



The Council

Rural Health Transformation Program Grant Opportunities

The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$397.9 million of federal funding for 2026 and 2027 for the Rural Health Transformation Program during its January 2026 special session. The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced three new grant opportunities for rural communities as part of this program. The grant opportunities include:

1. Zero-Hour Physical Education initiative grants of \$10,000 to \$70,000 each. These grants are available to rural schools for improving middle and high school students' health and academic outcomes by providing physical activity opportunities before the start of the school day.
2. Community gardens project grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 each. These grants are available to rural schools, civic groups, municipalities, health care facilities, parks and recreation entities, public health units, and nonprofit organizations for community garden initiatives that bring people together to plant and grow food.
3. Community-based walking program grants of \$25,000 to \$125,000 each. These grants are available to rural civic groups, municipalities, health care facilities, parks and recreation entities, public health units, and nonprofit organizations for community-based walking programs.

Grant applications will be accepted from April 22, 2026, through May 22, 2026, at 5 p.m. More information is available at <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/rural-health-transformation/funding>.

Employee Spotlight



Erin Dohm joined the Legislative Council as Counsel in the Legal Services Division. She previously worked in private practice representing clients in civil and criminal matters.

Erin grew up in Bismarck and earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota before completing her juris doctorate from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. In her free time, she spends time with friends, family, and her dog Teddy. She also enjoys golfing, traveling, and being outside or near the water.

This week's newsletter features outdoor art from all over the state. Want to see more? Visit <https://www.ndtourism.com/articles/outdoor-art>.

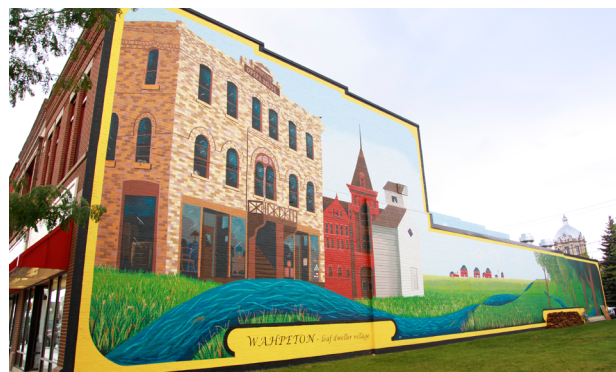
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Did You Know?

Legislative Branch Website: Budget Information

Have you ever wondered how the state's budget process works? The Budget Information portion of the legislative branch website has detailed information on the budget process, budget overviews, appropriations, sources of funds, revenues, oil and gas tax revenues and allocations, and information on every state agency budget back to the 2001 session!

Not only can you view state budget information, you also can see an overview of budget and special fund analyses, revenues, forecasts, and budget status reports.

Do you ever wonder where the money in the General Fund comes from? Or what the average daily oil production and price per barrel this month is compared to last year and how much revenue was produced? Maybe you lie awake at night wondering what the total agency budget is for a specific agency? Or funds received from the federal government? YOU can find all these answers and more under Budget Information!

Visit [State Budget Flowcharts](#) to see what our staff refers to as the "Map of the World", a large flowchart that maps major state funds. A booklet entitled [Finance Facts - Legislator's Pocket Guide to North Dakota Budget, Performance, and Statistics](#) also is available with facts like average housing prices, taxes by district, Legacy Fund, and even how many miles of roadway there are in North Dakota!



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