

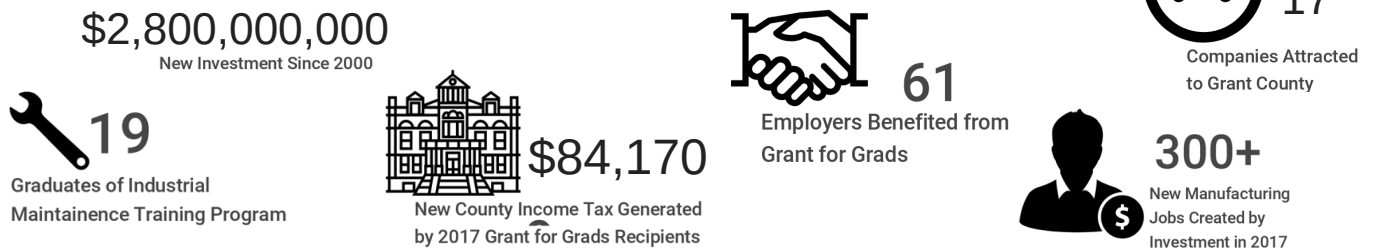


THE GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL

organization overview

For 35 years, the Grant County Economic Growth Council has worked to bring business growth and economic progress to Grant County, Indiana.

What has the GCEGC accomplished?



The Only Organization Who:

- Markets Grant County's available buildings and properties to prospective investors.
- Completes RFIs (Request For Information) for prospective investors.
- Assists Grant County companies with tax abatements, grant applications, and TIF negotiation.

Partners With Others To:

- Provides current workforce, population, and employer data.
- Advocates for Grant County businesses each and every day.
- Assists local entrepreneurs at every stage of the process.

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BREAKDOWN OF GCEGC PROGRAMMING

all of this and so much more....

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Workforce Training - The GCEGC facilitates an industrial maintenance training program that offers training at no cost to Grant County employers. The program has graduated 19 individuals since 2016.

Business Visits - The GCEGC visits local manufacturers on a regular basis to gather current data and assists their goals for success.

Local Elected Officials Dinner - The GCEGC hosts a quarterly dinner for all Grant County elected officials, providing opportunity for networking and education.

Revolving Loan Fund - Thanks to receiving the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant, the GCEGC facilitates a revolving loan fund to assist local entrepreneurs with access to financial capital.

Manufactures Council - The GCEGC facilitates a quarterly lunch where local manufacturers gather for networking, support, and education.

Downtown Development - The GCEGC staff works closely with the local main street organizations, assisting with downtown development planning, business recruitment, and promotion of events.

The CHARM Grant - The GCEGC facilitates a \$1000 matching grant for high impact, visible improvements for businesses, bringing national attention to Grant County.

BUSINESS/TALENT ATTRACTION

RFI (Request for Information) Response - In the process of site location, site selectors or business send their official requests for information on available buildings, sites, and utility hook-ups to the local economic development organization. Thus, the GCEGC has a long-legacy of receiving and responding to RFIs.

Recruitment Trips and Marketing Event - The GCEGC participates in the regional marketing events and national recruiting trips annually.

Site Consultant Forums - The GCEGC participates in annual conferences to promote available sites and buildings in Grant County to site consultants.

Job Postings - The GCEGC posts local job openings on their Facebook feed each Friday and creates a promotional video of the featured place of employment.

Grant for Grads - The GCEGC facilitates a housing assistance program that recruits skilled talent to Grant County.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Local Business Initiative - The GCEGC meets with local entrepreneurs on a regular basis, providing business planning and networking assistance.

Grant County Business Resource Guide - The GCEGC provides an E-book of resources for entrepreneurs in Grant County, including direct contacts, discounts, and free consulting sessions.

169 Collegiate Innovation Challenge - The GCEGC hosts an annual business competition plan for college students, educating them on business planning and fostering entrepreneurship.

One-on-One Consulting - The GCEGC regularly meets with local entrepreneurs at all stages in their business planning process to provide guidance and local resources.

BYOC² - The GCEGC facilitates a monthly networking event that connects the Grant County professional community.