

South Central Regional Council announces grants awarded

JAMESTOWN — South Central Regional Council has announced the Regional Workforce Impact Program (RWIP) grant in the amount of \$1,020,000 has been awarded to four child care facilities and one talent attraction project in the region.

The newly established North Dakota RWIP \$15 million grant program aims to offset the costs of local workforce solutions by funding groups that design and implement innovative plans that address workforce issues for North Dakota businesses. Funding for the program, which was appropriated during last year's special legislative session, comes out of the total \$1.1 billion allocated to North Dakota through the Congressional American Rescue Plan Act.

Traci Redlin, executive director of South Central Dakota Regional Council, said in a news release that workforce remains the No. 1 barrier to economic growth in North Dakota. RWIP will help by strengthening the state's workforce through innovative, locally driven solutions supported by RWIP which will create a pathway to a stronger regions, with maximal Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Region 6 were Buffalo City Lil Explorers and Carrington. The talent acquisition funds were awarded to the Valley tiatives for in-demand vices, career coaching, economy, she said.

The program reserves funding for each of the eight designated funding levels dependent on a region's 2020 U.S. Census populations.

Region 6 (Barnes, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells counties) was given \$1,020,000.

Child care facilities awarded funding in Victory Christian School Childcare in Jamestown, Litchville-Marion School District and Milestone Early Learning Center in City-Barnes County Development Corp. to recruit employees.

Proposals for this funding were one of several categories, including training ini- jobs, infrastructure investments, child care or related support ser- investments for new or renovated spaces, housing projects and talent attraction for numerous industries.