

## Lisa Stenzel

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**Subject:** Grant approved for Backus and Longville!

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## **Small Cities Grant Awarded to Backus and Longville June 2, 2014**

Dear Lisa,

Congratulations! The cities of Backus and Longville will share a \$410,000 grant to spruce up homes and businesses in their cities! Late last week the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development announced that this project was approved.

The Cass County EDC coordinated this joint project with a steering committee from both cities over the past three years. 20 units will be completed over the next 30 months. Well kept homes and businesses will help attract new economic development.

Grant applications from "low to moderate income homeowners" and "business owners" will be available in mid July. A community meeting will be held in each city in July to describe the application process and start dates. Watch the newspapers for dates/times.

The EDC secured grants and matching funds from five organizations, including EDC member Minnesota Power, to make this happen. We will be partnering with Bi-Cap.

This project was funded in part by the Initiative Foundation, a regional

foundation.

**With so many working together -- good RESULTS will continue!**

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Welcome to Lisa Stenzel! She started work as our Office Manager in April.  
Call her at 218.947.7523 to congratulate her.

**NEW Mission Statement:**

**"To attract and retain businesses in Cass County."**

**Everything we do will relate to this key mission. Our new VISION and CORE VALUES are still being developed. The board of directors and staff sincerely thank those who joined in the process.**

**Why is it SIMPLE? So we can focus on results.**

Do you know someone with a business needing to expand?  
Tell them to contact the Cass County EDC.

**We Have the Tools to Help Them Grow.**

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