



ARROWHEAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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ANNUAL REPORT | 2018

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 meets long term infrastructure, economic, and human needs through planning and development services.

In 2018, work included land use and development planning in Hermantown and Two Harbors, Places to Play Mapping – a project designed to showcase connections between neighborhoods and parks, and continued staff assistance to the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway Committee which included a ribbon cutting event for a newly updated wayside at Skibo Vista, the Gitchi-Gami Trail Association, a highlight of which included a ribbon cutting event for newly constructed trail closing a gap in the trail between Beaver Bay and Silver Bay, and the North Shore Management Board. ARDC GIS staff continued to work with the Arrowhead Geospatial Collaborative, and forged connections to kick off the Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping project. Our work with the North Shore Scenic Drive Council, a collaborative group seeking to promote and improve Minnesota's only All-American Road included a ribbon cutting event for a newly updated wayside at the Caribou River, facilitating a design project for a potential new wayside near Glensheen Mansion in Duluth, facilitation of meetings, and grant writing assistance to pursue assistance with design work for future waysides along the Byway.

Our work with transportation planning was wide and varied. Safe Routes to Schools plans and projects completed in Two Harbors, McGregor, and Aitkin and staff members collaborated with colleagues from the Duluth Superior Interstate Council on a plan update for Congdon Elementary in Duluth. ARDC staff facilitated a Trails Plan Update in Two Harbors, conducted a large study in conjunction with the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program to determine the economic impact of paved trails in Minnesota's Coastal Zone. We partnered with staff members in the Area Agency on Aging to connect key stakeholders for a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council, to better understand transit needs and rideshares across 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 set of post card size interpretive maps for the City of Virginia to promote more use of the city's impressive park system.

In 2018 ARDC staff members undertook a process to merge the agency's Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and the Area Transportation Partnership forming the North East Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership. Staff members assisted with the MnDOT District 1 Bicycle Plan, facilitated our region's Transportation Alternative solicitation, and facilitated a process that lead to a Grand Marais Pedestrian Plan.

ARDC continued to work on economic development planning through our Federal EDA Planning grant. Partnership with the Itasca Area Economic Response team to respond to ongoing economic disruptions. ARDC compiled and provided data on the circumstances creating economic distress in Itasca County and worked with the Itasca Economic Development Corp. to develop and submit an Economic Adjustment Assistance application which was awarded funds. ARDC also assisted the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa with the development of an EDA Public Works application to redevelop a commercial boat launch, dock, and ferry terminal at Hat Point on Lake Superior. This location is the only commercial ferry option serving Isle Royale National Park. Major repairs are necessary if the resource is to continue as a viable option for ferry operations and those engaged in Tribal commercial fishing.

ARDC further assisted communities with implementing planning recommendations through our grant assistance program. Our grant writer assisted local officials to find grants for community projects and to develop effective applications.



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 2018 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 2020 state plan.

As part of the Minnesota Help 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 12,104 unduplicated consumers, answered 24,829 unduplicated calls, reached 15,836 unduplicated people at outreach events and 345 total outreach events.

Finally, the Arrowhead AAA provided grants and contracts to community partners totaling over \$2.2 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/2018-annual-report



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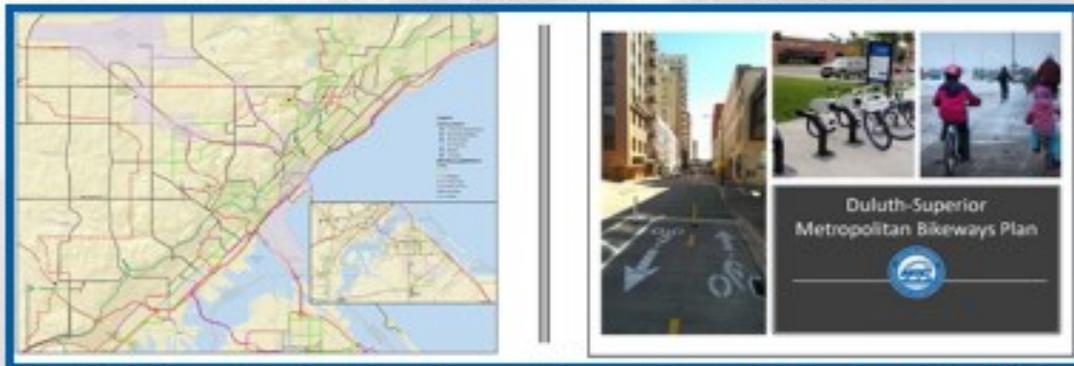
Metropolitan Interstate Council

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan

The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan presents a connected network of proposed bicycle routes for people of all ages and abilities as a component of a multimodal urban transportation system. A blueprint for the development of the bikeways system for the next 25 years, it sets forth a community-supported vision for the region and guidance on how to get there.

It builds on previous planning efforts completed by the MIC, surrounding jurisdictions, partner agencies and advocacy organizations and provides information for roadway decision-makers about designing bicycle facilities, developing programs and prioritizing improvement projects.

You can read the full plan at: <https://dsmic.org/study/dsbikeways/>



The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan provides a guide to advance the MIC's long-range vision of a fully integrated, multimodal urban transportation system that provides convenient and desirable options to people of all ages and abilities.

Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study

This update to the MIC's 2001 Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study incorporates changes in the local roadway system that have occurred over the past two decades, as well as input from trucking companies and roadway jurisdictions.

Its goal is to ensure that the designated truck route network is still serving its purpose, to provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods within and through the Duluth-Superior area, while maintaining compatibility with a variety of urban land uses.

The updated plan can be found at:

<https://dsmic.org/study/truckroute/>

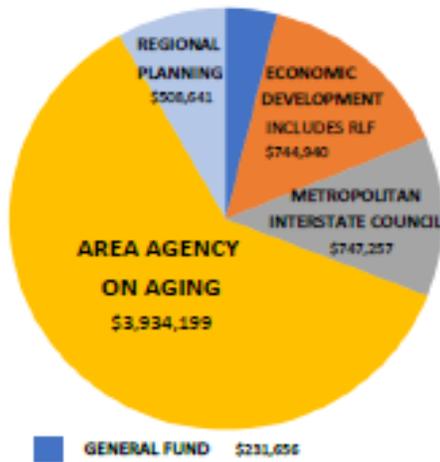


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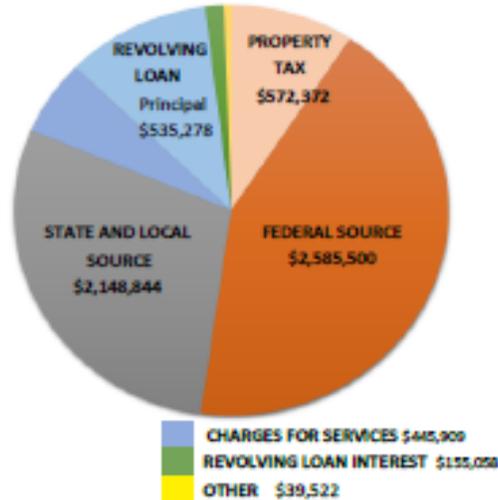
- Worked with a subcommittee of the HTAC to gain approval for a new *MN Dock Wall Maintenance General Permit* to make projects easier in the port.
- Began the update of our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), *Sustainable Choices 2045*, which is due to be completed in Sept 2019.
- Worked with a stakeholder group working towards solutions of issues and redesign of the Twin Ports Interchange.
- Completed the required update of our Public Involvement Plan.
- Completed work on the Canosia Trails Plan and was approved by the Township Board.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FY 2018

ACTUAL FY 2018 EXPENDITURES



ACTUAL FY 2018 REVENUE BY SOURCE



The above charts reflect unaudited figures regarding ARDC's FY 2018 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 2018, ARDC's Economic Development Administration's Revolving Loan Fund approved

and/or disbursed on 8 new loans totaling \$1,028,030 to businesses in the seven county region of Northeast Minnesota.

Loan Distribution by County	
1987 to 2018	
Aitkin	\$ 975,000
Carlton	\$ 616,675
Cook	\$ 1,171,173
Itasca	\$ 1,901,500
Koochiching	\$ 143,500
Lake	\$ 1,382,300
St. Louis	\$ 5,402,062

To learn more about ARDC's Revolving Loan Fund and view detailed 2018 data, please visit:

ardc.org/rlf/

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

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 our Board and Commission members for their service to our region.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Dick Brenner, Chair (Carlton County)*
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Wade Pavleck, (Koochiching County)*
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Jeremy Hurd (Lake County)*
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Joel Hoppe (McGregor)
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Paul Nevanen (International Falls)*
Vacant
Allen Rasmussen, Treasurer (Int'l Falls)*
Mary Somnis (Grand Marais)*

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Earl Elde (DSMIC Advisory Board)*
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REPRESENTATIVES OF A TRIBAL COUNCIL

Jason Hollinday, Secretary (Fond du Lac)*
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Vacant (Bois Forte)

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Vacant (St. Louis Communities>10K)
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Vacant (Aitkin Communities <10K)
Vacant (Carlton Communities <10K)
Anton Moody (Cook Communities <10K)
Calvin Saari (Itasca Communities >10K)
Brian Briggs (Koochiching Communities<10K)
Carlene Perfetto (Lake Communities <10K)
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Walter Haultala (ISD #2711)
Daniel Manick (ISD #2142)

** denotes members of the Board*



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