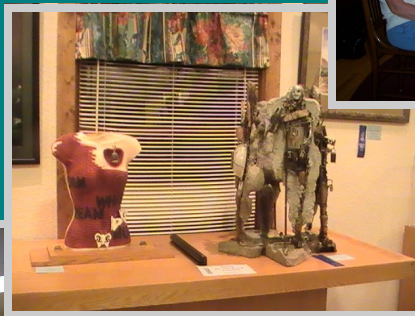
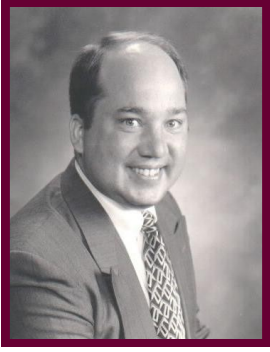


EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



Annual Report
FY 2011

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Greetings East Central Minnesota!

Thank you for taking time to review the 2011 Annual Report of the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC). Each year the Commission prepares a report that lists its accomplishments toward fulfilling the ECRDC's mission. This report in-

cludes the programs, projects, and related financial information for the period starting on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011.

The year started with the completion of a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS planning process qualifies our region to continue its designation as a federally recognized Economic Development District. The CEDS plan identifies a number of regionally significant economic development projects – some of which are already being considered for federal funding from the Economic Development Administration. A special thanks to those who participated in this process especially our many local units of government who provided valuable input and the CEDS advisory committee who gave selflessly of their time, resources, and expertise. Along with renewing our designation, the ECRDC also was awarded its second 3-year planning grant to continue its economic development efforts in East Central Minnesota.

The transportation planning program had an eventful year with a number of regionally significant projects. Representatives of the City of North Branch, Chisago County, and the ECRDC advocated successfully securing funding for the construction of a new freeway bridge at the junction of State Highway 95 and Interstate 35 which opened in the fall of 2010. A number of traffic safety measures were implemented in the region including much needed intersection improvements at the intersection of State Highways 95 and 47. A new bike/pedestrian trail connecting the cities of Isanti and Cambridge was completed this summer which received federal funding in part through the ECRDC's participation in MNDOT's Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) process. Funding for a similar trail system in Taylors Falls was also programmed for funding in 2015 through the ATP process. Our coalition with law enforcement, public health, the courts, bar owners, and others along with funding made possible through the MN Dept. of Public Safety Safe Roads program led to a massive reduction (72%) in DUI arrests in Isanti County. The ECRDC has begun coordinating a similar initiative in Kanabec County as well.

After 32 years, the East Central Arts Council (ECAC) finished its final year as a program of the ECRDC on June 30, 2011. This was the culmination of a comprehensive assessment of the program to identify the most efficient delivery model possible. New funding available through the State's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund and a general desire to increase awareness of the arts and funding opportunities were major considerations during the assessment. A new non-profit organization was formed last spring and is now home to the East Central Regional Arts Council. Be sure to visit them in their new location at 112 Main St. So. in Braham, MN.

Programs operated under the ECRDC's aging program, the East Central Senior Resource Center, also performed exceptionally well during the past fiscal year. The Senior LinkAge® program assisted over 3600 senior clients and their families with a wide range of inquiries including medical insurance, transportation, home health care, and nutrition. Our Caregiver Consultant program connected over 1015 caregivers of older adults with resources in their community that support and enhance their role as caregiver which represented a 40% increase from the previous year.

On behalf of the Commission, I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Commission Members Roger Crawford (Kanabec County), Bob Cupit (Chisago County Townships), and Ed Hill (Cambridge-Isanti Schools) for their service to the ECRDC over the years. Also, a warm welcome to our newly appointed Commission Members – Carla Dunkley (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Les Neilson (Kanabec County), Steven Kimmel (Chisago County Public Interest), and Wayne Houle (Chisago County Townships) as newly appointed Commission Members.

Finally, a special thanks to the ECRDC Board, the various advisory committees, and the staff for a truly rewarding and productive year. The success of the organization would not have been possible without your support, hard work, and dedication. I am very much looking forward to another productive year of moving the ECRDC mission ahead.

Yours truly,

Robert L. Voss

FINANCIAL

| | FY2011 ADOPTED BUDGET | FY2011 ACTUAL UNAUDITED | FY2012 ADOPTED BUDGET |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>REVENUES</u> | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 249,637 | \$ 248,333 | \$ 254,630 |
| Aging-CMCOA | \$ 241,872 | \$ 208,830 | \$ 241,443 |
| Aging-Other | \$ 600 | \$ 200 | \$ 600 |
| EDA | \$ 62,628 | \$ 62,628 | \$ 52,628 |
| State Arts Board | \$ 415,561 | \$ 415,561 | \$ - |
| State Transportation | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Contracts | \$ 19,813 | \$ 19,813 | \$ 32,000 |
| Interest/Other | \$ 103,316 | \$ 122,514 | \$ 29,390 |
| Foundations | \$ 35,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Dept. of Public Safety | \$ 26,300 | \$ 22,526 | \$ 20,000 |
| SBDC | \$ 5,250 | \$ 438 | \$ - |
| RLF-Interest/Fees | \$ 12,718 | \$ 14,256 | \$ 14,827 |
| RLF-Repayments | \$ 41,155 | \$ 39,368 | \$ 46,924 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ 1,263,850 | \$ 1,264,466 | \$ 767,442 |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | | |
| General Fund | \$ 98,923 | \$ 110,573 | \$ 93,056 |
| RLF-Administration | \$ 11,631 | \$ 15,362 | \$ 11,226 |
| State Arts-Administration | \$ 197,849 | \$ 268,825 | \$ - |
| McKnight Arts-Administration | \$ 5,125 | \$ 34,902 | \$ - |
| State Transportation | \$ 80,147 | \$ 71,780 | \$ 83,071 |
| Aging Program-Administration | \$ 167,877 | \$ 149,965 | \$ 232,975 |
| EDA | \$ 118,745 | \$ 126,230 | \$ 132,318 |
| I & A Program | \$ 153,242 | \$ 149,126 | \$ 138,926 |
| Contracts | \$ 4,056 | \$ 1,798 | \$ - |
| Safe Communities | \$ 27,907 | \$ 24,854 | \$ 20,000 |
| SBDC | \$ 3,235 | \$ 500 | \$ - |
| Arts-Pass-thru Grants | \$ 324,063 | \$ 281,757 | \$ - |
| RLF Loans | \$ 60,000 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 60,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 1,252,800 | \$ 1,300,672 | \$ 771,572 |
| Revenues over/under Expenses | \$ 25,393 | \$ 4,788 | \$ 5,345 |
| Prior Year Fund Balances | \$ 6,515 | \$ 6,515 | \$ 6,515 |
| Current Year Fund Balances | \$ 31,908 | \$ 11,303 | \$ 11,860 |

ECRDC STAFF

JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

ROBERT L. VOSS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LYNN ANDERSON

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER
OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

LINDA BERG

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER
CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

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

NORA MCKINNON

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL ASSISTANT

JAYNE MUND

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER
CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

TRISH RYDLUND

INFORMATION/OFFICE MANAGER

PENNY SIMONSEN

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE
CENTER DIRECTOR*

ANITA SPARKS

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER
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.

ECRDC BOARD MEMBERS

Chisago County

Jill Behnke, Municipalities
Bob Cupit, Township Rep.
Wayne Houle, Township Rep.
Ben Montzka, County Comm.
Steven Kimmel, 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.
Les Nielsen, 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.

Pine County

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

School Board Representatives

Edward Hill, Southern
Bill Bresen, Southern
Steve Odegard, Northern

Native American Tribal Representative

Carla Dunkley

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Farmers Market Symposium held at Pine Technical College. This event was designed to showcase services and assistance available to Farmers Market organizations and producers to promote locally grown foods and the creation of jobs and small businesses.

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 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.

SCORE: The ECRDC recently became a satellite office of the St. Cloud chapter of SCORE. SCORE provides one-on-one counseling to entrepreneurs and those wanting to start a business on a variety of topics free-of-charge. SCORE also facilitates business related educational classes to assist entrepreneurs with sharpening their business skills.

Community Planning: Comprehensive land use plan developed for Finlayson Township in northern Pine County. Also assisted several local units of government with minor updates and participated in discussions on potential updating of planning tools.



GPS 45:93 Collaboration: The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with the GPS 45:93 in attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. Projects this past year include the creation of a “one stop shop” website for site selectors and entrepreneurs, as well as conducting a series of business expansion and retention visits across the region.

In partnership with GPS 45:93, the ECRDC facilitated several Financial Resource Summits and Lender Forums in the region with the goal of introducing lenders, economic developers, community leaders and entrepreneurs to services and programs available to assist them in developing and expanding businesses in our region.



CEDS Advisory Board

Back Row:

Dr. Robert Musgrove
John Schlagel
Terry Dalbey
Paul Venhuizen

Front Row:

Dr. Jeremy Riddle
Jill Behnke
Marlys Palmer

Not Pictured:

Dave Chmiel
Rebecca Perrotti

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



City/County Clerks, Administrator meeting held in Princeton. The Initiative Foundation gave a presentation of financial initiatives they have to offer.

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, 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.



Former Congressman James Oberstar addresses the audience at the Small Business Summit held at Pine Technical College.

REGION 7E CEDS / EDA PROGRAM: In spring, 2011, the ECRDC was asked by the St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership (SCAEDP), manager of the Federal EDA / CEDS program for Region 7W (Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright Counties), to take over management of this program and work towards EDA Economic Development District (EDD) Status for two years upon the voluntary closure of the SCAEDP at the end of April, 2011, and work towards creating a permanent home for this program within Region 7W. Since that time, the ECRDC has applied for an EDA Technical Assistance Grant to assist in expanding this program and working towards EDD status, as well as begun work on creating a non-profit organization to take over this program.



Farmers Market Symposium—Central Minnesota Jobs and Training booth.

Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) Awards: The ECRDC is the JOBZ Administrator for Region 7E. There are currently 13 JOBZ projects in Region 7E. 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Front row, L to R : Dan Blake, RLF Attorney, Susan Larson—ECRDC liaison and at-large member, Brian Anderson—Isanti County. Back row, L to R: Rover Voss—ECRDC Executive Director, Greg Owens—Isanti County (Vice-Chair), Nancy Dahlin—Chisago County, Frank Christopherson—Pine County, Beth Thorp—Kanabec County, Michael Weinand—Kanabec County, Wayne Bekius—Mille Lacs County, Leonard Bonander—Pine County. Not pictured: Jim Neely—Mille Lacs County, Bill Miller—Chisago County (Chair).

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 Federal EDA recently approved the RLF lending to Chisago County Businesses. The RLF currently has 9 loans outstanding.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/ EDA PLANNING GRANT: The ECRDC completed the region's new five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) governance system in January, 2011. The CEDS 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.

The ECRDC assisted the Cities of Isle, Mora, Cambridge, North Branch and Pine Technical College in Pine City in preparing applications to the EDA and administering these grants 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 early 2012.



Revolving Loan Fund closing with Affinity Med Tech in Chisago County.

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL



Minnesota Through a Lens art show and workshops held January 2011

Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund -

The East Central Arts Council (ECAC), was a program of the East Central Regional Development Commission, in FY 2011 as one of Minnesota's designated Regional Arts Councils, was entrusted with stewardship of funding through the State of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is intended to create a strong arts legacy in Minnesota and will exist for a period of twenty-five years.

The Image 2010 show marked its 24th year of celebrating art in Region 7E. It is an annual judged art show with monetary awards for Best of Show, People's Choice, plus many more. The Isanti County Historical Society and the East Central Arts Council were proud to honor the award winners of the 24th annual IMAGE Art show.



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 2011 ECAC ACH grants 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.

The ACH program funded 20 ACH projects. A total of almost funded was 205,554 dollars which exemplified a huge demand for arts programming.

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.

The Best of Show Award went to Nancy McCracken of Isle for "Patterns in Nature, Series III." The People's Choice Award went to Anthony VanSickle of Cambridge for "Homebound."



*IMAGE Art Show
(Photos by Luke Reiter)*

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL



Minnesota State Arts Board information session held in August 2010

In FY 2011 ECAC sponsored 2 skill-building workshops led by Springboard for the Arts. ECAC also sponsored 3 outcome evaluation workshops. In conjunction with the Minnesota State Arts Board ECAC hosted art grant information sessions. ECAC also held 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.

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 close to \$24,000 in artist grants/fellowships to artists in Region 7E.

ECAC Advisory Committee

Kelli Maag
Theresa Bemis
Fred Lere
Kate Maurer
Susan Rogers
Amanda Thompson Rundahl

Laurie Beil
Shirl Chouinard
Carl Long
Bruce Mosher
Carla Vita

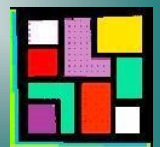
Art in Our Schools Grants - Schools may apply to the East Central Arts Council to help fund special art projects related to the curriculum. The funds can support artist residencies, art related field trips, or any special school arts-focused project. This year ten grants were funded in schools throughout Region 7E. The total amount of grants was almost \$6,000 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.

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 and Staff—Penny Simonsen, Anita Sparks, Fran Caron, Lynn Anderson, 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, Michele Bollenbeck and Lynda Hayek, and caregiver consultants Jayne Mund 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, Diann Boser, Kaynetta Calander, Frances Caron, Wally Hed, Harriet Johnson, Nadean Johnson, Shirley Jones, Betty Jean Ladda, Ella Martens, Joyce Rebischke, Eileen Stitz, Connie Strandberg, Sharon Toenies, and Rose-Marie Westmoreland.

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.

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.

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.



EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

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.

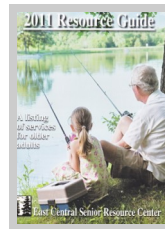
The State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Department of Human Services has funding available to agencies, businesses and organizations through the Community Services/Service Development (CS/SD) funds—with the intent of the resources to be put toward assisting older adults to remain independently in 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.

Since 2009 the ECSRC began offering services tailored to older adults who may beginning to exhibit signs of being at risk for nursing home placement. Staff work closely with 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
Betty Jean Ladda
Harriet Johnson
Shirley Jones

Ella Martens
Joyce Rebischke
Eileen Stitz
Connie Strandberg
Nadean Johnson
Sharon Toenies
Rose-Marie Westmoreland



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 6,000 copies were distributed last year to older adults and their families.

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.



Senator Al Franken discusses senior issues in Kanabec County.

TRANSPORTATION



Transit Study work group met at East Central Energy to discuss transit planning for Region 7E.

Transit

The ECRDC essentially completed a transit coordination study with funds through Mn/DOT. The result of this study will be an adopted document for transit development in the region. The RDC continues to participate in local meetings of the Heartland Express programs in the region. New public transit services began in Pine County this past year.

ECRDC continued participation in the Northern Lights Express passenger rail alliance meetings to promote rail service between the Twin Cities and Duluth.

Transportation Funding

The ECRDC, through the ATP processes, was successful in programming several regional projects with federal transportation funding. For Federal Fiscal Year 2015, local/regional projects totaling more than \$2 Million were identified for funding including road, transit, and enhancement projects. Projects in all five counties are set to receive federal funds.

Toward Zero Death (TZD) Program



The ECRDC completed its 8th year of a traffic safety initiative in Isanti County. This initiative, funded through the Dept. of Public Safety, is aimed at reducing fatal and serious motor vehicle crashes through a community effort. Of major importance was the continued development and implementation of a highly successful Safe Cab program which provides rides home to persons who may be too impaired to drive. This program now has provided rides to more than 5500 persons and is funded through a shared cost concept. This program also helped Isanti County achieve one of highest reductions of DUIs in the state over the past few years.



Isanti County Safe Cab program board members congratulate Loren Davis, from the Cambridge Bar & Grill, on his Greater Minnesota Public Safety Representative Award, given by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Pictured are Pete Brown of Cambridge Cab, board member John Schlagel, Peggy and Loren Davis, Bob Bollenbeck of East Central Regional Development Commission and Judge James Dehn, who nominated Davis for the award.

Photo by Rachel Kytonen

TRANSPORTATION



Traffic Safety

The ECRDC addressed traffic safety through a Safe Roads Grant through the Department of Public Safety. This funding enabled the RDC to coordinate the Isanti Toward Zero Deaths Program and the Kana-bec Safe Roads Coalition. One particular improvement was at the intersection of TH 95 & TH 47 in Isanti County. Improvements to this intersection included additional lighting, warning signs, rumble strips, and LED stop signs. Since the installation of these improvements, it appears the crash rate has significantly improved at this intersection.

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.

Northern Lights Express Railway Alliance meetings held in Cambridge and Sandstone

Transportation Advisory Committee

Todd Blank
Bruce Cochran
Mark LeBrun
Mike Fetzek
Joe Triplett
Brad Dewolf
Craig Rempp
Richard Heilman
Mike Moilanen
Greg Nikodym
Barbara Welty
Shawn Williams

Others

Adam Josephson
Mary Safgren
Bob Busch
Steve Voss
Brian Isaacson

CHISAGO COUNTY

| Chisago | Organization | Notes |
|---------|---------------------------|---|
| EDA | University of MN Crooks- | Assisted EDA in conducting a survey of businesses in Region 7E on how they use or don't use, |
| EDA | Chisago County | Entrepreneur Fair held at the Armed Forces Reserves Center in Cambridge |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Caregiver Consulting |
| EDA | City Administrators | City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting held quarterly |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | East Central Senior Resource Center |
| EDA | Chisago County | Economic Development Administration District |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | GPS 45/93 Board Member |
| EDA | Chisago County | JOBZ Administrator |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project |
| TAC | Chisago County | Metro Area Transportation Partnership |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region |
| TAC | Chisago County | Northern Lights Express Station Development |
| EDA | Chisago County | Participate in regional foreclosure prevention |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Quarterly ECSRC volunteer training |
| TAC | Chisago County | Regional Transit Coordination Study |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Senior LinkAge Line calls |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region |
| TAC | Chisago County | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties |
| EDA | Chisago County | Workforce Investment Board member |
| TAC | Chisago County | Chisago-Isanti Heartland Express meetings |
| EDA | Chisago County | U of M Crookston survey assistance in conducting research businesses in region |
| EDA | Chisago County | Blandin Foundation Broadband Study |
| EDA | Chisago County | EDA approved RLF to loan to Chisago County |
| EDA | Chisago County | Small Business Development Center Satellite Office |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | ECSRC Volunteer staffing at North Branch Senior Center, The Villages of North Branch & others |
| TAC | Regional | Transportation Forum held in North Branch |
| TAC | Regional | Growth and Justice Report participation |
| EDA | Regional | 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) completed |
| EDA | Regional | Financial Resource Summit |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Matter of Balance training |
| ECAC | Jessie DeCorsey-Lindstrom | Individual Artist Grant for \$850 - Photorealism Collage Project |
| ECAC | Regional | IMAGE Art Show held at the Isanti County Historical Society |
| EDA | Regional | Started the Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office |
| ECSRC | Regional | Tools for Powerful Caregiving initiative |
| TAC | Chisago County | Commuter Study |
| TAC | Regional | Freight Study |

CHISAGO COUNTY

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| EDA | Regional | Farmers Market Symposium |
| EDA | Regional | Business Resource Directory |
| EDA | Chisago County | Revolving Loan Fund Program |
| ECSRC | Harris | CSSD - technical assistance regarding senior housing project |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Healthy Eating for Successful Living training |
| ECSRC | Chisago County | Powerful Tools for Caregiver training |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park | Art and Cultural Heritage Grant - \$13,179 - Park Operations Equipment Purchase |
| ECAC | Taylors Falls | Art and Cultural Heritage Grant - \$14,500 - Taylors Falls Northern Pacific Engine #328 Public |
| ECAC | Chisago County | 10 Skill-building workshop for artists |
| ECAC | Chisago County | Monthly grant writing workshops |
| ECAC | Chisago Lakes Comm Ed | Art In Our Schools Grant - \$1,000 - Marilyn Mays Theater Project |
| TAC | Chisago County | CSAH 20 project \$750,000 |
| TAC | Chisago County | Chisago/Isanti Heartland Express Funding for transit buses |
| TAC | Taylors Falls | Enhancement project |
| ECAC | Regional | Arts and Cultural Heritage Outcome Evaluation workshop with Dr. Patricia Shifferd |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$13,241 - Accessibility Project |
| ECAC | Parmly LifePointes | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$15,000 - Performing Arts Studio-Art Project Equipment |
| ECAC | Lindstrom | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$7,500 - Celebrate Swedish Heritage Sculptures Marquette |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park | ECAC Organization Art Project Grant - \$5,000 - 3-D Concert Series |
| EDA | Region 7W | Contracting with 7W to provide technical assistance to re-establish an EDA District in Region |
| ECAC | ECRAC | IMAGE Arts Show grant awarded - \$11,000 |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park, | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$9,515 - Community Collaboration iron Pour |
| ECAC | Bob Briscoe, Harris | ECAC Fellowship Grant - \$7,000 - Raymond Avenue Gallery Exhibition Project |
| EDA | Regional | Revolving Loan Fund marketing plan |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$15,000 - Phase 1 Michael Richards Memorial Bronze |
| ECAC | Chisago Lakes Area | Art In Our Schools grant - \$1,000 - Michelle Dietz residency |
| ECAC | Wolf Creek Online High | Art In Our Schools grant - \$1,000 - Art Museum Field Trips |
| ECAC | North Branch Community | Art In Our Schools grant - \$640 - Children's Theatre Company Field Trip |
| ECAC | Guillermo Cuellar, Shafer | ECAC-McKnight Individual Artist Grant - \$1,000 - Flat Kiln Shelves Project |
| ECAC | Diane Farrell, Harris | ECAC-McKnight Individual Artist Grant - \$1,000 - Digital Camera Project |
| EDA | Chisago County | Housing/Foreclosure Prevention |
| ECAC | Franconia Sculpture Park | Art Organization Project Grant for \$5,000 - 14th Annual FSP Arts and Artist Celebration |
| ECAC | Chisago County | Regional Arts Council/ Arts and Cultural Heritage Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Minnesota |
| ECAC | Chisago County | Minnesota State Arts Board Information Session |
| ECAC | Chisago County | Held three Outcome Evaluation Workshops |
| ECAC | Chisago County | Held two Springboard for the Arts Workshops |
| TAC | Chisago County | Transit Study Workgroup |

ISANTI COUNTY

| Prog | Organization | Notes |
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| RLF | Isanti | Administers Revolving Loan Fund |
| 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 | Cambridge Chamber of Commerce | Assisted in application for Pohland Family Foundation grant |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Caregiver Consulting |
| EDA | City Administrators | City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting held quarterly |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | East Central Senior Resource Center |
| EDA | Isanti County | Economic Development Administration District |
| TZD | Isanti County | Fatality Review Committee |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | GPS 45/93 Board Member |
| EDA | Isanti County | JOBZ Administrator |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project |
| TAC | Isanti County | MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region |
| TAC | Isanti County | Northern Lights Express Station Development |
| EDA | Isanti County | Participate in regional foreclosure prevention |
| EDA | Isanti Co. Township Association | Presented at the Isanti County Township Association meeting |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Quarterly ECSRC volunteer training |
| TAC | Isanti County | Regional Transit Coordination Study |
| RLF | Cambridge Heating & Air, LLC | Revolving Loan |
| RLF | Isanti Retail Meats | Revolving Loan |
| RLF | Snap Fitness | Revolving Loan |
| TZD | Isanti County | Safe Cab Program |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Senior LinkAge Line calls |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region |
| TZD | Isanti County | Toward Zero Death Safe Roads Grant |
| TAC | Isanti County | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties |
| EDA | Isanti County | Workforce Investment Board member |
| EDA | Isanti County | Entrepreneur Fair held at the Armed Forces Reserves Center in Cambridge |
| TAC | Isanti County | Chisago-Isanti Heartland Express meetings |
| TAC | Isanti County | Participate in TH 65 transit corridor meetings |
| EDA | Cambridge | Mora/Cambridge EDA Industrial Park Marketing Grant |
| EDA | Isanti County | Rail Industrial Park advisory role |
| EDA | Isanti County | U of M Crookston survey assistance in conducting research businesses in region |
| ECAC | Cambridge-Isanti Performing Arts | Art Organization Project Grant for \$3,000 - Coffee House Series of concerts |
| ECAC | Isanti County | Regional Arts Council/ Arts & Cultural Heritage Fiscal Agent Agreement with MSAB |
| ECAC | Isanti County | Minnesota State Arts Board Information Session |
| ECAC | Isanti County | Held three Outcome Evaluation Workshops |
| ECAC | Isanti County | Held two Springboard for the Arts Workshops |
| TAC | Isanti County | Transit Study Workgroup |

ISANTI COUNTY

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| EDA | Isanti County | Blandin Foundation Broadband Study |
| EDA | Isanti County | Revolving Loan Fund Program |
| EDA | Isanti County | Small Business Development Center Satellite Office |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | ECSRC Volunteer staffing at Braham Elmhurst Commons, Cambridge City Offices and Isanti Senior Dining |
| TAC | Isanti County | TH95/47 intersection special meeting to address concerns due to the number of accidents occurring at the location |
| TAC | Regional | Transportation Forum held in North Branch |
| TAC | Isanti County | TH65 Transit meeting |
| TAC | Regional | Growth and Justice Report participation |
| EDA | Regional | 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) completed |
| EDA | Regional | Financial Resource Summit |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Matter of Balance training |
| ECAC | East Central MN Chorale | Art & Cultural Heritage Org. Grant - \$8,850 - 30th Anniversary Year Commemoration |
| ECAC | Regional | IMAGE Art Show held at the Isanti County Historical Society |
| EDA | Regional | Started the Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office |
| ECSRC | Regional | Tools for Powerful Caregiving initiative |
| TAC | Isanti County | TH 95/47 Intersection Improvement meeting |
| TAC | Isanti County | Commuter Study |
| TAC | Regional | Freight Study |
| EDA | Regional | Farmers Market Symposium |
| EDA | Regional | Business Resource Directory |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Healthy Eating for Successful Living training |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | Powerful Tools for Caregiver training |
| ECAC | Isanti County | 10 Skill-building workshop for artists |
| ECAC | Isanti County | Monthly grant writing workshops |
| TAC | Isanti County | Chisago/Isanti Heartland Express Funding for transit buses |
| ECAC | Regional | Art and Cultural Heritage Outcome Evaluation workshop with Dr. Patricia Shifferd |
| ECAC | Cambridge - Isanti Schools | Art & Cultural Heritage Grant - \$9,600 - 4 A.M. the Musical, World Premiere & Talkback |
| ECAC | East Central MN Grad Band | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$8,018 - Toward Full Instrumentation |
| ECAC | East Central MN Chorale | ECAC Organization Art Project Grant - \$4,550 - Anniversary Gala Event |
| ECSRC | Isanti County | ECSRC Satellite office in Cambridge |
| EDA | Region 7W | Provide technical assistance to re-establish an EDA District in Region 7W |
| ECAC | ECRAC, Braham | IMAGE Arts Show grant awarded - \$11,000 |
| ECAC | East Central MN Chorale | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$14,900 - Unum Vox Honors Choir |
| ECAC | Kevin Snyder, Isanti | ECAC Fellowship Grant - \$7,000 - 2011 Expedition Workshop with Chris McLennan |
| ECAC | Renae Carpenter, Cambridge | ECAC-McKnight Individual Arts Grant - \$1,000 - Dillman's Workshop |
| ECAC | Self Advocates of MN (SAM) | Small Grant - \$500 - Isanti County Self-Advocacy Theater |
| ECAC | Braham Area Schools | Small Grant - \$426 - Field Trip to Franconia Sculpture Park |
| EDA | Regional | Revolving Loan Fund marketing plan |
| ECAC | Dee Ann Sibley, Cambridge | ECAC-McKnight Individual Artist Grant - \$1,000 - High Key Lighting Project |
| ECSRC | Cambridge | Senior Network event held at GracePoint Crossing |
| EDA | Isanti County | Passenger Rail/Northern Lights Express fiscal agent for grant from Initiative Foundation |
| EDA | Isanti County | Housing/Foreclosure Prevention |
| ECAC | Braham Area Schools | Art Organization Project Grant for \$3,750 - Dallas Brass music clinic and concert |

KANABEC COUNTY

| Prog | Organization | Notes |
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| RLF | Kanabec | Administers Revolving Loan Fund |
| 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 | GPS 45/93 | Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Caregiver Consulting |
| EDA | City Administrators | City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting held quarterly |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | East Central Senior Resource Center |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Economic Development Administration District |
| TZD | Kanabec County | Fatality Review Committee |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | GPS 45/93 Board Member |
| EDA | Kanabec County | JOBZ Administrator |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project |
| TAC | Kanabec County | MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Participate in regional foreclosure prevention |
| ECRDC | Kanabec County Township Association | Presented at the Kanabec County Township Association meeting |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Quarterly ECSRC volunteer training |
| TAC | Kanabec County | Regional Transit Coordination Study |
| RLF | Scandia Senior Care | Revolving Loan |
| TZD | Kanabec County | Safe Cab Program |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Senior LinkAge Line calls |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region |
| TZD | Kanabec County | Toward Zero Death Safe Roads Grant |
| TAC | Kanabec County | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and outreach duties |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Workforce Investment Board member |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Entrepreneur Fair held at the Armed Forces Reserves Center in Cambridge |
| EDA | Mora | Mora/Cambridge EDA Industrial Park Marketing Grant |
| EDA | Kanabec County | U of M Crookston survey assistance in conducting research businesses in region |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Blandin Foundation Broadband Study |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Revolving Loan Fund Program |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Small Business Development Center Satellite Office |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | ECSRC Volunteer staffing at the Mora Senior Dining and ECRDC |
| TAC | Regional | Transportation Forum held in North Branch |
| TAC | Regional | Growth and Justice Report participation |

KANABEC COUNTY

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| EDA | Regional | 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) completed |
| EDA | Regional | Financial Resource Summit |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Matter of Balance training |
| ECAC | Regional | IMAGE Art Show held at the Isanti County Historical Society |
| EDA | Regional | Started the Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office |
| ECSRC | Regional | Tools for Powerful Caregiving initiative |
| TAC | Kanabec County | Commuter Study |
| TAC | Regional | Freight Study |
| EDA | Regional | Farmers Market Symposium |
| EDA | Regional | Business Resource Directory |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Community Service/Service Development technical assistance to help provide homemaker, chore and delivery services |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Healthy Eating for Successful Living training |
| ECSRC | Kanabec County | Powerful Tools for Caregiver training |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | 10 Skill-building workshop for artists |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | Monthly grant writing workshops |
| ECAC | Regional | Art and Cultural Heritage Outcome Evaluation workshop with Dr. Patricia Shifferd |
| EDA | Region 7W | Contracting with 7W to provide technical assistance to re-establish an EDA District in Region 7W |
| ECAC | East Central Regional Arts Council, Braham | IMAGE Arts Show grant awarded - \$11,000 |
| ECAC | Barb Dreyer, Grasston | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$2,500 - Personal Imagery Project |
| ECAC | Mora CAPP | Arts & Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$7,500 - Art Crawl: Collaborations with Our Community Artists |
| ECAC | Northern Exposures Photography Club | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$900 - Bringing MAC to NEPC |
| EDA | Regional | Revolving Loan Fund marketing plan |
| ECAC | Rebecca Utecht, Mora | ECAC-McKnight Individual Artist Grant - \$1,000 - Creative Felt Gathering in Machester, MI |
| ECAC | Kanabec County Historical Society, Mora | Small Grant - \$500 - Summer Lemonade Concert Series |
| EDA | Kanabec County | Housing/Foreclosure Prevention |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | Regional Arts Council/ Arts and Cultural Heritage Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Minnesota State Arts Board |
| ECAC | Mora | ECAC Grant Workshop |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | Minnesota State Arts Board Information Session |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | Held three Outcome Evaluation Workshops |
| ECAC | Kanabec County | Held two Springboard for the Arts Workshops |
| TAC | Kanabec County | Transit Study Workgroup |

MILLE LACS COUNTY

| Prog | Organization | Notes |
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| RLF | Mille Lacs | Administers Revolving Loan Fund |
| 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 | Isle | Assisted with EDA application for infrastructure in their industrial park and an incubator building |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Caregiver Consulting |
| EDA | City Administrators | City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting held quarterly |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | East Central Senior Resource Center |
| EDA | Mille Lacs Co. | Economic Development Administration District |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | GPS 45/93 Board Member |
| EDA | Mille Lacs Co. | JOBZ Administrator |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project |
| TAC | Mille Lacs Co. | MnDOT District 3 Area Transportation Partnership |
| ECSRC | Isle | Monthly Soup n Pie |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region |
| EDA | Mille Lacs Co. | Participate in regional foreclosure prevention |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Quarterly ECSRC volunteer training |
| TAC | Mille Lacs Co. | Regional Transit Coordination Study |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Senior LinkAge Line calls |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region |
| TAC | Mille Lacs Co. | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs Co. | Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and out-reach duties |
| EDA | Mille Lacs Co. | Workforce Investment Board member |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | Entrepreneur Fair held at the Armed Forces Reserves Center in Cambridge |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | U of M Crookston survey assistance in conducting research businesses in region |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | Blandin Foundation Broadband Study |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | Revolving Loan Fund Program |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | Small Business Development Center Satellite Office |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs County | ECSRC Volunteer staffing at Princeton Senior Dining, Milaca Senior center, Isle Recreation and Education Center and Wahkon Senior Dining |
| TAC | Mille Lacs County | TH95/47 intersection special meeting to address concerns due to the number of accidents occurring at the location |
| TAC | Regional | Transportation Forum held in North Branch |
| TAC | Regional | Growth and Justice Report participation |
| EDA | Regional | 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) completed |
| EDA | Regional | Financial Resource Summit |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs County | Matter of Balance training |
| ECAC | Regional | IMAGE Art Show held at the Isanti County Historical Society |

MILLE LACS COUNTY

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| TAC | Mille Lacs County | Mille Lacs Band Transportation Plans |
| EDA | Regional | Started the Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office |
| ECSRC | Regional | Tools for Powerful Caregiving initiative |
| TAC | Mille Lacs County | TH 95/47 Intersection Improvement meeting |
| TAC | Mille Lacs County | Commuter Study |
| TAC | Regional | Freight Study |
| EDA | Regional | Farmers Market Symposium |
| EDA | Regional | Business Resource Directory |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs County | Healthy Eating for Successful Living training |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs County | Powerful Tools for Caregiver training |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | 10 Skill-building workshop for artists |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | Monthly grant writing workshops |
| ECAC | Milaca High School, Milaca | Art In Our Schools Grant - \$1,000 - AHSTF - Fringe Festival Project |
| ECAC | Regional | Art and Cultural Heritage Outcome Evaluation workshop with Dr. Patricia Shifferd |
| ECAC | Milaca Fine Arts Council | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$8,161 - Music in the Park - 2011 |
| ECAC | Onamia Community Education | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$6,930 - Community-Youth Art Connections |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society | ECAC Organization Art Project Grant - \$5,000 - 2011 Annual Gene Gerth Memorial Fiddler Contest |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County Historical Society, Princeton | ECAC Organization Art Project Grant - \$1,550 - Tuesdays in the Park Concert Series |
| EDA | Region 7W | Provide technical assistance to re-establish an EDA District in Region 7W |
| ECAC | East Central Regional Arts Council, Braham | IMAGE Arts Show grant awarded - \$11,000 |
| ECAC | City of Milaca | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$14,910 - REC Fest 2011 |
| ECAC | Loren Bullivant, Milaca | ECAC-McKnight Individual Arts Grant - \$1,000 - Portfolio Project |
| ECAC | Stephanie Anderson, Milaca | ECAC-McKnight Individual Arts Grant - \$1,000 - Photo Lens Upgrade Project |
| ECAC | Milaca Fine Arts Council | Small Grant - \$500 - MFAC Art Tent Project |
| ECAC | Milaca Friends of the Library | Small Grant - \$500 - Children's Outdoor Art Installation at Milaca Public Library |
| EDA | Regional | Revolving Loan Fund marketing plan |
| ECAC | Mary Diana Wise, Milaca | ECAC-McKnight Individual Artist Grant - \$1,000 - Hunting Dogs Exhibit and Lens Project |
| ECAC | Onamia Area Farmers Market | Small Grant - \$400 - Music at the Onamia Farmer's Market |
| ECSRC | Mille Lacs County | Livable Communities - Local Farmers Market Development |
| EDA | Mille Lacs County | Housing/Foreclosure Prevention |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | Regional Arts Council/ Arts and Cultural Heritage Fiscal Agent Agreement with the Minnesota State Arts Board |
| ECAC | Isle | ECAC Grant Workshop |
| ECAC | Milaca | ECAC Grant Workshop |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | Minnesota State Arts Board Information Session |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | Held three Outcome Evaluation Workshops |
| ECAC | Mille Lacs County | Held two Springboard for the Arts Workshops |
| TAC | Mille Lacs County | Transit Study Workgroup |

PINE COUNTY

| Prog | Organization | Notes |
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| RLF | Pine | Administers Revolving Loan Fund |
| 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 | Pine Technical College | Assisted with EDA application for the remodeling and expansion of an existing building at Pine Technical College for an incubator and entrepreneurship center |
| EDA | Rock Creek | Assisted with Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance |
| EDA | Royalton Township | Assisted with Zoning Ordinance |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | Assisting in conducting Business Retention & Expansion visits across the region |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Caregiver Consulting |
| EDA | City Administrators | City Administrators/County Clerks/ & Economic Development Professionals meeting held quarterly |
| ECSRC | Pine County | East Central Senior Resource Center |
| EDA | Pine County | Economic Development Administration District |
| EDA | GPS 45/93 | GPS 45/93 Board Member |
| EDA | Pine County | JOBZ Administrator |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Living Well at Home (Nursing Home Diversion) Project |
| ECSRC | Pine County | New to Medicare monthly presentations held throughout the region |
| TAC | Pine County | Northern Lights Express Station Development |
| EDA | Pine County | Participate in regional foreclosure prevention |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Quarterly ECSRC volunteer training |
| TAC | Pine County | Regional Transit Coordination Study |
| RLF | Grantsburg Animal Hospital | Revolving Loan |
| RLF | Lake Superior Laundry, Inc. | Revolving Loan |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Senior LinkAge Line calls |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Senior Surf classes held throughout the Region |
| TAC | Pine County | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Twenty-three volunteer staff work alongside ECRDC staff to provide administrative and out-reach duties |
| EDA | Pine County | Workforce Investment Board member |
| EDA | Pine County | Entrepreneur Fair held at the Armed Forces Reserves Center in Cambridge |
| TAC | Pine County | Small Business Development Day held in Pine City |
| EDA | Pine County | U of M Crookston survey assistance in conducting research businesses in region |
| EDA | Pine County | Blandin Foundation Broadband Study |
| EDA | Pine County | Revolving Loan Fund Program |
| EDA | Pine County | Small Business Development Center Satellite Office |
| ECSRC | Pine County | ECSRC Volunteer staffing at Pine Medical Center in Sandstone and Hinckley Senior Center |
| TAC | Regional | Transportation Forum held in North Branch |
| TAC | Regional | Growth and Justice Report participation |
| EDA | Regional | 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) completed |

PINE COUNTY

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| EDA | Regional | Financial Resource Summit |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Matter of Balance training |
| ECAC | Regional | IMAGE Art Show held at the Isanti County Historical Society |
| EDA | Finlayson Township | Technical assistance with Finlayson Township to do their comprehensive plan |
| EDA | Regional | Started the Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office |
| ECSRC | Regional | Tools for Powerful Caregiving initiative |
| TAC | Pine County | Commuter Study |
| TAC | Regional | Freight Study |
| EDA | Regional | Farmers Market Symposium |
| EDA | Regional | Business Resource Directory |
| ECSRC | Pine County | CSSD technical assistance to help provide homemaker, chore and delivery services |
| ECSRC | Sturgeon Lake | Community Service/Service Development technical assistance regarding senior housing project |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Healthy Eating for Successful Living training |
| ECSRC | Pine County | Powerful Tools for Caregiver training |
| ECAC | Pine County | 10 Skill-building workshop for artists |
| ECAC | Pine County | Monthly grant writing workshops |
| ECAC | Regional | Art and Cultural Heritage Outcome Evaluation workshop with Dr. Patricia Shifferd |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Art and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant - \$15,000 - Personnel Grant Continuation |
| ECAC | Pine City Heritage Players | ECAC Org. Art Project Grant - \$5,000 - Production of Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat |
| ECAC | Pine City Arts Council | ECAC Organization Art Project Grant - \$2,450 - Brian Wicklund Residency and Concert |
| EDA | Region 7W | Contracting with 7W to provide technical assistance to re-establish an EDA District in Region 7W |
| ECAC | ECRAC | IMAGE Arts Show grant awarded - \$11,000 |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$5,350 - PCA Strategic and Financial Planning |
| ECAC | Dee Kotaska, Brook Park | ECAC-McKnight Individual Arts Grant - \$937 - Tripod project |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Small Grant - \$500 0 April Arts Class Smorgasbord |
| EDA | Regional | Revolving Loan Fund marketing plan |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Arts and Cultural Heritage Arts grant - \$15,000 - Personnel Grant |
| ECAC | Hinckley-Finlayson Summer Recreation | Small Grant - \$500 Summer Children's Theater Production |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Small Grant - \$500 - Fall Art Studio Tour |
| ECSRC | PHASE | Technical Assistance in developing an adult day care program |
| EDA | Pine County | Passenger Rail/Northern Lights Express fiscal agent for grant from Initiative Foundation |
| EDA | Pine County | Housing/Foreclosure Prevention |
| ECAC | Pine Center for the Arts | Art Organization Project Grant for \$2,200 - Writers' Workshop |
| ECAC | Audubon Center of the North Woods | Art Organization Project Grant for \$3,500 - Murals and bookshelves |
| ECAC | Pine County | Regional Arts Council/ Arts and Cultural Heritage Fiscal Agent Agreement with the MSAB |
| ECAC | Hinckley | ECAC Grant Workshop |
| ECAC | Pine County | Minnesota State Arts Board Information Session |
| ECAC | Pine County | Held three Outcome Evaluation Workshops |
| ECAC | Pine County | Held two Springboard for the Arts Workshops |
| TAC | Pine County | Transit Study Workgroup |



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