

# East Central Regional Development Commission



## Annual Report FY 2010

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It is my pleasure to present to you the 2010 Annual Report of the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC). This report lists the programs, services, and accomplishments of the Commission in fulfilling the ECRDC's mission. This report includes the programs, projects, and related financial information of the ECRDC for the period July 1,

2009 through June 30, 2010. Since the Commission's formation in 1973, its main priority has been to provide technical assistance and support to its many local units of government, businesses, and citizens.

Highlights of the Commission's activities during the past year include the development of a Station Area Planning Study for the Region 7E communities which were identified as potential stops for the proposed Northern Lights Express (NLX) passenger train between Minneapolis and Duluth. The ECRDC also worked with a number of cities on federal EDA infrastructure grants for economic development projects including a successful application for \$1.44 million to construct a technology incubator at Pine Technical College. Significant progress was also made to position the Regional Arts Council for a bright future as a non-profit organization with expanded funding through the State's new Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Our East Central Senior Resource Center (ECSRC) program accomplished a great deal this year as well with more and more older adults and their families accessing our Senior LinkAge® and Caregiver Consulting programs for information and referral services. The ECSRC also assisted various organizations and businesses in applying for funding for services in an effort meet the needs of the ever growing older population.

The ECRDC advocated for a number high profile transportation projects with funding made possible through the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Examples of these projects include a freeway interchange/bridge structure at the junction of I-35 and State Hwy 95 in North Branch as well as a 17 mile reconstruction of State Hwy 65 north of Mora. Finally, the Commission continued efforts to fill gaps in the region where public transit is limited or non-existent.

I think you'll agree that the Commission continues to make a remarkable difference in East Central Minnesota. This of course would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the ECRDC Commission, the various advisory committees, our program partners, volunteers, and, of course, our dedicated staff.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support!

Yours most sincerely,

Robert Voss  
Executive Director



Senator Tony Lourey speaks at the Legislative Forum held at the Kanabec County Government Center.

#### Chisago County

Jill Behnke, Municipalities  
Bob Cupit, Township Rep.  
Ben Montzka, County Comm.  
Donald Taylor, Public Interest

#### Isanti County

Richard Hansen, Township Rep.  
George Larson, County Comm.  
Sue Larson, Public Interest  
Marlys Palmer, Municipalities

#### Kanabec County

Roger Crawford, County Comm.  
Dave Chmiel, Municipalities  
Dave Patenaude, Township Rep.  
Janelle Troupe, Public Interest

#### Mille Lacs County

Jack Edmonds, County Comm.  
Linda Evans, Public Interest  
Jeremy Riddle, Municipalities  
Barbara Welty, Township Rep.

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Frank Grundmeier, Township Rep.  
Steve Hallan, County Comm.  
Fred Lere, Public Interest  
Paul Venhuizen, Municipalities

#### School Board Representatives

Edward Hill, Southern  
Steve Odegard, Northern

#### Native American Tribal Representative

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# FINANCIAL

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

	<b>FY2010 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2010 ACTUAL UNAUDITED</b>	<b>FY2011 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
Taxes	\$ 245,533	\$ 247,381	\$ 249,637
Aging-CMCOA	\$ 241,872	\$ 236,120	\$ 241,872
Aging-Other	\$ 600	\$ 230	\$ 600
EDA	\$ 62,817	\$ 62,817	\$ 62,628
State Arts Board	\$ 419,432	\$ 419,432	\$ 415,561
FRACM	\$ 3,982	\$ 3,832	\$ -
State Transportation	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000
Contracts	\$ 19,719	\$ 7,193	\$ 19,813
Interest/Other	\$ 33,855	\$ 43,736	\$ 103,316
Foundations	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000
Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 27,655	\$ 22,126	\$ 26,300
Job Z-Cities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Development Corps.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SBDC	\$ 6,614	\$ 5,883	\$ 5,250
MRDO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RLF-Interest/Fees	\$ 12,718	\$ 17,242	\$ 12,718
RLF-Repayments	\$ 41,155	\$ 31,767	\$ 41,155
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,190,952</b>	<b>\$ 1,167,758</b>	<b>\$ 1,263,850</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
General Fund	\$ 98,395	\$ 100,839	\$ 98,923
RLF-Administration	\$ 11,782	\$ 10,271	\$ 11,631
State Arts-Administration	\$ 217,972	\$ 160,370	\$ 197,849
FRACM-Staffing	\$ 4,752	\$ 5,097	\$ -
McKnight Arts-Administration	\$ 5,305	\$ 5,487	\$ 5,125
State Transportation	\$ 85,204	\$ 96,598	\$ 80,147
Aging Program-Administration	\$ 166,649	\$ 158,290	\$ 167,877
EDA	\$ 121,383	\$ 140,248	\$ 118,745
I & A Program	\$ 146,743	\$ 131,368	\$ 153,242
Contracts	\$ 7,125	\$ 5,330	\$ 4,056
Safe Communities	\$ 28,371	\$ 32,306	\$ 27,907
SBDC	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,682	\$ 3,235
Job Z	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -
Arts-Pass-thru Grants	\$ 239,400	\$ 204,902	\$ 324,063
MRDO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RLF Loans	\$ 60,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 60,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,331</b>	<b>\$ 1,080,788</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,800</b>
Revenues over/under Expenses	\$ 9,115	\$ 3,464	\$ 25,646
Prior Year Fund Balances	\$ 7,643	\$ 7,643	\$ 11,107
Current Year Fund Balances	\$ 16,758	\$ 11,107	\$ 36,753

## **ECRDC STAFF**

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

**ROBERT L. VOSS**

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

**LYNN ANDERSON**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE  
CENTER OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

**LINDA BERG**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE  
CENTER OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

**MICHELE BOLLENBECK**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE  
CENTER OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

**ROBERT BOLLENBECK**

*TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
TOWARD ZERO DEATHS COORDINATOR*

**ANDREW DANIELS**

*FINANCE OFFICER*

**MARY MINNICK-DANIELS**

*EAST CENTRAL ARTS  
COUNCIL DIRECTOR*

**TRISH RYDLUND**

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*EAST CENTRAL ARTS  
COUNCIL ASSISTANT*

**PENNY SIMONSEN**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE  
CENTER DIRECTOR*

**ANITA SPARKS**

*CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

**JORDAN ZELLER**

*COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR*

## **EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) is a public agency. The board members are represented by officials appointed by county boards, townships, municipalities, school boards and citizens at large.

The ECRDC is funded through a local tax levy and planning/program grants and contracts from state agencies, federal agencies and foundations.

## **MISSION OF THE EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

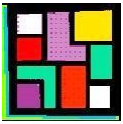
The mission is to provide leadership and direction through creative problem solving. We do this by initiating projects and programs that lead to creative solutions to regional problems, providing technical assistance and identifying and developing available resources. We serve in a leadership role as an advocate for East Central Minnesota to bring about positive change.



*Milaca Fine Arts Council presents Music in the Park, an ECAC grant funded event.*



# EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL



## FY 2010: A Momentous Year for the East Central Arts Council!

This year, FY 2010, was not just the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the East Central Arts Council advisory committee. The Arts Council also successfully undertook 2 major accomplishments in addition to providing existing services! ECAC initiated the Region 7E Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund, and the Arts Council, and the East Central Regional Development Commission, decided that the Council will become an independent non-profit organization.



*In January of 2010 the ECAC Advisory Committee celebrated the completion of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund planning in Region 7E with Sheila Smith of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, and Sue Gens of the Minnesota State Arts Board.*

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund -

The East Central Arts Council (ECAC), currently a program of the East Central Regional Development Commission, in FY 2010 as one of Minnesota's designated Regional Arts Councils, was entrusted with stewardship of new funding through the State of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) Legacy Fund. Proceeds from the fund may be spent only on arts and arts access, arts education and arts and cultural heritage. The Legacy Fund is intended to create a strong arts legacy in Minnesota and will exist for a period of twenty-five years.

ECAC members felt it was incredibly encouraging to be able to offer support for worthwhile arts projects that were found by the grant review panels to all be of a very high artistic caliber and which also support the regional economy in these hard economic times. The awarding of the FY 2010 ECAC ACH grants, the first Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund grants, represented the culmination of a year and a half long process of gathering input from the public about the best use of the funds in our region, revising the Biennial Plan and developing the new grant programs. It also included extensive work with grant applicants during both the ECAC program planning and their grant submission processes. Non-profit organizations, community groups, units of government, public schools and individual artists were all eligible to apply.

Of the 39 applications received 20 ACH projects were funded. A total of almost \$300,000 dollars were requested from ECAC in this grant program which exemplified a huge demand for arts programming. Funds granted were about \$130,000. In addition, as part of the ECAC ACH program, the Arts Council initiated a public art program with Forecast Public Art. This partnership included public art grants in Region 7E, public art workshops here, and work on a public art toolkit. Literally thousands of regional community members are benefitting from this ECAC ACH funding

This new East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund programming was made possible by the Minnesota arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

## ECAC Advisory Committee

Braden Apitz  
Teresa Bemis  
Fred Lere  
Kate Maurer  
Susan Rogers  
Marguerite Walz  
Amanda Thompson Rundahl

Laurie Beil  
Shirl Chouinard  
Carl Long  
Bruce Mosher  
Carla Vita

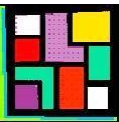
# EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL



*Franconia Sculpture Park receives Big Check for their ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund grant. Photo credit Tasha Hock.*

## East Central Regional Arts Council -

In FY 2010 the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) and the ECAC, as part an extensive planning process and consultant study, decided that in order to better serve its mission the Regional Arts Council will no longer be a program of the ECRDC. The new East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) will establish itself as a non-profit and will become independent of the ECRDC as of July 1, 2011. While ECAC will miss the leadership and collaboration it has had as a program of the ECRDC, the members are also very excited about the new arts funding opportunities and arts programming this transformation will provide for Region 7E. ECRAC will have both a new location and website as of this date and will continue to provide grants and services to the arts community during the transition.



*Legislators, grantees, ECAC, and ECRDC representatives at the ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Big Check Event.*

*Photo credit Dee Kotaska.*



## Special Thanks and Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -

A special thanks to the East Central Arts Council advisory committee members and all the ECAC volunteers for a truly rewarding and productive year! All of the progress of the Arts Council in FY 2010, and throughout the last 30 years, would not have been possible without their commitment, support, and efforts. The Arts Council truly has been able to forward the mission of serving the arts community and all Regional 7E communities through the arts. It could not have happened without them! Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## Other ECAC Activities -

The FY 2010 work program of the Regional Arts Council included the following: revision of the Biennial Plan, approved in December 2009; the East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund grants for organizations and individuals; Art Projects Assistance; Art in Our Schools; Small Grants Program; Image-the annual regional art show hosted this past year by the Pine Center for the Arts; McKnight/ECAC Individual Artist and Fellowship Grant Programs; the Scholarship Program for K - 12 kids; started development of a new website; and assistance was provided by hosting various grant workshops, providing technical assistance and arts resource information. ECAC's mission, vision and values are at the heart of the programs and grantees funded. ECAC's grantee partners are at the forefront of the work to enhance the arts environment in Region 7E. It is the artist's and arts organization's daily work and commitment that expands arts opportunities, increases the quality of life, and enhances the community/economic development in the region.



# EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL



*Portrait of Lena by Rebecca Utecht - was best in show at IMAGE 2009 at the North West Company Fur Post in Pine City. Host of the show was the Pine Center for the Arts.*

In FY 2010 ECAC sponsored a series of 5 skill-building workshops led by Springboard for the Arts. ECAC also sponsored 2 Forecast Public Art Workshops in the Region. In conjunction with the Minnesota State Arts Board ECAC hosted 2 art grant information sessions. ECAC also had 43 art grant information sessions throughout the region. Many potential applicants were in attendance at these sessions and

they learned more about ECAC arts funding sources and services. ECAC was featured on MPR after a USDA/Minnesota Rural Partners "Rural Urban Connections" videoconference highlighting the arts. Additionally, the Director of the East Central Arts Council also provided staffing services for the Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota (FRACM,) the state-wide organization of Regional Arts Council Directors. This staffing was provided through October for both FRACM business meetings and best practices sessions.

**Individual Artist Grants & Artist Fellowships** - The McKnight/ECAC Individual Artist grants are for artists in the region wanting to expand their artistry with a specific arts project. The Fellowship Program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. Funding for these programs are provided by The McKnight Foundation. This year ECAC awarded over \$17,000 in artist grants/fellowships to artists in Region 7E.

**Art Scholarships for K-12 Students** - Region 7E has a lot of young, talented, and energetic artists deserving recognition. As a result, the ECAC, with funding through The McKnight Foundation, offered students in grades K - 12 a scholarship opportunity to further

their artistic skills. This year the Council recognized students with over \$1,800 in Scholarships. Due to funding priority changes at The McKnight Foundation this will be the last year of this current program. The Arts Council will be working toward re-establishing this popular program in the future.

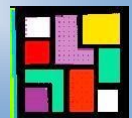
**Art in Our Schools Grants** - Schools may apply to the East Central Arts Council to help fund special art projects related to the curriculum. The funds can support artist residencies, art related field trips, or any special school arts-focused project. This year ten grants were funded in schools throughout Region 7E. The total amount of grants was almost \$10,000 for school projects.

**Art Organization Project & Small Grants** - These ECAC programs award grants for local or regional arts and cultural projects sponsored/coordinated by organizations, schools, units of government, or non-profits. Funds are available for a variety of arts projects that develop or enhance local arts organizations, artists, or art audiences. Small Grants of up to \$500 and Art Organization Project Grants up to \$5,000 are considered. The grants are awarded only with a one-to-one financial match. The grants this year amounted to over \$45,000. The total project costs were over \$130,000.

Information on all of the ECAC grant funded programs can be found in the appendix.

## ECAC Mission -

The mission of ECAC is to improve the quantity and quality of arts experiences in Region 7E by facilitating the production, presentation, and dissemination of art development for arts organizations and by promoting the growth of individual artists. ECAC accomplishes its mission through programs and special initiatives for artists and arts organizations.



# EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER



*ECSRC Volunteers—Fran Caron, Harriet Johnson, Dian Boser, Kay Calander, Eileen Stitz, Rosie Westmoreland, Sharon Toenies, and Shirley Jones*

The East Central Senior Resource Center serves older adults, their families, the communities where they reside, and the providers of the services and programs they access. The mission —Fostering development of and access to resources for older adults in East Central Minnesota, sums up the work of the East Central Senior Resource Center (ECSRC).

The paid staff of the ECSRC includes director Penny Simonsen, and outreach coordinators Lynn Anderson and Lynda Hayek, and caregiver consultants Linda Berg and Anita Sparks. Volunteer staff are vital to the work of the agency. Volunteer staff assist with every aspect of the day-in-day-out work of the ECSRC. They are: Elva Anderson, Donna Bergin, , Diann Boser, Kayette Calander, Frances Caron, Wally Hed, Harriet Johnson, Ella Martens, Joyce Rebischke, Sharon Toenies, and Rose Westmoreland.



*Seniors are invited to a free session on learning to surf the internet. These classes are geared to seniors who have little or no experience with computers.*

In 1965 the U.S. Congress enacted legislation known as the Older American's Act. The Act authorizes Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to fund local public and non-profit organizations to develop/expand services for persons over 60. Through a contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, the ECSRC provides services through three broad program areas: development of senior programs; caregiver services; and information, referral and assistance services.

## **Development of Senior Programs**

Senior service provider networks in each county offer an opportunity for providers of aging services from government, non-profit and for-profit sectors to come together. The networking events, while informal in nature, offer opportunities for new partnerships and more communication between service providers and development of new services. Over 250 persons participated in the monthly events.

The State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Department of Human Services has funding available to agencies, businesses and organizations through the Community Services/Service Development (CS/SD) funds—with the intent of the resources to be put toward assisting older adults to remain independently in their communities longer and thus reducing the rate of nursing home admissions by increasing the availability of community-based services. The ECSRC worked closely with agencies, businesses and organizations to submit applications for CS/SD and other appropriate funding to develop new senior community-based services in the five county region.

In 2009 the ECSRC began offering services tailored to older adults who may beginning to exhibit signs of being at risk for nursing home placement. ECSRC staff work closely with those individuals to help find services that best fit the individual's life style and budget. The service is called Live Well at Home.

## **ECSRC Volunteers**

Elva Anderson	Diann Boser
Kayetta Calander	Frances Caron
Wally Hed	Harriet Johnson
Shirley Jones	Ella Martens
Jayne Mund	Joyce Rebischke
Eileen Stitz	Connie Strandberg
Sharon Toenies	Rose-Marie Westmoreland

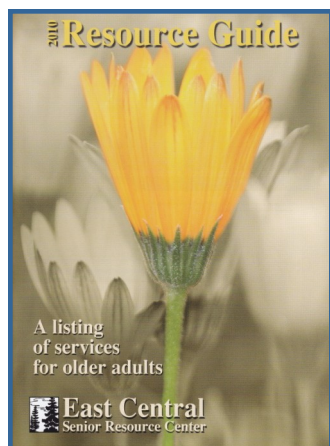


# EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

## Resource Guide-

### A Listing of Services for Older Adults

Each year the ECSRC publishes a resource guide chocked full of information about services available to seniors in the region. Copies of the resource guide are available through the Center and many locations throughout the region.



The guide, supported by paid advertisement offer local service providers an opportunity to financially support the well-recognized publication. Service provider listings remain free of charge as a public service of the Center. Over 5,000 copies were distributed last year to older adults and their families.

## Senior Surf... Catch the Wave

During these half day events, older adults learn to "surf the web"...navigating the world wide web, specifically Social Security's internet website among others. Computer basics, e-mailing and opportunities for learners to explore areas of interest during the class times.

## Caregiver Services

The ECSRC expanded the amount of caregiver counseling services available to caregivers throughout the region. Caregiver consultants offer help to caregivers to manage and live their life while caring for another person, offers caregivers expert advice, assists caregivers to develop their unique personal action plan, connects caregivers to community resources, helping them see all available options and helps caregivers identify strategies and solutions to remain as a caregiver longer. Over 120 caregivers were served, and more than 1000 hours of direct client contact reported.

## Information, Referral and Assistance Services

The ECSRC is part of a statewide network known as the Senior LinkAge Line®--a telephone based information and assistance service. Trained staff assist clients in locating a variety of services. Staff provides one-on-one assistance with accessing prescription drug programs (including Medicare Part D), understanding medical bills, insurance claims and Medicare cover-age. The individualized help is objective and confidential. The information, referral and assistance services at the ECSRC responded to over 3,600 callers. Over forty presentations were offered teaching seniors the basics of computer use and navigating the internet to access information about Medicare, among other things. Published yearly the ECSRC resource guide contains information about many of the services available in the region.

*Soup and Pie events are held monthly at the Isle Recreation & Education Center (IREC). During this activity older adults and caregivers get a chance to meet and discuss any concerns/issues they may be facing.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**VALUE ADDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:** The ECRDC provided local assistance to various economic development groups and local government.

**Economic Development Partnerships:** The ECRDC partners regularly with the following organizations: Cambridge Development Alliance, East Central Minnesota Workforce Partnership, Central MN Workforce Investment Board, Central MN Housing Partnership, ECMN Business Services Board, GPS 45:93 - formerly the Northern Technology Initiative, Manufacturers Alliance, and City / County Administrators & Economic Development Professionals. Example of positive results gleaned from these meetings include: developing a regional brand, marketing initiatives, and a regional website.

**Community Planning:** Comprehensive land use planning and zoning ordinance developed for Windemere Township in northern Pine County, and Royalton Township in southern Pine County. Also assisted several local units of government with minor updates and participated in discussions on potential updating of planning tools.

**Small Business Development Center (SBDC):** Through the Central Lakes College of Brainerd branch of the MN SBDC, the ECRDC provides assistance in business planning, marketing, loan analysis and eligibility to those considering starting a new business or improve an existing one. The planning grant will work with providing the expense in being in the communities in Region 7E. With this SBDC office, the ECRDC is becoming a one stop shop for business / recruitment expansion; loan assessment and packaging; small business planning; and strategic planning.

**GPS 45:93 Collaboration:** The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with the GPS 45:93, formerly the Northern Technology Initiative (NTI), in attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. Projects this past year include the implementation of a \$50,000 matching Framework for Integrated Regional Strategies (FIRST) grant from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and work on creating an integrated "one stop shop" website for site selectors and entrepreneurs, as well as conducting a series of business expansion and retention visits across the region.

**Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) Awards:** The ECRDC is the JOBZ Administrator for Region 7E. To date, JOBZ awards have been completed for fifteen projects in Region 7E, thirteen of which remain JOBZ designees; Advanced Design & Systems of Pine City, Adventure Publications in Cambridge, Andersen Windows of North Branch, Kendall Howard, LLC of Chisago City, Lake Superior Laundry of Pine City, MAPE USA of Cambridge, NorthStor of Pine City, Polaris Inc. of Wyoming, Top Line Automotive of North Branch, Utility Chemical of Cambridge, Water Works Manufacturing of Cambridge, and Xccent in Wyoming.

Approximately half of the 1,486 acres zoned JOBZ has been awarded. According to State records, JOBZ will have created 414 jobs and retained 219 more in Region 7E. These thirteen businesses will have invested over \$56.4 million in these facilities, and have an annual payroll of over \$22.4 million dollars. For more information, see our website: [www.ecrdc.org](http://www.ecrdc.org).

**City / County Clerks, Administrators & Economic Development Professionals Meetings:** The ECRDC organizes a City Administrator meeting quarterly to discuss mutual key issues occurring in the Region 7E communities. Past topics include the new MNProspector website, award program, grants and financing for infrastructure improvement, and regional marketing initiatives. The City Administrator meetings have evolved into a best practices approach to city economic development. Issues and speakers are selected that will provide insight that will assist local governments with solving key issues in zoning, planning, economic development, and housing.



*Greg Owens, President of Community Pride Bank in Isanti and Vice-Chair of the ECRDC Revolving Loan Fund Board, briefs the region's Legislators on home foreclosure prevention efforts being undertaken in partnership with the MN Home Ownership Center in our region*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/ EDA PLANNING GRANT:

The ECRDC began work on the region's new five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) governance system. This CEDS, due on January, 2011, catalogs the region's currently and historical demographics and economic conditions, identifies weaknesses and threats, and identifies strategies that have the potential to help mitigate these roadblocks to the region's prosperity.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process is designed to guide the economic growth of the region. The CEDS is required in order to qualify for Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant Assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and most planning programs; and is a prerequisite for designation by EDA as an economic development district (EDD). Multiple surveys were conducted of local government and community leaders for completion on projects in process, and future infrastructure, housing, and economic development needs that may require EDA assistance.

### CEDS Advisory Board

Jill Behnke	Dave Chmiel
Terry Dalbey	Ginger Glenn
Dr. Robert Musgrove	Marlys Palmer
Dr. Jeremy Riddle	John Schlagel
Paul Venhuizen	



*Representatives of the City of Cambridge, the City of Mora and the ECRDC visit with a site selector during the Industrial Park showcase in April. This Showcase was funded in part by a grant by the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).*

The ECRDC assisted the Cities of Isle, Mora, Cambridge, North Branch and Pine Technical College in Pine City in preparing applications to the EDA for a variety of projects. In May, 2010, the EDA granted Pine Technical College \$1.44 million for the remodeling and expansion of an existing building on their campus into an Entrepreneurship Center and Technology Business Incubator. Preparation for this expansion is currently underway, with completion expected in late 2011.

The ECRDC has also assisted the Cities of Mora & Cambridge with an EDA grant awarded last year for marketing their industrial parks. Grant applications are currently under consideration by EDA for industrial park infrastructure projects for the Cities of Isle and North Branch (ESSBY Industrial Park) as well.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF):** The ECRDC RLF provides gap financing for businesses looking to open, expand or relocate to Mille Lacs, Pine, Isanti, Chisago & Kanabec Counties. The ECRDC employs the RLF as a tool in recruiting new businesses, maintaining and expanding existing ones, creating and retaining good paying jobs and strengthening the economic base of East Central Minnesota. The ECRDC recently applied to the federal EDA to make this program available Chisago County as well. The RLF currently has 7 loans outstanding, as well as fund on reserve to make new loans.

### Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Brian Anderson, Isanti County  
Wayne Bekius, Mille Lacs County  
Leonard Bonander, Pine County  
Frank Christopherson, Pine County  
Nancy Dahlin, Chisago County  
Susan Larson, At-Large  
Bill Miller, Chisago County  
Jim Neely, Mille Lacs County  
Greg Owens, Isanti County  
Beth Thorp, Kanabec County  
Michael Weinand, Kanabec County

# TRANSPORTATION



*Isanti County Safe Cab and Toward Zero Deaths Coalition members congratulate Sidelines Sports Grill bartenders as Bartenders of the Year for Safe Cab participation*



## Toward Zero Death (TZD) Program

The ECRDC completed its 7th year of a traffic safety initiative in Isanti County. This initiative, funded through the Dept. of Public Safety's Safe Roads Program, is aimed at reducing fatal and serious motor vehicle crashes through a community effort. One of the major impacts was the development and implementation of a highly successful Safe Cab program which provides a safe ride home to persons who may be too impaired to drive. This program now has provided rides to more than 4000 persons and is funded through a shared cost program. A couple of other communities now have begun similar programs in their areas (Wright & Otter Tail Counties). A Safe Roads program was also begun through the RDC in Kanabec County.



*An initial meeting of the Kanabec County Safe Roads Coalition discussing traffic safety issues.*

## Transportation Funding

The ECRDC, through the ATP processes, was successful in programming several regional projects with federal transportation funding. For Federal Fiscal Year 2014, seven projects were identified for funding including road, trail, and transit projects. These projects totaled approximately \$1.5 Million. Another major road project was also identified for FY 2015 for the City of Cambridge. In addition, the ECRDC participated in identifying projects for Chisago County in the Metro District. One major project in Chisago County will create a north-south reliever route for TH 8. A functional classification change request was submitted by the ECRDC. This will allow federal funds to be used on this route.



*Congressman Oberstar (center), local elected officials, and advocates at Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new North Branch Bridge Project*

## Transit

The ECRDC began a transit coordination study with funds through Mn/DOT. The focus of this study was to document transit needs in the region. This is part of a larger statewide effort to increase transit funding for more local service. The RDC also participates in meetings of the Heartland Express programs in the region. The RDC has advocated for the establishment of public transit in Pine County.

ECRDC has participated in the Northern Lights Express passenger rail alliance meeting to promote rail service between the Twin Cities and Duluth. The RDC coordinated a planning study for station development sites in Region 7E. This study will provide data for the larger environmental study required by the Federal Rail Administration.



# TRANSPORTATION

## Traffic Safety Forum

*How do we keep teens safe?*



### Traffic Safety Forum

A traffic safety forum featuring Congressman Oberstar was held June 4 in Cambridge. This forum was coordinated by Center for Excellence in Rural Safety and Isanti County Toward Zero Deaths Program. This forum was in response to a major crash near Cambridge which killed six people.

### Transportation Advisory Committee

The ECRDC coordinates the regional transportation advisory committee which provides recommendations on transportation matters. Recommendations include investment priorities/funding, functional classification changes, and others. This advisory committee provides a forum to discuss regional transportation issues and is comprised of members from all five counties.



A Safety Camp was held in Mora for children to learn what they can do to be safe in transportation. Shown above is a demonstration about the impact of not wearing a seat belt if they get into an accident.

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Dave Carlberg

Bruce Cochran

Julie Dresel

Mike Fetzek

Joe Triplett

Brad Dewolf

Peter Eakman

Richard Heilman

Mike Moilanen

Greg Nikodym

Barbara Welty

### Others

Adam Josephson

Mary Safgren

Bob Busch

Steve Voss

Brian Isaacson

# CHISAGO COUNTY

Prog	Organization	Notes
TAC	Chisago County	Northern Lights Express Station Development
EDA	Chisago County	Economic Development Administration District
TAC	Chisago County	Metro Area Transportation Partnership
ECSRC	Chisago County	Caregiver Consulting
ECSRC	Chisago County	Rapid Screen Services for clients through Nursing Home Diversion Project
ECSRC	North Branch	ECSRC staff located at the North Branch Senior Center and The Villages of North Branch
ECSRC	Wyoming	ECSRC staff located at the Fairview Medical Center
ECSRC	Chisago County	Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project
ECSRC	Chisago County	Senior LinkAge® Line calls
ECSRC	Wyoming	One-to-one counseling took place at Fairview Hospital in Wyoming
ECSRC	Chisago County	Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties
TAC	Chisago County	Participated in Congressman Oberstar's Center for Transportation Forum on federal transportation
TAC	Chisago County	Transportation Advisory Committee
ECSRC	Chisago County	East Central Senior Resource Center
ECAC	Franconia Sculpture Park	Art Organization Grant \$5,000 - 13th Annual Fall Arts Celebration
ECAC	Chisago County	Hosted the Arts Writing Workshop taught by Dr. Kate Maurer held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Chisago County	Hosted an information session at the ECRDC for the Minnesota State Arts Board grant programs
EDA	ECRDC	Received a one-time supplemental planning grant for \$10,000
EDA	University of MN Crookston	Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, internet
EDA	City Administrators	City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting was held quarterly
EDA	Chisago County	JOBZ Administrator
EDA	Chisago County	Workforce Investment Board member
EDA	GPS 45/93	GPS 45/93 Board Member
EDA	Chisago County	Small Business Development Center satellite office
EDA	Chisago County Chambers of	Hosted a meeting with Region 7E Chambers of Commerce
TAC	ECRDC	Received NADO award for our creative transit collaboration initiatives in Region 7E
ECAC	Dorothy Johnson, Stacy	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist Grant \$900 - Split Rock mentorship/workshop
TAC	Chisago County	Regional Transit Study
EDA	East Central MN Workforce	ECRDC staff elected as chair of ECMWP
EDA	Chisago County	Legislative Forum held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECAC	Chisago County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Legal Considerations for Artists
ECAC	Chisago County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Pricing your Work held at the ECRDC in Mora
ECAC	Chisago County	IMAGE Art Show held at the North West Company Fur Post
ECAC	Forecast Public Art	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$15,100 for Region 7E Art Program



# CHISAGO COUNTY

ECSRC	North Branch	Senior Network event held at the Villages of North Branch with speaker John Willems
ECSRC	Chisago County	New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region
EDA	Central MN Housing Partnership	Staff elected treasurer of CMHP
RLF	Chisago County	Continue attempting to allow the ECRDC to lend to Chisago County as they now meet EDA's definition
EDA	Chambers of Commerce	Regional Chamber meetings held quarterly
EDA	Chisago County	Investigated starting a Micro-lending program
EDA	GPS 45/93	Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region
EDA	Chisago County	Participate in regional foreclosure prevention
ECSRC	Chisago County	Region-wide training with MN State Services for the Blind and The Villages of North Branch
ECSRC	Chisago County	Quarterly volunteer training
ECAC	Parmly LifePointes, Chisago City	Art Organization Project Grant \$900 - Vitalize Art Exhibits
ECAC	Chisago County	East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund presentations given throughout the region
ECAC	Chisago County	Partnered with Forecast Public Art on workshops
TAC	Chisago County	Region 7E/Metro Integration Meeting - \$2,924,000 funding for Chisago County Rd 99
TAC	Taylors Falls	Region 7E/Metro Integration Meeting - \$197,404 funding for trail project
TAC	Chisago County	Region 7E/Metro Integration meeting - \$116,800 funding for two transit buses
ECAC	Franconia Sculpture Park, Shafer	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$8,750 for equipment grant & public address system
ECAC	Ian Dudley, Lindstrom	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant \$2,500-Sculpture Research Project and Community Presentation
ECAC	Chisago County	Springboard Public Art: Sculptures, Murals, and So Much More! Workshop held at the ECRDC
ECSRC	Chisago County	Training titled "Compassion Fatigue" was held at ECE
ECAC	City of Lindstrom	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$5,095 for Harmony in the Parks
ECAC	Franconia Sculpture Park	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$14,990 for visual arts , sculpture and multidisciplinary
ECAC	Rush City Chamber	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$8,900 for Rush City Music and Arts Festival
ECAC	Robin Wilburn, Shafer	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500
ECAC	Chisago County	Work with Forecast Public Art to develop a Public Art Toolkit online
ECAC	Chisago County	Three Outcome evaluation training for grantees with Dr. Pat Shifferd
ECAC	Chisago County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: So you Want to Start a 501©? With Laura Zabel
ECAC	Chisago County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: Strategic Planning: Putting the Pieces Together
ECAC	Robin Wilburn, Shafer	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist grant for \$1,000 large scale outdoor steel sculpture
ECAC	Dawn Doering, Lindstrom	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist grant for \$1,000 for equipment
ECAC	North Branch Area Schools	Art In Our Schools grant \$650 for Sights and Sounds of Summer
ECAC	Chisago Lakes Area Schools	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 for Art Summer Enrichment Projects - Art Camp
ECAC	North Branch Area Comm. Ed.	Small Grant \$240 for Viking Drum Line
ECAC	Chisago County Historical Society	Small Grant \$500 for Fiber Demonstration at the County Fair
TAC	Chisago County	Traffic Safety Forum with Congressman Oberstar held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge
EDA	Chisago County	EDA Entrepreneurship Fair - looking into holding a couple of fairs across the region
EDA	Isanti County	EDA Entrepreneurship Fair - looking into holding a couple of fairs across the region
ECSRC	Chisago County	Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region
ECAC	Friends of the North Branch Lib.	Small Grant \$500 for Community Room Revolving Art Display

# ISANTI COUNTY

Prog	Organization	Notes
TZD	Isanti County	Toward Zero Death Safe Roads Grant
TAC	Isanti County	Northern Lights Express Station Development
EDA	Isanti County	Economic Development Administration District
TAC	Isanti County	MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership
ECSRC	Isanti County	Caregiver Consulting
ECSRC	Isanti County	Rapid Screen Services for clients through our Nursing Home Diversion Project
ECSRC	Isanti County Comm. on Aging	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
ECSRC	Isanti County Comm. on Aging	Working with agency board and staff offering technical assistance on their newly funded project
ECSRC	Braham	ECSRC staff located at the Braham Elmhurst Commons
ECSRC	Cambridge	ECSRC staff located at the Cambridge Senior Activity Center
ECSRC	Isanti	ECSRC staff located at the Isanti Senior Dining Site
ECSRC	Isanti County	Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project
ECSRC	Isanti County	Senior LinkAge® Line calls
ECSRC	Cambridge	One-to-one counseling took place at SACs
ECSRC	Isanti County	Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach
TAC	Kanabec County	Participated in Congressman Oberstar's Center for Transportation Forum on federal transportation
TAC	Isanti County	Transportation Advisory Committee
ECSRC	Isanti County	East Central Senior Resource Center
TAC	Isanti County	Participated in a Mn/DOT District 3 Traffic Safety seminar
ECAC	East Central MN Chorale	Art Organization Grant \$4,075– Mozart Missa Brevis in F Major Concert
ECAC	Isanti County	Hosted the Arts Writing Workshop taught by Dr. Kate Maurer held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Isanti County	Hosted an information session at the ECRDC for the Minnesota State Arts Board grant programs
EDA	Cambridge	Received EDA grant award in the amount of \$22,500 for Cambridge/Mora Industrial Park Marketing
RLF	Isanti	Administers Revolving Loan Fund
EDA	ECRDC	Received a one-time supplemental planning grant for \$10,000
EDA	University of MN Crookston	Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, inter-
EDA	City Administrators	City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting was held quar-
EDA	Isanti County	JOBZ Administrator
EDA	Cambridge Chamber of Com-	Assisted in application for Pohland Family Foundation grant
EDA	Isanti County	Workforce Investment Board member
EDA	GPS 45/93	GPS 45/93 Board Member
EDA	Isanti County	Small Business Development Center satellite office
EDA	Isanti County Chambers of	Hosted a meeting with Region 7E Chambers of Commerce
TAC	ECRDC	Received NADO award for our creative transit collaboration initiatives in Region 7E
ECAC	Connie Reilly, Braham	Individual Artist Grant \$1,000 - Marketing plan to promote herself as individual artist and an open
ECAC	Braham Area Schools	Art In Our Schools Grant \$834 - Theater residency with Lydia Orvis
TAC	Isanti County	Regional Transit Study
ECSRC	Isanti	Senior Network event held at the Creamery in Isanti
EDA	East Central MN Workforce	ECRDC staff elected as chair of ECMWP
TAC	Cambridge	Northern Lights Express Rail station site analysis
EDA	Isanti County	Legislative Forum held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECAC	Isanti County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Legal Considerations for Artists held at the ECRDC in
ECAC	Isanti County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Pricing your Work held a the ECRDC in Mora
ECAC	Isanti County	IMAGE Art Show held at the North West Company Fur Post



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ECSRC	Isanti County	New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region
TZD	Isanti County	Fatality Review Committee
EDA	Anoka Ramsey Community	Technical assistance with possible EDA application
EDA	Central MN Housing Partner-	Staff elected treasurer of CMHP
RLF	Cambridge Heating & Air, LLC	Revolving Loan
RLF	Isanti Retail Meats	Revolving Loan
RLF	Snap Fitness	Revolving Loan
EDA	Chambers of Commerce	Regional Chamber meetings held quarterly
EDA	Isanti County	Investigated starting a Micro-lending program
EDA	Isanti County Twp Association	Presented at the Isanti County Township Association meeting
EDA	Isanti County	Participate in regional foreclosure prevention
EDA	GPS 45/93	Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region
ECSRC	Carsten's Harbour	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
ECSRC	Isanti County	Jointly held a region-wide training with MN State Services for the Blind and Villages of North Branch
ECSRC	Isanti County	Quarterly volunteer training
TAC	Isanti County	Received \$57,600 funding for vehicle replacement
TAC	Isanti County	Received \$59,200 funding for vehicle replacement
TAC	Cambridge	Received 1,000,000 for Alabama Street reconstruction
TAC	Isanti	Received \$150,000 for trails enhancement
ECAC	East Central MN Chorale	Art Organization Project Grant \$4,140 - Master Works Concert
ECAC	Isanti County	East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund presentations given throughout the region
ECAC	Isanti County	Partnered with Forecast Public Art on workshops
ECAC	Braham Schools	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 - Mural with artist Erich Fritz
ECAC	East Central MN Chorale	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$13,250 for Honors Choir Project
ECAC	Braham Pie Day, Braham	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$14,622 for Braham Pie Day Art and Art Activities
ECAC	Valorie Stavem Arrowsmith,	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 to Explore Noric Mythology through Visual Art
ECAC	Jacob Budnick, Isanti	ECAC/McKnight Scholarships for K-12 \$327 for the Minnesota Children's Theatre camp
ECAC	Galen Aamot, Cambridge	ECAC/McKnight Scholarships for K-12 \$500 for a guitar workshop
ECAC	Isanti County	Forecast Public Art: Sculptures, Murals, and So Much More! Workshop held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Mary Ann Cleary, Cambridge	ECAC McKnight Individual Artist grant \$1,000 for workshop with artist Marc Hanson
ECSRC	Isanti County	Training titled "Compassion Fatigue" was held at ECE
TZD	Isanti County	Safe Cab Program
TAC	Isanti County	Freight Study
ECAC	Cambridge-Isanti PAC	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$6,276 for Robert Robinson Performance and Access Proj.
ECAC	Isanti County Historical Society	IMAGE Art Show \$10,000 grant awarded to host 2010 Art Show
ECAC	Isanti County	Work with Forecast Public Art to develop a Public Art Toolkit online
ECAC	Isanti County	Three Outcome evaluation training for grantees with Dr. Pat Shifferd
ECAC	Isanti County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: So you Want to Start a 501©? With Laura Zabel
ECAC	Isanti County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: Strategic Planning: Putting the Pieces Together
ECAC	Larry Ostrom, Cambridge	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist grant \$1,000 to purchase slab roller
ECAC	C-I Performing Arts Committee	Small Grant \$500 for Glen Everhart Concert
ECAC	Isanti County Historical Society	Small Grant \$500 for Folk Art Camp
TAC	Isanti County	Traffic Safety Forum with Congressman Oberstar held at Anoka Ramsey Comm. College Cambridge
ECSRC	Isanti County	Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region
ECAC	Forecast Public Art	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$15,100 for Region 7E Public Art Program

# KANABEC COUNTY

Prog	Organization	Notes
TZD	Kanabec County	Toward Zero Death Safe Roads Grant
EDA	Kanabec County	Economic Development Administration District
TAC	Kanabec County	MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Caregiver Consulting
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Rapid Screen Services for clients through our Nursing Home Diversion Project
TAC	Kanabec County	Kanabec-Mille Lacs County Transit non-profit organization
ECSRC	Kanabec County Public Health	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
ECSRC	Mora	Senior Network meeting held at ECSRC
ECSRC	Mora	ECSRC staff located at the Mora Senior Dining Site
ECSRC	Mora	ECSRC staff located at the ECRDC
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Senior LinkAge® Line calls
ECSRC	Mora	One-to-one counseling took place at the ECRDC
ECSRC	Kanabec County	23 volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties
TAC	Isanti County	Participated in Congressman Oberstar's Center for Transportation Forum on federal transportation policy
TAC	Kanabec County	Transportation Advisory Committee
ECSRC	Kanabec County	East Central Senior Resource Center
TAC	Kanabec County	Participated in a Mn/DOT District 3 Traffic Safety seminar
ECAC	Kanabec County Artist Assoc	Art Organization Grant \$4,415 - Jeanne Carbonetti Painting Workshop
ECAC	Kanabec County	Hosted the Arts Writing Workshop taught by Dr. Kate Maurer held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Kanabec County	Sponsored grant workshop for grant programs in Mora
ECAC	Kanabec County	Hosted an information session at the ECRDC for Minnesota State Arts Board grant programs
EDA	Mora	Received EDA grant award in the amount of \$22,500 for Mora/Cambridge Industrial Park Marketing Project
RLF	Kanabec	Administers Revolving Loan Fund
EDA	ECRDC	Received a one-time supplemental planning grant for \$10,000
EDA	University of MN Crookston	Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, internet for their business
EDA	City Administrators	City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting was held quarterly
EDA	Kanabec County	JOBZ Administrator
EDA	Windemere Township	Assisted in Zoning Ordinance
EDA	Kanabec County	Workforce Investment Board member
EDA	GPS 45/93	GPS 45/93 Board Member
EDA	Kanabec County	Small Business Development Center satellite office
EDA	Kanabec County Chambers of Commerce	Hosted a meeting with Region 7E Chambers of Commerce
TAC	ECRDC	Received NADO award for our creative transit collaboration initiatives in Region 7E
ECAC	Trailview Elementary School, Mora	Art In Our Schools Grant - Residency with musician Ross Sutter
TAC	Kanabec County	Regional Transit Study
EDA	East Central MN Workforce Partnership	ECRDC staff elected as chair of ECMWP
EDA	Kanabec County	Legislative Forum held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECAC	Kanabec County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Legal Considerations for Artists held in Mora
ECAC	Kanabec County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists-Pricing your Work held at the ECRDC in Mora
ECAC	Kanabec County	IMAGE Art Show held at the North West Company Fur Post
ECSRC	Kanabec County	New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region
ECAC	Forecast Public Art	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$15,100 for Region 7E Public Art Program



# KANABEC COUNTY

TZD	Kanabec County	Fatality Review Committee
EDA	Central MN Housing Partnership	Staff elected treasurer of CMHP
RLF	Scandia Senior Care	Revolving Loan
EDA	Chambers of Commerce	Regional Chamber meetings held quarterly
EDA	Kanabec County	Investigated starting a Micro-lending program
EDA	Kanabec County	Participate in regional foreclosure prevention
EDA	GPS 45/93	Assisting in conducting Business Retention &Expansion visits across the region
ECSRC	Seven County Senior Federation	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
ECSRC	Alzheimer's Association	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Jointly held a region-wide training with Minnesota State Services for the Blind and The Vil-lages of North branch
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Quarterly volunteer training
TAC	Kanabec County	Received \$57,600 funding for vehicle replacement
TAC	Kanabec County	Received \$714,400 for CSAH 12 preservation
TAC	Kanabec County	Received \$308,500 for CSAH 4 preservation
ECAC	Kanabec County	East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund presentations given throughout the region
ECAC	Kanabec County	Partnered with Forecast Public Art on workshops
ECAC	Mora CAPP	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 - Residency project with Heart of the Beast Puppet Theater
ECRDC	Kanabec County Township Association	Presented at the Kanabec County Township Association meeting
ECAC	Kanabec History Center, Mora	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$15,000 for Sticks and Stones Fall Art Festival
ECAC	Kelli Maag, Ogilvie	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,447 for photography workshop and exhibition
ECAC	Terri Huro, Mora	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 for photography workshop and exhibition
ECAC	Shelley Bragelman, Mora	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 for photography workshop and exhibition
ECAC	Kanabec County	Forecast Public Art: Sculptures, Murals, and So Much More! Workshop held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Barbara Strom, Mora	ECAC McKnight Individual Artist grant \$997 for painting lessons with artist Karen Kiefer
ECAC	Erica Belkholm, Mora	ECAC McKnight Individual Artist grant\$246 to purchase supplies and materials
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Training titled "Compassion Fatigue" was held at ECE
TZD	Kanabec County	Safe Cab Program
TAC	Kanabec County	Freight Study
ECAC	Becky Utecht, Mora	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 for Felt Rolling Project
ECAC	Kanabec County	Work with Forecast Public Art to develop a Public Art Toolkit online
ECAC	Kanabec County	Three Outcome evaluation training for grantees with Dr. Pat Shifferd
ECAC	Kanabec County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: So you Want to Start a 501©? With Laura Zabel
ECAC	Kanabec County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: Strategic Planning: Putting the Pieces Together
ECAC	Kanabec County Historical Society	Small Grant \$500 for Summer Lemonade Concert Series
ECAC	Northern Exposure Photo Club	Small Grant \$494 for My Life as Art
TAC	Kanabec County	Traffic Safety Forum with Congressman Oberstar held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
EDA	Kanabec County	EDA Entrepreneurship Fair - looking into holding a couple of fairs across the region
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region

# MILLE LACS COUNTY

Prog	Organization	Notes
EDA	Central MN Housing Partnership	Staff elected treasurer of CMHP
EDA	Chambers of Commerce	Regional Chamber meetings held quarterly
EDA	City Administrators	City Administrators/Co. Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting was held quarterly
ECAC	Dana Munson, Milaca	ECAC McKnight Individual Artist grant \$1,000 for construction of a raku kiln and experimentation with other low-fire techniques
EDA	East Central MN Workforce Partnership	ECRDC staff elected as chair of ECMWP
EDA	ECRDC	Received a one-time supplemental planning grant for \$10,000
TAC	ECRDC	Received NADO award for our creative transit collaboration initiatives in Region 7E
EDA	GPS 45/93	GPS 45/93 Board Member
EDA	GPS 45/93	Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region
ECSRC	Isle	Discussion between Depot Studios and other possible collaborators in delivery of volunteer based services in northern Mille Lacs Co.
EDA	Isle	Assisted with EDA application for infrastructure in their industrial park and an incubator building
ECSRC	Isle	ECSRC staff located at the Isle Recreation and Education Center
ECSRC	Isle	Monthly Soup n Pie
ECAC	James Larson, Milaca	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist grant \$1,000 for materials for new oil paintings
ECAC	Linda Rother, Milaca	Artist Fellowship grant \$3,000 for Spirit of Place project
ECAC	Loren Bullivant, Milaca	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$1,668 for MN Landscape Project and Exhibition
ECAC	Mark Allshouse, Princeton	ECAC McKnight Individual Artist grant \$1,000 for Website Marketing Project
ECAC	Mark Allshouse, Princeton	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 for Fused Glass Project and Exhibition
ECSRC	Milaca	ECSRC staff located at the Milaca Senior Center
ECAC	Milaca Fine Arts Council	Small Grant \$500 for Music in the Park - 2010
RLF	Mille Lacs	Administers Revolving Loan Fund
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Senior LinkAge® Line calls
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Traffic Safety Forum with Congressman Oberstar held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	JOBZ Administrator
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	EDA Entrepreneurship Fair - looking into holding a couple of fairs across the region
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Workforce Investment Board member
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Hosted an information session at the ECRDC for the Minnesota State Arts Board grant programs
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Hosted the Arts Writing Workshop taught by Dr. Kate Maurer held at the Princeton Library
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Participated in a Mn/DOT District 3 Traffic Safety seminar
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	East Central Senior Resource Center
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Regional Transit Study
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Kanabec-Mille Lacs Co. Transit non-profit organization
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Rapid Screen Services for clients through our Nursing Home Diversion Project
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Caregiver Consulting
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Met with Onamia and Crosier to assist in formulating a transition plan for the Crosier property when Mille Lacs Academy exits the facility



# MILLE LACS COUNTY

TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Participated in Congressman Oberstar's Center for Transportation Forum on federal transportation policy
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund presentations given in Milaca and Onamia
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: Strategic Planning: Putting the Pieces Together
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: So you Want to Start a 501©? With Laura Zabel
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Three Outcome evaluation training for grantees with Dr. Pat Shifferd
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Work with Forecast Public Art to develop a Public Art Toolkit online
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Freight Study
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Training titled "Compassion Fatigue" was held at ECE
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Forecast Public Art: Sculptures, Murals, and So Much More! Workshop held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Partnered with Forecast Public Art on workshops
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Small Business Development Center satellite office
TAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Received \$415,700 for CSAH 4 reconstruction
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Quarterly volunteer training
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Participate in regional foreclosure prevention
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Economic Development Administration District
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Jointly held a region-wide training with Minnesota State Services for the Blind and The Villages of North branch
ECSRC	Mille Lacs Co.	Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region
EDA	Mille Lacs Co.	Legislative Forum held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	IMAGE Art Show held at the North West Company Fur Post
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co.	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Pricing your Work held at the ECRDC in Mora
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co. Agricultural Society, Princeton	Art Organization Project Grant \$5,000 - Fiddle contest at the Mille Lacs Co. Fair
EDA	Mille Lacs Co. Chambers of Commerce	Hosted a meeting with Region 7E Chambers of Commerce
ECAC	Mille Lacs Co. Historical Society	Small Grant program \$500 for a project entitled "Some Places in Princeton-Watercolor Showcase by Dr. Arthur E. Smith Open House"
ECSRC	Onamia	Discussion between Depot Studios and other possible collaborators in delivery of volunteer based services in northern Mille Lacs Co.
ECAC	Onamia Area Farmers market	Small Grant \$400 for Music at the Market
ECAC	Onamia Community Education	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 for Art at the Market
ECAC	Onamia Friends of the Library	Small Grant \$500 for Puppets in the Park
ECSRC	Princeton	One-to-one counseling took place at Princeton Senior Dining Site
ECSRC	Princeton	ECSRC staff located at the Princeton Senior Dining Site
EDA	University of MN Crookston	Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, internet for their business
ECSRC	Wahkon	ECSRC staff located at the Wahkon Senior Dining Site
ECSRC	Wahkon	Discussion between Depot Studios and other possible collaborators in delivery of volunteer based services in northern Mille Lacs Co.
ECAC	Princeton Middle School	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 for Field Trip to Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Walker Art Museum
ECAC	Forecast Public Art	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for 15,100 for Region 7E Public Art Program
ECAC	Mille Lacs County	Springboard workshop held in Princeton

# PINE COUNTY

Prog	Organization	Notes
EDA	Central MN Housing Partnership	Staff elected treasurer of CMHP
EDA	Chambers of Commerce	Regional Chamber meetings held quarterly
EDA	City Administrators	City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting was held quarterly
ECAC	Dee Kotaska, Brook Park	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,500 for Photography workshop and exhibition
ECAC	East Central Community Education	Small Grant \$500 for Eddie Jeff Cahill Concert
ECAC	East Central Community Education	Art In Our Schools Grant \$1,000 - Prairie Fire Theatre residency
EDA	East Central MN Workforce Partnership	ECRDC staff elected as chair of ECMWP
ECAC	East Central Schools	Art In Our Schools grant \$1,000 - Music appreciation month project with the Whistle Pigs String Band
TAC	ECRDC	Received NADO award for our creative transit collaboration initiatives in Region 7E
EDA	ECRDC	Received a one-time supplemental planning grant for \$10,000
EDA	GPS 45/93	Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region
EDA	GPS 45/93	GPS 45/93 Board Member
RLF	Grantsburg Animal Hospital	Revolving Loan
ECSRC	Hinckley	One-to-one counseling took place at Hinckley Senior Dining
TAC	Hinckley	Northern Lights Express Rail station site analysis
ECSRC	Hinckley	ECSRC staff located at the Hinckley Senior Center
ECAC	Jared Montague, Pine City	ECAC/McKnight Scholarships for K-12 \$500 for Bemidji State University MusiCamp
ECAC	Jodi Hodgson, Pine City	ECAC/McKnight Individual Artist grant for \$1,000 for performance improvement workshop
ECAC	Joe Wolf, Pine City	ECAC/McKnight Scholarships for K-12 \$500 for private saxophone lessons with Nick Videen
ECAC	Keith Raivo, Brook Park	Artist Fellowship grant \$3,000 for the development project
RLF	Lake Superior Laundry, Inc.	Revolving Loan
ECAC	Northern Exposures Photography Club, Brook Park	Art Organization Project Grant \$4,985 - MN Through a Lens: Workshops and Art Show
RLF	Pine	Administers Revolving Loan Fund
EDA	Pine	Investigated starting a Micro-lending program
ECAC	Pine Center for the Arts	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$14,844 for First Step Personnel Grant
ECSRC	Pine City	One-to-one counseling took place at Pine Medical Center
ECAC	Pine City Community Education	Small Grant \$500 for Pinocchio Performance
ECAC	Pine City High School	Art Organization Grant \$2,500 - Puppets for the Public Project
ECSRC	Pine County	Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties
EDA	Pine County	Economic Development Administration District
EDA	Pine County	Small Business Development Center satellite office
ECSRC	Pine County	Caregiver Consulting
ECSRC	Pine County	Rapid Screen Services for clients through our Nursing Home Diversion Project
ECSRC	Pine County	Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project
EDA	Pine County	Workforce Investment Board member
ECSRC	Pine County	East Central Senior Resource Center
ECSRC	Pine County	Senior LinkAge® Line calls
ECAC	Pine County	Hosted an information session at the ECRDC for the Minnesota State Arts Board grant programs
TAC	Pine County	Participated in Congressman Oberstar's Center for Transportation Forum on federal transportation policy



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TAC	Pine County	Transportation Advisory Committee
ECAC	Pine County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Legal Considerations for Artists held at the ECRDC in Mora
ECAC	Pine County	Hosted the Arts Writing Workshop taught by Dr. Kate Maurer held at the ECRDC
ECAC	Pine County	Sponsored grant workshops for grant programs in Hinckley and Pine City
EDA	Pine County	JOBZ Administrator
ECSRC	Pine County	Community Services/Service Development technical assistance
EDA	Pine County	EDA Entrepreneurship Fair - looking into holding a couple of fairs across the region
TAC	Pine County	Traffic Safety Forum with Congressman Oberstar held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECAC	Pine County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: Strategic Planning: Putting the Pieces Together
ECAC	Pine County	Springboard for the Arts Workshop: So you Want to Start a 501©? With Laura Zabel
ECAC	Pine County	Three Outcome evaluation training for grantees with Dr. Pat Shifferd
ECAC	Pine County	Work with Forecast Public Art to develop a Public Art Toolkit online
ECSRC	Pine County	Training titled "Compassion Fatigue" was held at ECE
ECAC	Pine County	Forecast Public Art: Sculptures, Murals, and So Much More! Workshop held at the ECRDC
TAC	Pine County	Participated in the Highway 70 Coalition between Rock Creek and the Wisconsin border
ECAC	Pine County	Partnered with Forecast Public Art on workshops
ECAC	Pine County	East Central Arts Council Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund presentations given throughout the region
ECSRC	Pine County	Jointly held a region-wide training with Minnesota State Services for the Blind and The Villages of North Branch
TAC	Pine County	Regional Transit Study
ECAC	Pine County	Springboard for the Arts workshop for artists - Pricing your Work held at the ECRDC in Mora
TAC	Pine County	Northern Lights Express Station Development
EDA	Pine County	Legislative Forum held at Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus
ECSRC	Pine County	Quarterly volunteer training
ECSRC	Pine County	Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region
EDA	Pine County	Participate in regional foreclosure prevention
ECAC	Pine County	IMAGE Art Show held at the North West Company Fur Post
ECSRC	Pine County	New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region
EDA	Pine County Chambers of Com-	Hosted a meeting with Region 7E Chambers of Commerce
EDA	Pine Technical College	Assisted with EDA application for the remodeling and expansion of an existing building at Pine Technical College
ECAC	Pine Writers, Brook Park	Small Grant Program \$500 - Project entitled "Pine City Writers" a series of 4 writing workshops
ECAC	Rex Lindberg, Brook Park	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$2,457 for Photography/Haiku workshop and exhibition
EDA	Rock Creek	Assisted with Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance
EDA	Royalton Township	Assisted with Zoning Ordinance
TAC	Sandstone	Northern Lights Express Rail station site analysis
ECSRC	Sandstone	ECSRC staff located at the Pine Medical Center
EDA	University of MN Crookston	Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, internet for their business
ECAC	Forecast Public Art	ECAC Arts and Cultural Heritage grant for \$15,100 for Region 7E Public Art Program



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