

ANTON CHICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT



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By 1822 the settlement of Anton Chico was inhabited with homes, churches and farmed and grazed with sheep and cattle. On May 2, 1822 Don Facundo Melgares granted to Manuel Rivera and the thirty-six men that accompanied him in the original petition, the 378,587.50 acres that comprised the Area requested by the boundaries known as the Anton Chico Land Grant today. Today the Anton Chico Land Grant consists of 104,904 acres.



In the Summer of 2014, the Anton Chico Land Grant received title to the old Anton Chico consolidated school building from the Santa Rosa Consolidated County School District in exchange for land that was given to the school district to construct a new school. Members of the community envisioned the old Anton Chico school site as a potential Economic Development resource for the greater Anton Chico area to help create jobs in an impoverished area. These community members requested use of the vacant school to achieve their goals and to preserve it as part of our culture. This was granted by the Anton Chico Land Grant Commissioners and they appointed an Economic Development committee consisting of current and former Anton Chico residents to develop and implement an Economic Development.

The Goal of the Anton Chico Economic Development (ACED) board is to create financial sustainability through economics; that is, creating jobs by bringing in new businesses, creating entrepreneurial opportunities, identifying programs to assist, and having a business incubator set up. Anton Chico is a rural community; its residents have to travel to outside communities to seek employment to support their family.

The board has incorporated in the State of New Mexico as a non-profit corporation, and has received its 501c-3 designation from the IRS as a charitable economic development organization, entitled to receive grants and gifts as a tax-exempt entity.

Anton Economic Development building consists of a 25,000 square foot building that is connected to electrical service, has a propane gas boiler-driven heating system and evaporative coolers. There are serviceable bathrooms throughout the building with a good septic tank system. There are seven large classrooms and an additional six rooms of varying sizes that are suitable for offices and small shops. There are two computer labs that are "state of the art" fiber optic internet-capable connections. The building also has a large gymnasium and a library that can be rented out for special events.

There is also a fully equipped kitchen and cafeteria that would be suitable for a community kitchen operation and a restaurant. There are several commercial size ovens, refrigerators and freezers. The



current kitchen is functional, and is in the process of updating to meet with current requirements as a licensable commercial kitchen. ACED has purchased and acquired addition equipment; a commercial dish washer, dehydrators, a steam table and a deep fryer. This community is rich in agricultural farm land. This land is capable of producing produce that can be processed into sales items and sold to an outside markets.

The priorities for this building are:

- Creation of a comprehensive commercial kitchen to process and market high value crops grown in the Anton Chico valley. The kitchen would potentially process local farm goods into salsas, canned vegetables, dehydrated fruit and meats (jerky) and other edible goods. It can also be used to produce baked items such as cakes, pies, breads, and tortillas for commercial sales.
- Rent out rooms for businesses ie. Antique store, Thrift store, Beauty/Barber shop, Therapist, Community services (sheriff substation, counseling services, and teaching facilities).
- Business incubator
- Restaurant
- Establish call centers
- Movie theatre
- Rent facilities for local meetings and events.

The commercial kitchen will be utilized for business development and all will benefit and profit from the facility. With the funds from the kitchen, we will hire a kitchen manager. ACED participates with the Luna Commercial kitchen in Las Vegas and the So Valley mixing bowl. These facilities provide primary with training and participation thanks to the efforts of the NM Economic Development Dept.

To Date:

1. ACED had rented out space for a Thrift Store and an Antique Shop
2. American Legion, a Private Club, rents a building and is a 501-c3.
3. Apple A Day Home Visiting Program has leased space, and they have hired 5 area residents, who have the degree and/or required training for their program. This program is funded thru a CYFD RFP in the amount of \$630,000.00 over the next 4 years.
4. Guadalupe County Commission has just approved a Sheriff Sub Station to rent out space in the facility. The county will also be utilizing a room weekly for county clerk, accessors, and treasures office.
5. We have been renting out the gym for pageants, funerals, weddings, haunted house and other events.
6. Acquired laptops to start a GED adult program (working with Luna Community College)

The proceeds from the rental of the facilities will generate funds for utilities, insurance, and maintenance, and support a part-time clerk. From all other businesses, other staff can be hired as well as expansion of services.





. Commercial Kitchen



Gym set up for a meeting



ACED Building Repairs in process

Plumbing: Multiple plumbing leaks, Water supply valves need to be replaced, Multiple leaks in the Fire suppressant system	Leaks have been repaired and valves replaced. Repairs have been done in copper and PVC. The system needs to be replace to PEX to avoid constant ruptures. Additional work on fire suppressant system still needed
Kitchen and adjoining rooms need to be modified, enabling it to function as a community kitchen (need more work stations in kitchen, need freezers and refrigerators moved out of kitchen area, need lockers for potential entrepreneurs).	Kitchen tile replaced; modification made and inspected. Process of moving sinks and walls as requested by inspection
Interior rooms need to be modified for efficient office space.	
Replace boiler and repair line servicing system. (Not appropriate for building).	Scheduled for boiler replacement and repairs November 7, 2017
Interior of building needs to be painted.	
Carpet needs to be replaced or cleaned in some areas	Carpet was shampooed but total carpet needs replacing
Multiple roof leaks	Leaks have been repaired, patched. An new roof is needed, but will need addition funding. Goal is to have a metal roof installed.
Outdoor lighting to be installed	Outdoor lighting installed
Security Cameras installed	Cameras have been purchased
Repair and upgrade bathrooms	
Acquire equipment for barber shop	
Acquire furniture for Theater	Seating has been donated but need to be reupholstered
Repair stucco and paint building	



An ICIP was submitted by the Anton Chico Land Grant, requesting funds for the Infrastructure of the building . The top priorities being,

1. Replacement of boiler and repair of service lines (49,000.)
2. Replacement of Roof. (\$70,000.)
3. Re-stucco of building and repairs of buckled areas (45,000.)

State of New Mexico Energy Mineral and Natural Resources Department Energy Audit Recommendations

- Recommended energy efficient lighting be installed in the gym/conference area at a cost of \$45,600.
- Heating and cooling system needed to be updated or replaced (Heating \$49,000.)

We have received 21,000. From the Land Grant and these funds will be used to pay for the boiler. We are working with a contract to install an efficient refurbished boiler.

We have repaired and patched the roof. A new roof is needed.

We will be repairing the buckled stucco areas, and seek funds for a full re-stucco of the building.

Anton Chico Economic Development board has been busy seeking funds to repair and refurbish areas of the building. To date we have received funding from

1. ENMR \$5,000.00
2. Roberto Mondragon \$1,000.00
3. Mustard Seed Grant \$500.00
4. Sale of office furniture \$2,000.00
5. Main Street Frontier Grant, (assistance with business plan and development)
6. NM Rural Development community kitchen grant (assist in planning the community kitchen)
7. Guadalupe County Extension Services/ NMSU Hoop house donations
8. Marquero Chacon, 3 commercial sewing machines
9. Charles McClaugherty commercial nut cracker
10. Pearl Maestas, Supplies for hoop house, water pump, cinder blocks, pallets.
11. Fred Mondragon, filing fees for corporation funds
12. Singleton Foundation \$50,000.
13. SouthWest Bank \$5,000.00
14. First National Bank \$5,000.00
15. Anton Chico Land Grant \$21,000.00
16. 10 Laptops

