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## DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A \$5,000 GRANT Funds Awarded by A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC)

**Dixon, Feb. 11, 2019** – Axis Rejuvenation's, (a local company owned by Daniel Draper, who also owns Axis Medical LLC) donation of \$5,000 enabled A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC) to award a second grant to the Dixon Police Department.

A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC) was a recipient of a generous donation from Axis Rejuvenation. Axis Rejuvenation's desire and commitment to seeing the City of Dixon reach its full potential and move forward in a positive direction led this local community business to donate to A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC). A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that is working with the Dixon Community to develop and implement resourcing solutions that are specific to the community's needs.

The donation was allocated to AMSCDC's Law Enforcement and Social Work support grant program. The Dixon Police Department was awarded a grant of \$5,000 to be used in the purchasing of law enforcement equipment to support and improve the department's community policing program. Dixon Police Department will use the grant to purchase an additional and much needed patrol vehicle. This grant in addition to a grant from Progressive Outlook (a Missouri state recognized nonprofit that is currently applying for federally recognized nonprofit status) of \$3400 towards the new vehicle. Progressive Outlook will also assist in the purchasing of over \$1400 in equipment for both new patrol vehicles. This will further enable the Dixon Police Department to provide their community with better and more reliable means of responding to emergency calls.

Prior to the grant reward, Dixon Police Department's vehicle fleet consisted of two vehicles. One of the vehicles was inoperable, requiring over \$500 worth of repairs and had over 420,000 miles. The other



vehicle was 19 years old with an abundance of issues. Dixon Police Department's fleet will now consist of two patrol vehicles, and one Tahoe truck (which can now be used as a critical incident response vehicle.) With the addition of the new vehicles, Dixon Police Department has been able to sell the previous vehicles to be repurposed and/or recycled. Fundraising efforts are still continuous and underway, as the Police Marshal and Dixon law enforcement officers make changes to provide their community with the high standard of policing services it deserves.

In December of 2016, Axis Medical LLC in St. Robert, MO, was established to provide world class services to military and civilian hospitals. Axis Medical combines years of civilian and military healthcare experience as well as rehabilitation therapy to provide an outstanding and unique patient care experience. This in combination with their extensive experience in expediting military contracts has enabled them to stay true to their commitment. Their commitment to helping service members gain access to life saving pharmaceutical equipment; their encouragement of other companies to offer products and services to the U.S Department of Defense (DOD) and the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Progressive Outlook is a non-profit organization, that once fully reinstated with federally recognized status, will act on the behalf of the citizens of Dixon to procure grants from both the state and federal level to improve the quality of life for Dixon residents. Grants that aid in the replacement, repair and/or upkeep to things like infrastructure.

A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC) in partnership with the Missouri University Extension Program and Pulaski County Health Department, in working to bring a community commercial kitchen/Small Business Hub, recreation center and other resources to Dixon, Missouri.

Twenty percent of the population in Dixon live below the poverty line. These resources would not only benefit Dixon, but also communities in surrounding counties. AMSCDC is a non-profit that is founded, and 90% operated by veterans in both active duty Army and reserve components. The President La'Shundra Connor and Executive Director Desiree Hunt are currently stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, MO in HHC, 14th Military Police Brigade.



## About A Mustard Seed Community Development Corporation (AMSCDC):

Mission: Provide equitable, sustainable and relevant resourcing that aid in the elevation of the quality of life in communities. Visit facebook.com/AMSCDC/ or call 573-303-9553 for further information.