

Millard County General Plan

Human and Community Services Element

County Goals, Objectives and Implementation Strategies

Human and Community Services

Maintaining adequate human and community services throughout the County is a necessity. County residents feel that the current level and availability of services is adequate for most needs and encourage County and community governments to continue existing services and expand programs as necessary to meet demand. Millard County officials will continue to work with communities and private interests to improve service quality and availability.

Goal: Provide adequate human and community services to all sectors of the County's population.

Objective: *Encourage County and community cooperation and coordination.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Continue regular meetings between city and county officials.
- Place a County Commissioner on the Local Interagency Committee (LIC).

Objective: *Evaluate existing and proposed programs to determine need and avoid duplication.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Conduct regular internal audits of existing programs and services to determine need and value.

Objective: *Support the development and expansion of activities and opportunities for the youth of the community.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Encourage youth-oriented programs providing: job counseling, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, community involvement and crisis counseling.
- Recruit and encourage industry to locate in Millard County to provide good employment opportunities.

Objective: *Provide expanded services for senior citizens and opportunities for them to participate in the community.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Encourage all service elements of local government to maintain open dialogue and contact with the senior citizen population of the County.

Specific human and community services are addressed below.

Public Safety/Emergency Services

Millard County is a safe place to live and raise a family. Considering the County's demographic and economic profile, residents feel the existing County and community law enforcement, fire protection, emergency response, and search-and-rescue personnel and agencies are well-prepared and trained. Maintaining an adequate level of agency staffing and personnel preparedness is viewed as a necessity.

County government is also dedicated to maintaining and expanding emergency services/law enforcement facilities according to County needs.

It is the County position that local law enforcement personnel and agencies should be given preference in public land law enforcement issues and the enforcement of local and State laws on public lands. Money to perform such duties should be funneled from the Federal to local level.

Goal: Provide a coordinated public safety program to improve services in all areas.

County Objective: *Provide a coordinated public safety program that includes police, fire, EMT, CERT, HazMat, and Search and Rescue organizations and personnel.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Establish regular meetings including law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel to coordinate agency activities.
- Maintain open communication with the public to discuss the type of emergency services available and the level of those services.

County Objective: Maintain well-trained and well-equipped law enforcement and emergency services departments.

Implementation Strategies:

- Provide adequate equipment, personnel and training.
- Require compliance with OSHA and other safety requirements.

Medical Facilities/Health Care

Private health care providers within the County maintain excellent medical facilities and provide the finest health care in the region. County residents desire to maintain this level of excellence and support expanding services and facilities as doing so becomes economically feasible.

The County will continue to support the strategic planning, physician recruitment and marketing efforts of the existing health care system.

Goal: Provide local, comprehensive primary health care services.

County Objective: *Maintain existing level of health care; expand services and facilities as financially feasible.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Promote community awareness and support for existing services and facilities.
- Assist in coordinating hospital staff and emergency response personnel training and medical care procedures.

Education

Providing additional education opportunities for all County residents is a top priority. In this effort, the County will continue to support public and private efforts to provide quality educational facilities and instruction materials. The County also supports the development of additional in-County post-secondary education opportunities and the expansion of existing technical training programs.

Goal: Support the expansion and maintenance of educational opportunities for all ages and interest groups within the County.

County Objective: *Support existing and encourage additional secondary education opportunities.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Continued support for the Tech Center and USU Education Center.

Recreation

Millard County encourages the use of recreational facilities within the area. As requested, the County will work with individual communities to explore potential funding sources for community-level recreation projects and facilities.

The County encourages private sector development of recreational facilities and services and may offer development incentives as doing so becomes feasible. The County also supports cultivating recreation facility development and maintenance "partnerships" with other entities, agencies and special interest groups.

Goal: Maintain public park and recreational areas and facilities to meet the growing needs of the citizens and tourists who use them.

County Objective: *Provide diversified park and recreation opportunities.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Encourage parks as an integral part of all residential areas.
- Encourage park development adjacent to or in connection with all school sites.
- Encourage the provision of privately financed parks and recreational activities and activities to supplement public facilities.
- Provide adequate water, camping and picnicking facilities, and maintenance and sanitation of restrooms.
- Maintain adequate programs and facilities for the County's senior and youth populations.
- Provide adequate maintenance of existing public swimming facilities and the construction of additional facilities as population demands and financing is available.

Communications

Millard County supports upgrading existing tele-communication facilities and services to improve County communication links and increase County access to outside information sources.

Goal: Provide a communication infrastructure adequate for County educational and industrial needs

County Objective: *Improve/update existing facilities and services as feasible.*

Implementation Strategies:

- Work with communication industries to complete a needs analysis identifying marginal service areas. Conduct subsequent feasibility studies to identify costs associated with improving services to these areas.
- Develop partnerships with local businesses to identify and address mutual communication needs.