



Rosebud Visitor Center: Building Uses and Funding

The building houses the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce, Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Scenic Byway, Western Union, Motor Vehicle Branch Office and the North Dakota Winter Show. There are also two conference rooms, one on each floor. As a visitor center, the west end of the building has exhibits and interpretation for the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, the railroads and their development of the Sheyenne River Valley, the history of the Rosebud itself and the ND Ag Hall of Fame. The building is owned and managed by the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce.

The funding for this project began with a \$345,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant administered by the ND Department of Transportation. The building committee received \$175,000 from the Valley City Food and Beverage Tax Fund. The Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce contributed \$5,000, the Valley City/Barnes County Development Corporation provided \$85,000 and the Valley City Convention and Visitors Bureau committed \$15,000/year for 20 years for construction of the Visitor Center. A donation was received from Bob Beyer and Neil Meyer of Concrete Dakota Inc. for \$7,500 worth of concrete for the foundation. Star Enterprises donated \$900 for site work. The USDA Forest Service awarded a \$20,000 Rural Community Assistance Grant. The building committee received a \$2,845 America the Beautiful Community Challenge grant from the North Dakota Forest Service and partnered with the Sheyenne Valley Garden Club for a \$500 contribution and another \$2,000 grant from the Garden Clubs of America to be used for landscaping and installing a sprinkler system on the property. A \$3,000 Service & Retail Business Development & Image Enhancement Grant was also received from the City's one percent sales tax fund. The property itself was a gift from the City of Valley City to the Barnes County Historical Society. One hundred dollars was received from the Red River Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society for renovation of Rosebud.