

# **BE PART OF SOMETHING EPIC!**

EPIC Discovery Center is an emerging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)-based children's museum that will provide exhibits and programming for youth and children of all ages. EPIC will be located within Ryder Park, a centralized location that is accessible to everyone and provides many quality-of-life amenities. We expect to open our doors in early 2026.

The development of EPIC began in 2019 to provide needed services to our community's youth. Currently, there are very few opportunities for positive, safe environments for children and youth, and families often travel outside of Grand Island for educational museum experiences.

## A SPACE TO LEARN AND EXPLORE



EPIC Discovery Center is an interactive space of 18,000 square feet designed to inspire curiosity and creativity. Highlights include a two-story exhibit hall with a climber, STEAM-based exhibits, and a dedicated toddler zone with a nursing station. The main exhibit floor is surrounded by a vibrant lobby, a hands-on maker space, flexible programming rooms, a kitchen, office space, and accessible restrooms.

The south side of the building is home to programming spaces tailored specifically for tweens and teens, featuring a recording studio and additional amenities developed in collaboration with our Youth Advisory Board.





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In 2024, EPIC met the goal required to be awarded the \$5 million matching grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development 2023 Shovel-Ready Grant Program. In 2025, our goal is to meet the requirements of two additional large challenge grants. We are currently 75% of the way to our overall goal that will allow us to fully develop the old armory building into the EPIC Discovery Center.

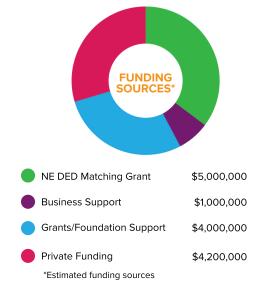
With your help, we will create the EPIC Discovery Center that will provide STEAM-based learning opportunities and fill a desperate need for our community's children and youth. Your contribution will impact our community for generations to come.



### Thank you for your support of the EPIC Discovery Center!



The City of Grand Island in-kind donation of the 30-yea building lease agreement is valued at \$4,300,000.





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