



ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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OUR MISSION:

The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission serves the people of the Arrowhead Region of Minnesota by providing local units of government and citizens groups a means to work cooperatively in identifying needs, solving problems and fostering local leadership.



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ARDC's team of professionals provides the Arrowhead Region with planning and development services to meet long term infrastructure, economic, and human needs.

In 2017, work included comprehensive planning in Orr and Palisade, land use and development planning in Hermantown and Two Harbors, a small area plan in Moose Lake, and staff assistance to the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway Committee, the Gitchi-Gami Trail Association, and the North Shore Management Board. ARDC GIS staff also formalized the Arrowhead Geospatial Collaborative – a group of GIS specialists working to improve formatting of data between counties and other entities. Our work with the North Shore Scenic Drive Council developed an interactive map of all wayside rests and other features along Minnesota's only All-American Road. ARDC partnered with the East Central RDC on a process to

designate a new scenic byway– the Lake Mille Lacs

Scenic Byway. A Master Plan was developed for the Sawtooth Bluff area near Grand Marais— this document is an important tool to access funding. Safe Routes to School planning continued, working on plans in several communities - Proctor, International Falls, McGregor and Duluth area alongside colleagues from the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council and public health professionals. We partnered with staff members in the Area Agency on Aging, to garner valuable input as we facilitated a planning process to evaluate gaps and needs for transit users in our region. We continued to work closely with Community Health Boards in the region to lend assistance in efforts to promote healthy living, and developed a brochure called “Stop Talking, Start Walking” along with Healthy Northland. We continued to facilitate the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership and worked on additional efforts to support transportation planning in communities. ARDC continued to work on economic development planning through our Federal EDA Planning Grant.

Plans to further assist our communities with implementing planning recommendations began to take shape with our grant assistance program. Our grant writer assists local officials to find grants for community projects and to develop effective applications. ARDC prides itself on being a full service planning resource and our work in 2017 reflects demonstrates that commitment.





Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) is designated by the Minnesota Board on Aging as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the Planning and Service Area of the Arrowhead Region under authority of Title III of the Older Americans Act. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) were established under the Older Americans Act in 1973 to respond to the needs of Americans age 60 and over in every local community. By supporting a range of options that allow older adults to choose the home and community-based services and living arrangements that suit them best, the Arrowhead AAA helps make it possible for older adults to “age in place” in their homes and communities.

In 2017 the Arrowhead AAA focused planning efforts around; building community capacity to provide Evidence Based Health Promotion programs, developing relationships and referral protocols between medical communities and Home and Community Based Service Providers, (HCBS), strengthening the infrastructure of aging service organizations, supporting the role of caregivers through training and advocacy and supporting ACT communities in the region. AAAA conducted MN2030 efforts throughout the region to gather local insight for the 2019 state plan. As part of the MinnesotaHelp Network™, Arrowhead AAA helps to expand and improve the Senior LinkAge Line® Long Term Care Options Counseling service by providing a local contact center along with many partner sites in the Arrowhead region, making this high quality, unbiased, accurate, comprehensive service accessible to all populations by phone, on the web, in-person and through materials in order to meet the demands of our aging population. AAAA Senior Linkage Line® served 11,768 unduplicated consumers, answered 23,594 unduplicated calls, provided 374 out-reach events.

Finally, the Arrowhead AAA provided grants and contracts to community partners totaling over \$2.4 million in Title III Federal Older Americans Act and other federal and state funds for services to assist older adults living independently at home and to support their family caregivers.

Please consult our website for additional materials:

arrowheadaging.org/2017-annual-report



www.arrowheadaging.org



DULUTH - SUPERIOR Metropolitan Interstate Council

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Duluth-Superior area, the MIC facilitates a cooperative transportation planning process that represents all local units of government. The MIC works closely with elected officials, planners, engineers, residents and businesses to determine local priorities for federally-funded transportation projects that meet our transportation needs, now and into the future. 2017 highlights include:

Michigan Street Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project

In the summer of 2017, the MIC implemented the Michigan Street Protected Bike Lane Project, a five-week installation of a 2-way protected bike lane in downtown Duluth. The purpose of the project was to allow the community to experience, learn about and react to the area's first-ever physically separated bike lane. Project findings included:

- There was support across demographics for the general concept of protected bike lanes;
- There was significantly stronger support among women, lower-income, and downtown and Lincoln Park residents for both protected bike lanes generally and for a protected bike lane in this specific location;
- Stakeholder concerns about ADA accessibility and pedestrian safety can be mitigated with a final design.

View the final plan at <https://dsmic.org/study/pbl/>.

Canosia Township Trails Plan

Based on a the 2014 Canosia Township Comprehensive Plan and developed with extensive public input, the MIC's Canosia Township Trails Plan is a guiding document for implementing the community's vision for a multi-use, recreational, non-motorized trail system.

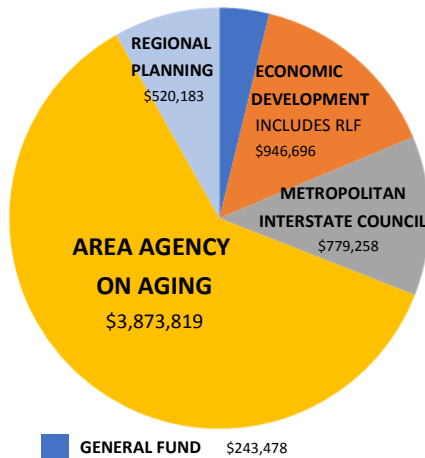
The plan shows existing trails and identifies potential routes to connect key areas within Canosia Township, as well as connections to trails and destinations in the surrounding communities. It also includes community information, the history of the planning process, and outlines short-, mid-, and long-term implementation steps.

For more information about the plan, see <https://dsmic.org/study/canosia-township-trails-plan/>.

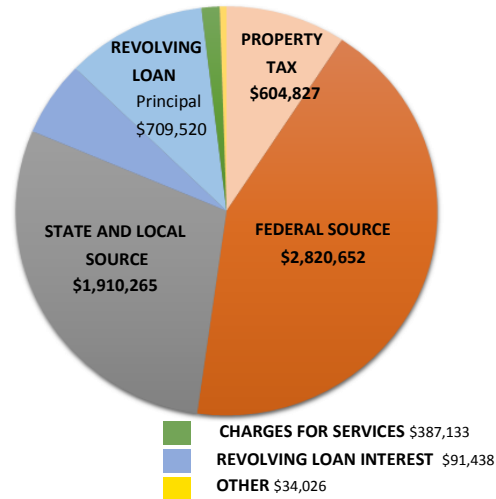


FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FY 2017

**ACTUAL FY 2017
EXPENDITURES**



**ACTUAL FY 2017
REVENUE BY SOURCE**



The above charts reflect unaudited figures regarding ARDC's FY 2017 expenditures and revenues. To view this information in greater detail, and other information pertaining to ARDC's financial summary, please visit: ardc.org/finance

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The ARDC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) supports business activities for which credit is not otherwise available. The objective of the program is to stimulate private investment in order to create and maintain productive, permanent employment through the establishment of new businesses or the expansion of existing businesses.

Financing provided in conjunction with this program is intended to complement – not compete with – private lending institutions. As such, securing private sector involvement is a critical factor in qualifying for this program.

In 2017, ARDC's Economic Development Administration's Revolving Loan Fund approved and/or disbursed on 6 new loans totaling \$741,667 to businesses in the seven county region of Northeast Minnesota.

Loan Distribution by County 1987 to 2016	
Aitkin	\$975,000
Carlton	\$616,675
Cook	\$1,171,173
Itasca	\$1,688,500
Koochiching	\$143,500
Lake	\$1,282,300
St. Louis	\$4,937,032

To learn more about ARDC's Revolving Loan Fund and view detailed 2017 data, please visit: ardc.org/rlf/

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To view additional financial reports and budgets, visit www.ardc.org/finance



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ARDC is governed by a Commission and Board, which respectively oversee and handle the business affairs of ARDC. Current Commission membership is listed below, with (*) denoting members of the Board. ARDC thanks our Board and Commission members for their service to our region.

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*denotes members of the Board

