



Unlocking State Housing Resources for Rural Communities

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Commerce Goals



Enhance economic resilience and diversification.



Expand new workforce.



Market North Dakota resulting in improved awareness and image.



Energize statewide collaboration.

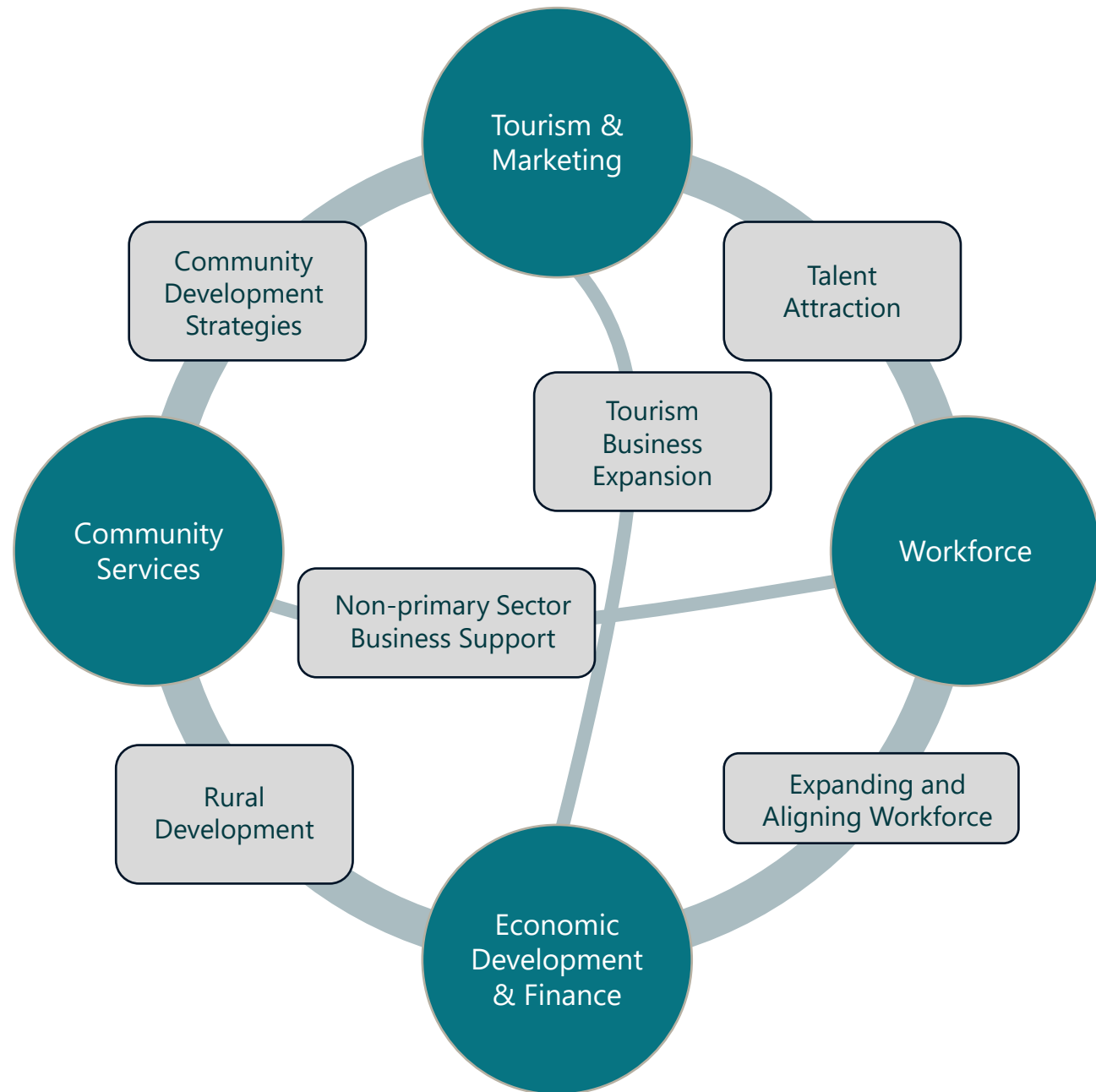


Empower healthy, vibrant communities.



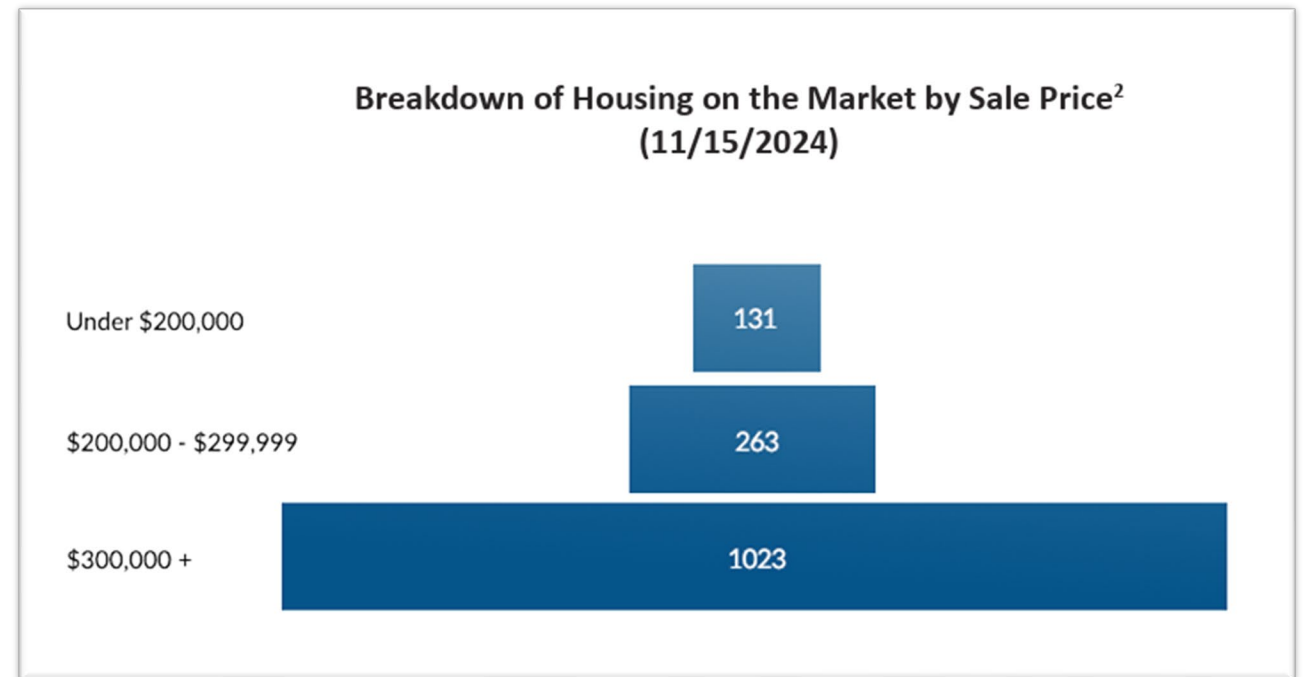
Deliver a responsive, accurate, and efficient set of programs and services.

IMPROVING LIFE IN NORTH DAKOTA

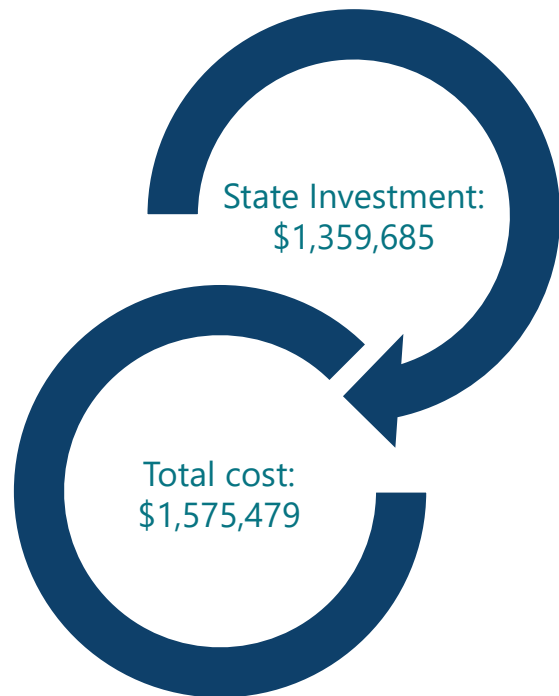


North Dakota's Housing Crisis: A Persistent Barrier

- Housing shortages in both rural and urban areas.
 - About 4,900 homes for sale end of September
 - Rural Counties 1,276
 - Shortage and age of rentable units
- Barrier to workforce recruitment and retention
- Struggling to meet demand as economic development



North Dakota Rural Workforce Housing and Blight removal

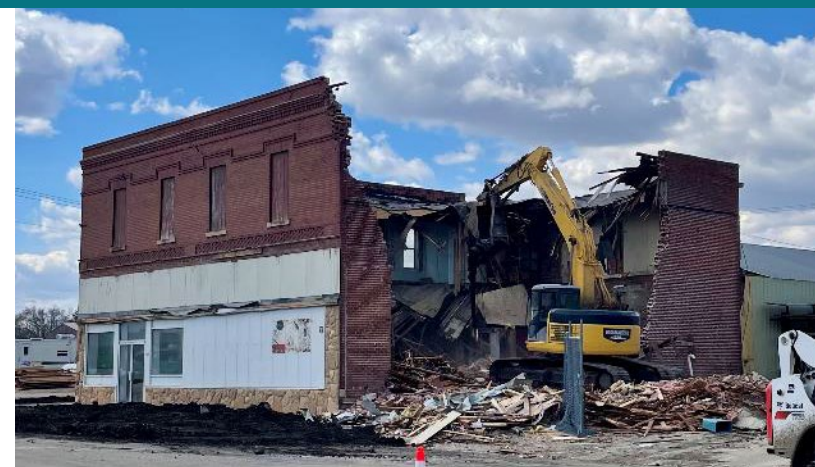


Direct benefits:
\$238,793
Indirect benefits:
\$71,805
***Families moved
to communities***





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SB 2225 — A Missed Opportunity

01

Empowered communities to define and address their own housing needs

02

Left a significant gap

03

Emphasized flexibility, local control, and infrastructure investment



Rural Catalyst Grant (SB 2390)

- Intended to support "quality of life" and economic development projects in rural communities
- \$2.5 Million



What North Dakota Can Do Next

CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL
REPRESENTATIVES

Your advocacy, your voice, and your stories are what will drive legislative action and unlock the resources your community needs.





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Dakota Be Legendary.

**THANK
YOU**

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