## PROGRAM IMPACTS

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<th>Amount</th>
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<td>$1.3 BIL</td>
<td>Invested by GGDI-assisted projects since 1978</td>
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<td>$19.79</td>
<td>Generated in additional tax revenue for every $1 GGDI received from the 2019 millage</td>
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<td>5,634</td>
<td>Jobs created or retained by GGDI-assisted projects since 1978 (from 2019 annual job count)</td>
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<td>$614K</td>
<td>In grant dollars allocated to Gratiot County as a result of GGDI assistance in 2020.</td>
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<td>33%</td>
<td>Of millage dollars received by GGDI are generated from GGDI-assisted projects.</td>
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## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Completion of Polaris Wind, which included 68 turbines in North Star, Hamilton, and Lafayette townships
- Commencing construction on Gratiot Farms Wind Project, developed by Tradewind and owned by Consumers Energy, which will include 60 turbines in New Haven and North Shade townships
  - It will also include an operations and maintenance facility in Fulton Township
- Assisted in the following manufacturing expansions: Avalon & Tahoe, Apex Marine, and Plasti-Paint
- Completion of ZFS Ithaca, LLC
- Awarded $50,000 grant from MEDC Site Readiness Program for hazardous building demolition on West Hoffman Road in Alma
- Assisted in the organizing the Alma Aspires Leadership Conference and pursuing the identified goals such as increased access to broadband and transportation
- Worked with Gratiot County and local townships to develop a uniform blight ordinance and enforcement plan
- Received a clean financial statement review with no significant findings for FY 2019
- COVID-19 Response:
  - Administered the Michigan Small Business Relief Program: $49,000 to 79 businesses
  - Administered the Michigan Small Business Restart Program: $515,000 to 150 businesses
  - Continuously providing relevant information and consultation to businesses
**PROJECT UPDATES**

**ZFS ITHACA, LLC**
- Soybean processing plant
- Located in Ithaca
- Completed Spring 2020
- $129 million invested
- 74 new jobs created

**POLARIS WIND**
- 68-turbine wind farm
- Located in Hamilton, Lafayette, and North Star townships
- Completed Earth Day 2020
- $238 million invested (est.)
- 7 new jobs created (est.)

**AVALON & TAHOE**
- Pontoon boat manufacturer
- Located in Alma
- 2020 expansion of increased production space and new equipment
- $1 million invested
- 22 new jobs created

**APEX MARINE**
- Pontoon boat manufacturer
- Located in St. Louis
- 2019 expansion of increased production space
- $320,000
- 10 new jobs created
The COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented in its detrimental effects across a wide variety of industries. From manufacturing to agriculture to downtown retail businesses, all sectors of our economy were impacted. While it is not yet clear how long the immediate impacts of COVID-19 will be felt, GGDI will take a proactive role in helping businesses through these trying times. GGDI will continue to work with regional and statewide partners such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Mid-Michigan Small Business Development Center to ensure Gratiot County businesses have access to the appropriate resources and guidance as they begin to recover and grow their business in a post-pandemic world.

One of the biggest issues facing companies across all sectors is retaining and recruiting talented employees, especially after COVID-19. GGDI works with numerous initiatives to help alleviate this issue. First, a bi-county millage supports career and technical education program in K-12 schools in Isabella and Gratiot counties. Representatives from these schools meet regularly with industry representatives and support agencies in order to ensure that students are receiving training that industries need. Second, GGDI works with Michigan Works! in connecting companies with talent and training funds. GGDI continues to work with the Gratiot-Isabella RESD and several other local partners in promoting trade skill education through grant funds recently distributed in the Marshall Plan for Talent. GGDI will continue to work toward solutions for the current talent shortage.

For assistance in the following areas:
- Building/equipment expansions
- Site selection
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- State and local incentives
- Entrepreneurial assistance
- General consultation
- Employee recruitment/training
- Strategic planning
- Community impact initiatives

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