

MORLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

ACCESS TO FOOD INITIATIVE

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

1) Morland Community Foundation received 501(c)3 approval 1994

2) Charitable Purposes: Promotion and enhancement of the quality of life for the citizens of Morland and surrounding area:

Combating community deterioration with emphasis on preservation and utilization of existing and historical buildings, and

Responding to the charitable, education and benevolent needs of the community, including efforts to combat deterioration of the quality of rural life and urban decay

3) Grocery Store building constructed in 1915 and, to our knowledge, continuously operated as a grocery store until it closed in October 2005.

4) Owner tried to sell 2-3 years before closing due to health & age

5) The building & equipment in extremely poor condition

6) The building historically important to the community.

7) 2006, January Foundation purchased building with intent to refurbish & rent for use as grocery store

8) 2007 May installed new roof & Midwest Energy did energy audit

9) 2009 City of Morland approved CDBG R (stimulus) to refurbish main part of building w/energy efficient windows, 2 handicapped accessible entrances, electrical wiring, plumbing, 3 zones of heating, AC, insulation, 2 handicapped bathrooms – refurbish wooden floors and metal ceilings,

10) Condition of the grant -no retail or government business conducted on premises

11) Flood plain – Flood proof building - over a year & \$23,000 for LOMAR approval

12) 2011 purchased used refrigeration equipment from Luray- volunteers in process of installing- applicant for manager and a food supplier

Project cost to date – over \$400,000

SOURCES OF FUNDS:

Morland Lions Club (2 B-B-Q rib dinners & Italian dinner) for walk-in produce cooler –

Morland Methodist Church & UMYF (pancake supper, 2 bake sales) for cash register & scales

FHLB \$25,000 JOBS grant applied for by Citizens State Bank

Individuals, 2 Charitable Trusts, Graham County Economic Development, Graham County Commissioners, City of Morland, other non-profit organizations, memorials

VOLUNTEERS & IN-KIND DONATIONS

7 TRUCK LOADS OF JUNK, INCLUDED TRUCKS, SKID STEER, LOTS OF MAN POWER. GRAHAM COUNTY OPENED LAND FILL ON SUNDAY WITH NO CHARGE

DEMOLITION OF 2 WALK-IN COOLERS, WALLS, ETC. DONE IN EVENINGS, WEEK-ENDS WHENEVER VOLUNTEERS HAD TIME

CLEANED AND PAINTED

4-H POWER WASHED SHELVING – SATURDAY

MOVING REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT FROM LURAY- INCLUDED ALL VOLUNTEER LABOR, USE OF TRUCKS AND USE OF SKID DONATED BY RUSSELL GROCERY STORE

INSTALLATION OF REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT

STORAGE ROOM NOT INCLUDED IN GRANT FINISHED BY PROJECT CONTRACTOR

GLASCO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATED MEAT GRINDER, MEAT BAND SAW, SLICER AND GROCERY CARTS

LEGAL FEES

IN SUMMARY -WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

MORE THAN WE PLANNED TO LEARN ABOUT FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS

PERSEVERANCE CAN OVERCOME OBSTACLES

**A PROJECT FUNDED BY GRANTS & DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER LABOR TAKES PATIENCE AND
A LOT MORE TIME**

**A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE STEP UP TO THE PLATE WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY INTO
A PROJECT THAT WILL BENEFIT THEIR COMMUNITY**