pindall            | 2021             | Fire Truck and ATV             | 68,442.21               | 61,598.26               |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1979/2014        | Eight (8) Revolving Loans      | 373,500.00              | -                       |
| <b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>   |                  |                                |                         |                         |
| Washington County          | 1967/2014        | Various Projects               | 50,694,833.66           | 32,699,647.24           |
| City of Elm Springs        | 2019             | Purchase of Tractor with Mower | 21,989.00               | 10,994.50               |
| Washington County          | 2019             | Evansville VFD Fire Truck      | 90,000.00               | 75,000.00               |
| City of Elkins             | 2020             | Pavilion at City Park          | 87,358.00               | 15,000.00               |
| City of Springdale         | 2020             | Kendrick Avenue                | 17,131,789.00           | 1,500,000.00            |
| City of Goshen             | 2021             | FUN Park Grant                 | 75,000.00               | 75,000.00               |
| City of Johnson            | 2021             | Park Improvements              | 1,467,163.97            | 225,000.00              |
| City of Lincoln            | 2021             | Wastewater Rehabilitation      | 361,785.00              | 307,285.00              |
| City of Winslow            | 2021             | Community Center Renovation    | 65,140.00               | 58,626.00               |
| Washington County          | 2021             | Hazard Mitigation Plan         | 50,000.00               | 37,500.00               |
| NWAEDD Revolving Loan Fund | 1980/2011        | Twenty (20) Revolving Loans    | 2,500,632.00            | -                       |
| <b>AREAWIDE</b>            |                  |                                |                         |                         |
| Areawide                   | 1967/2013        | Various Projects               | 14,970,643.00           | 3,868,693.00            |
| NWAEDD                     | 1967/2021        | Annual Planning Grant          | 5,572,626.00            | 4,185,633.00            |
| NWAEDD                     | 2020             | Retail Academy                 | 70,000.00               | 70,000.00               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |                  |                                | <b>\$317,097,958.52</b> | <b>\$136,734,892.42</b> |

# Fostering Economic Growth

| Amount of Grant by Agency |                 |         |                 |               |                       |         |                  | Est. Jobs<br>Created<br>or<br>Saved |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDA                       | Other           | Agency  | State           | Agency        | Federal/State<br>Loan | Agency  | Local<br>Funds   |                                     |
| \$415,072.00              | \$5,655,071.35  | Various | \$11,758,154.62 | Various       | \$4,230,480.00        | Various | \$1,761,694.67   | 366                                 |
| -                         | -               | -       | 147,500.00      | AEDC          | -                     | -       | -                | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 231,770.00      | FEMA          | -                     | -       | -                | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 9,000.00        | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 9,000.00         | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 50,000.00       | CAG           | -                     | -       | -                | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 61,598.26       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 6843.95          | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | -               | -             | 204,000.00            | NWAEDD  | 169,500.00       | 71                                  |
| 2,414,000.00              | 10,355,122.24   | Various | 19,930,525.00   | Various       | 14,453,786.00         | Various | 3,541,400.42     | 3,091                               |
| -                         | -               | -       | 10,994.50       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 10,994.50        | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 75,000.00       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 15,000.00        | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 15,000.00       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 72,358.00        | -                                   |
| 1,500,000.00              | -               | -       | -               | -             | -                     | -       | 15,631,789.00    | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 75,000.00       | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | -                | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 225,000.00      | Parks/Tourism | -                     | -       | 1,242,163.97     | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 307,285.00      | AEDC          | -                     | -       | 54,500.00        | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 58,626.00       | ADRS          | -                     | -       | 6,514.00         | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | 37,500.00       | FEMA          | -                     | -       | 12,500.00        | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | -               | -             | 1,285,832.00          | NWAEDD  | 1,214,800.00     | 266                                 |
| 165,194.00                | 1,816,284.00    | -       | 1,887,215.00    | Various       | 11,085,616.00         | Various | 16,334.00        | 3,103                               |
| 3,123,153.00              | -               | -       | 1,062,510.00    | DFA           | -                     | -       | 1,386,963.00     | -                                   |
| -                         | -               | -       | -               | USDA          | -                     | -       | -                | -                                   |
| \$22,122,643.50           | \$30,557,373.59 |         | \$84,054,905.33 |               | \$54,383,047.00       |         | \$125,979,989.10 | 21,975                              |



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