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Cavalier named 2021 City of the Year

Cavalier was named 2021 City of the Year by the North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) during the League's 2021 Annual Conference on Sept. 18.

In his presentation of the award to Cavalier, NDLC Executive Director Blake Crosby outlined some highlights of their nomination.

Cavalier is a city on the move. They have taken advantage of partnerships with the Pembina County Job Development Authority, North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Parks and Recreation, the Outdoor Heritage Fund, private citizens and other entities to revitalize their shopping district and their residential area.

With the approval and adoption of a multi-faceted master development plan to address economic, community and social development, the city provides resources for development and new grant opportunities. Available grants include:

- business growth grant,
- energy efficiency grant,
- home-based business transition grant,
- storefront improvement grant,
- commercial property rehabilitation grant,
- demolition grant,
- housing development grant, and
- scholarship and tuition grant to increase the local skilled workforce.

They also expanded their Renaissance Zone for potential areas of development.

Cavalier used their federal coronavirus relief funds to provide COVID relief for local businesses. Eligible businesses could receive up to \$10,000 for needs such as rent, mortgage, utility bills, and staff. Twenty-five businesses received more than \$150,000 in grants.

They launched a City Stimulus Incentive Program in 2020. Purchases up to \$1,000 in the city that are subject to the 2% city sales tax could receive 10% back in city bucks which can be used for purchases in the city.

Also, in 2020 they launched a bike share program to coincide with the renovation of the 6.5-mile Cavlandic Trail. The trail takes visitors to Icelandic State Park with direct access to the city of Cavalier and Main Street without getting in a vehicle. This is a great example of recognizing that today's families want amenities along with a job.

The North Dakota League of Cities provides service, advocacy, leadership, education and support to the state's 357 cities. The League's mission - Strong. Dynamic. Cities" - expresses the value of services offered by the League.

Photo L to R: Diane Affeldt, NDLC Board President; Dr. Kelli Truver, Cavalier City Administrator; Mayor Lacey Hinkle, Cavalier; and Blake Crosby, NDLC Executive Director.

