

Number 4 RLF Loan-Candy Bouquet

Joanna Dunn and Sandy O'Donnell completed an application in partnership with their lead lender, Nancy Verschoot of Richland Federal Credit Union, and presented this project to the RLF committee for review. The funding request was for the purchase of the Candy Bouquet business from Kathy Nicholson, and the funds were for inventory, training, and operating capital.

The Candy Bouquet is a franchised operation that sells chocolate and candy in a floral style that is a unique creation in lieu of flowers, gift baskets, or balloons for any occasion. It is the only one of its kind in the Eastern Montana region. Joanna and Sandy's plans are to continue with the existing services and to expand the business as well.