



AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR 2020 MILESTONES



GROWING OUR ECONOMY

Major Community Projects Completed in 2020:

- Cobblestone Inn & Suites New Construction — \$4.25 million
- Briggs & Stratton Expansion — \$8 million
- Veteran's Administration Clinic Expansion — \$2.25 million
- PMHC/Phelps Medical Group Expansion — \$16 million
- Gustin Street paving leading to Iron Horse Business & Industry Park (PCDC secured grant to spur project)

Increasing Population and Housing

- Led efforts to create the new Crew Subdivision that will result in more than 40 new living units
- Partnered to create new workforce home at 11th & Logan
- Provided downpayment assistance for 31 new residents to relocate to Phelps County



PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY

- Expanded distribution of the Phelps County Business Journal
- Designed and launched a new logo and enhanced website
- Received the National Rural Economic Developers Association Organizational Excellence Award for 2020
- Commissioned market impact reports in the areas of agriculture, manufacturing and health care
- Provided website and organizational support for the Holdrege Veteran's Memorial Project
- Led efforts to organize a community investment club to create venture capital for entrepreneurial efforts

SECURING A FUTURE WORKFORCE

- Awarded 10 scholarship totaling \$26,000 to future Phelps County workers for high-demand jobs
- Partnered with Janssen Ford, CCC and HHS to establish a dual-credit auto technician course to fill high-demand jobs



SUPPORTING EXISTING BUSINESS

- Infused more than \$200,000 to more than 70 local businesses with COVID-19 economic recovery programs
- Supported 7 businesses with grants for facade improvements, new signs or DREAM funds: ruralMED, Cozy Inn Cafe, Wager Irrigation, Trent Fuecker commercial building in Funk, KUVR radio station, Screen Machine and Fye Law Office
- Awarded a gap-financing loan to Holdrege Equipment to support a \$500,000 expansion and renovation project
- Assisted local resident in securing TIF financing to build new Golden Harvest Seed distribution center
- Inducted BD and Glion Scooter into the Phelps County Business Hall of Fame

RECRUITING NEW BUSINESS

- Began discussions with a medical glove manufacturer to reshore its plant to Holdrege and applied for EDA CARES Act funding to help advance the project to the next level
- Coordinated retail recruitment activities with Noddle Companies, owner of the vacated Shopko building