

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Cohort-based leadership experience across southwest North Dakota
- Interactive workshops and peer learning
- Communication and conflict navigation training
- Confidence-building and leadership skill development
- Regional collaboration and networking opportunities

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Ideal for emerging and established leaders who are passionate about strengthening their communities, including:

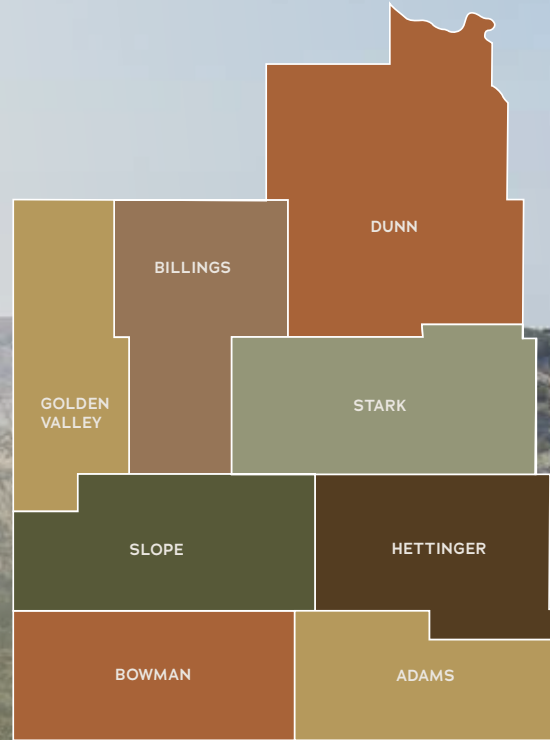
- Community volunteers and advocates
- Business owners and professionals
- Nonprofit and community organization staff
- Educators and healthcare professionals
- Local government staff and elected officials
- Young professionals and future community leaders

REGION 8



STEP INTO *Leadership*

Shape the Future of
Southwest North Dakota



FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

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ARENA LEADERS PROGRAM

Build the confidence, skills, and connections to lead in your community and across the region.

A LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE BUILT FOR REAL COMMUNITIES

The Arena Leaders Program is an eight-month, cohort-based experience designed for people who are ready to step forward and lead.

Through hands-on sessions, real-world discussions, and regional engagement, you'll gain practical tools to lead effectively in your organization, your community, and beyond.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

Participants will leave the program with the ability to:

- Lead with greater confidence and purpose
- Communicate effectively through challenges and change
- Collaborate across sectors to address community needs
- Understand regional systems, resources, and leadership networks
- Engage in civic leadership and community decision-making
- Develop and implement a real-world leadership action plan

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

— Theodore Roosevelt

PROGRAM DETAILS

DURATION: Eight months, one session/month

FORMAT: Cohort-based program with sessions held throughout the region

SESSIONS: Eight in-person sessions including one full-day session in Bismarck:

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 18th
- December 9th
- January 13th
- February 17th
- March 10th
- April 14th

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
September through April

COST: \$800 per participant
(meals included; travel not covered)

ELIGIBILITY: Must be in the Roosevelt Custer region



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Local businesses, development organizations, and community partners are encouraged to sponsor participants.

BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP:

- Invest in local leadership development
- Strengthen workforce retention and engagement
- Build long-term community capacity
- Gain recognition as a leadership development supporter

Sponsorship options include full or partial participant support.

APPLY TODAY

Application Deadline: June 15, 2026
Applicants will be notified by July 15th.

Step forward, grow your leadership capacity, and connect with others who are committed to strengthening Southwest North Dakota.

Spots are limited.
We encourage early applications.

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