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Office of Rural Health	612-623-5000
MN Housing Finance Agency	800-657-3769
Department of Human Services	651-296-6117
Minnesota Board on Aging	800-882-6262
Department of Natural Resources	800-766-6000
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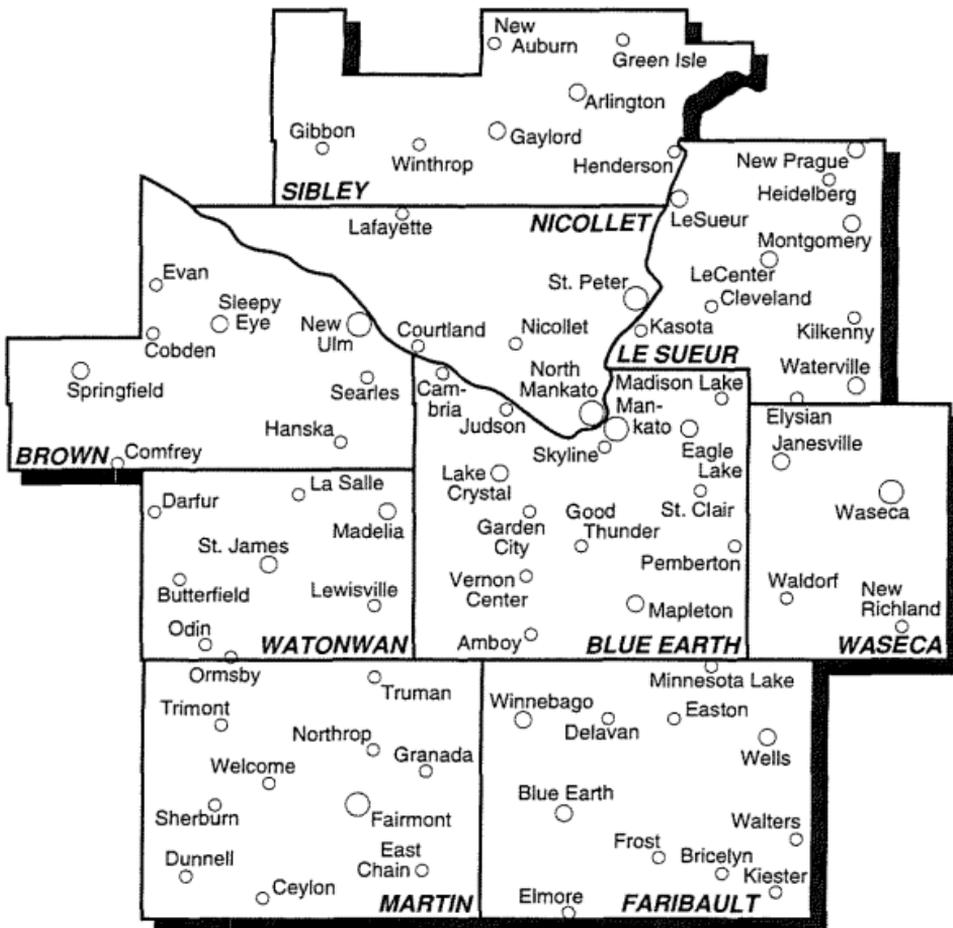
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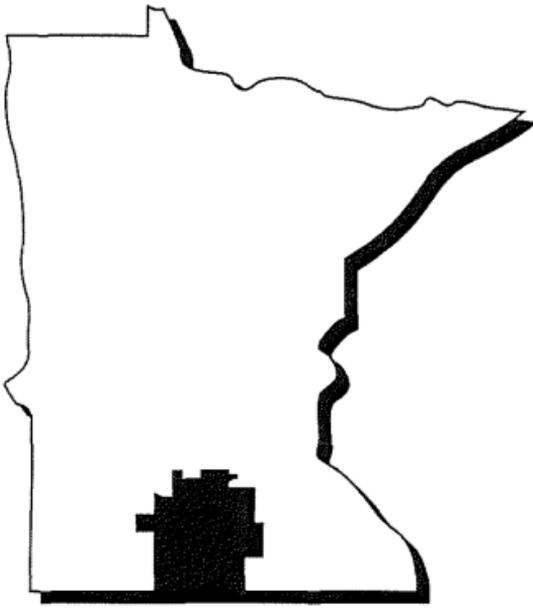
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# MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Region Nine Development Commission is to promote the development of the region through intergovernmental cooperation, community and human development, long-range planning and technical assistance.”



## **INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Region Nine Development Commission, authorized by the Regional Development Act of 1969, was organized by local officials in 1972 “to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens.”

*(Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.383; Subdivision 2)*

The 40 elected officials serving on the Commission represent nine counties, 72 cities, 147 townships, nine soil and water conservation districts, school districts, and the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments. Representatives of six special interest groups are also on the Commission. They include: Health & Human Welfare; Business & Commerce; Agriculture; Tourism & Recreation; Environmental Quality; and Crime Prevention.

The Region Nine area is comprised of nine south central Minnesota counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan. Their combined population is 222,882 of the state’s 4,735,830 people according to the 1997 Census estimate. Fairmont, North Mankato, New Ulm and Mankato are the four largest cities with populations respectively from 11,339 to 31,850.

## **REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS**

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\* Commission Member replaced since July, 1997.

## **COMMISSION CHAIRMEN**

<b>Daniel Keasling</b>	1972-75	<b>John King</b>	1987-91
<b>Terence Stone</b>	1975-76	<b>Marlin Gratz</b>	1991-94
<b>Carl Wyczawski</b>	1976-79	<b>Ken Albrecht</b>	1994-95
<b>Ken Albrecht</b>	1979-83	<b>Leighton Hugoson</b>	1995-
<b>James Stangler</b>	1983-87		

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**DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**



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During the past year, I have continued to observe the dedication and work of our Commission members and staff make a difference throughout the Region. I am pleased with the efforts of the Region Nine Development Commission programs and especially the response to the communities affected by the March 29 tornado and subsequent storms.

Commission members and staff pitched in to help these areas in any way they could. I commend Executive Director, Kristin Juliar, for her leadership efforts, and specifically for the timely and ongoing assistance with disaster-related projects.

In 1997-98, as part of the Commission's 25th Anniversary Celebration, I appointed a committee to address the future role of the Commission. Surveys were distributed to all city councils, city staff members, county commissioners and county staff during the annual visits. The surveys addressed critical issues facing the cities and counties, their visions for the future, and input on the role of the Region Nine Development Commission in addressing those issues.

City administrators were interviewed regarding critical issues in the Region. The plans prepared by Region Nine Advisory Councils were analyzed to glean information on issues, including demographic trends.

Last December, the Commission and staff met in a planning retreat with planning and management consultant Jeff Thompson. A Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Larry Anderson, continues to shape and implement strategies to address issues and opportunities identified through that planning process.

The 1998 Strategic Planning document was presented to city councils during our annual visits and will also be given to county boards. The next step in the process will be a series of focus groups in each of the Region Nine counties this fall. We are asking for input from townships, city and county officials and employees, and citizens who may be interested in looking at these issues.

We hope you will help us look at the issues shaping our region as we enter the next century and generate some good ideas. These ideas will be used in the final strategic plan for the Region.

RNDC programs continue to evolve to address the needs of the people in all nine counties. Our programs are varied and include: aging, emergency medical services, prevention and healthy communities, transportation, finance, planning, grant writing, conferences, small business, economic and community development. After 26 years, we need to remember Region Nine is a resource that continues to make a positive difference in south central Minnesota.

Leighton Hugoson  
Chairman

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Nineteen ninety eight is a year that will live forever in the memory of southern Minnesota. The March 29 tornado, followed by numerous smaller storms, had a tremendous impact on the lives of many residents of Region Nine. The elected officials and staff of Brown, Blue Earth, Nicollet and LeSueur Counties, and the cities of Comfrey and St. Peter, did a tremendous job in keeping their cities and counties safe and operational under the most trying circumstances imaginable.

As the result of the tornado disaster, Region Nine has hired staff to work in Comfrey and St. Peter, and to assist the rural population with recovering from the damage. The Minnesota State Legislature allocated funds to assist these communities and the rural areas with recovery from the tornado. For several months, the recovery effort took priority over most other activities in the office. We will continue to work on disaster recovery programs for housing and economic development in cooperation with the local communities and the Minnesota Recovers Task Force.

In addition to disaster work, Region Nine has received notice that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will be funding a collaborative health care initiative in the area. Part of the funds will support the efforts of Prevention and Healthy Communities and the *Saludando Salud* project. Prevention and Healthy Communities and the communities in its network have

done a great job in stabilizing the funding and ongoing work on behalf of youth, families and communities in the Region.

There are many new projects underway in the office in the area of aging, housing, emergency medical services, small business, land use, and research. We are conducting a 27 county survey - the Regional Health Profile - in collaboration with County Public Health Departments. Our revolving loan funds are growing. We have begun a shared internship program with small communities, started exploring the concept of a Regional Trails Council, and we are helping the Metro "border counties" monitor issues related to the Metro Council.

This fall we will be holding county meetings to discuss and gather input on our strategic planning document. We hope you will participate and help us look at the issues shaping our Region as we enter the next millennium.

Kristin Juliar  
Executive Director

# REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STAFF

Kristin Juliar	Executive Director
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Jo Cattrysse	Administrative Planner
Dena Nundahl Colemer	Resource Development Planner, Statistics, Census
Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg	Aging Planner / Grants Manager
Linda Fox	Adm. Assistant - Prevention & Healthy Communities
Anne Ganey	Director - Prevention & Healthy Communities
Teresa Gerteisen	Bookkeeper
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Kathie Johannsen	Emergency Medical Services Director, South Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board
Byron Jost	Community Development Director
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Kim Spiess	Administrative Planner
Donna Spranger	Mid-Minnesota SAIL / Aging Planner
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Cheryl Weston	Adm. Assistant - Planning, Development & Finance
Peggy Wiese	Housing Project Coordinator - Rural Housing
Doug Yentsch	Loan Officer / Accountant

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## **Governing Body:**

Region Nine Development Commission

## **Program Objectives:**

• The primary objective of the Region Nine Community Development Program is to provide assistance to local units of government in the areas of planning, financing and general technical assistance. For the most part, this effort has been to assist communities in obtaining state and federal funding for various infrastructure, housing and community development needs. The assistance provided by the Community Development staff takes many forms, including strategic planning, financial resource identification, grant and loan packaging and program administration. Without this assistance, many communities in the region would be unable to compete successfully for scarce federal and state funding for local projects.

## **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Packaged successful grant applications to the MN DTED's Small Cities Development Program for the communities of **Frost** and **Truman**. The combined financial assistance packages included financing from the Public Facilities Authority and the Rural Utilities Service of Rural Development. The Frost project is for new sanitary sewer collection and treatment and the Truman project is a new municipal water tower.
- Continued project administration assistance for on-going projects in these communities:
  - **Gibbon** (public facilities & housing)
  - **Pemberton** (public facilities)
  - **Winnebago** (public facilities)

**Budget:** Levy & Project Income                      \$60,211

**Staff:** Byron Jost, Harry Jenness

## **HOUSING**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

Without competing directly with other housing service providers in the Region, the objective of the Region Nine Housing program is to provide technical and administrative assistance to communities as they seek to address a wide variety of housing needs.

### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Continued to provide housing program administration assistance in the communities of **Gibbon, Montgomery and St. James**. When these programs are complete, we will have assisted in the rehabilitation of 50 single family owner-occupied houses, 62 rental units and 51 commercial properties within these three communities.
- Region Nine continues to be very active in the Community Housing Awareness Information Network (C.H.A.I.N.) regional housing organization. In addition to providing fiscal agent services for the Home Stretch Home Buyer training program, staff also assisted with securing tax-exempt status for this young non-profit group. In June, staff were instrumental in packaging an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for additional (FY '99) Home Stretch funds.
- Region Nine continues to be an organization member of the Southeast Minnesota Housing Dialogue. This 20-county network of housing and community development organizations helps the state set priorities for housing initiatives in addition to sharing housing information.

**Budget:** Federal

\$78,027

**Staff:** Byron Jost  
Peggy Wiese

## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

The primary objective of the Region Nine Disaster Assistance program is to provide technical assistance to individuals and communities so that they might recover completely from natural disasters. Region Nine has committed staff and financial resources to this effort since the rain and flooding disaster of 1993 and continues today by helping in the recovery from the 1997 flooding disaster and most recently the March 29, 1998, tornadoes disaster.

### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Staff continue to work on closing out 1993 disaster assistance projects in these communities:

- **Comfrey**            • **Gaylord**        • **LeSueur**
- **E. St. Peter**       • **Frost**           • **Elmore**

- The Region Nine Disaster Recovery Coordinator also continues to work with the cities of **St. Peter** and **New Ulm** as well as **Nicollet** and **Brown** counties on 1997 flooding disaster issues.

- Because the 1998 tornado disaster included major portions of **Brown**, **Nicollet** and **LeSueur** counties, a regional response was required, and Region Nine accepted the challenge from the MN Recovers Task Force to coordinate that response. The Region Nine Disaster Assistance Team helped the communities of **St. Peter**, **Comfrey** and **LeCenter** with their applications for assistance. Region Nine also placed a full-time staff in **Comfrey** City Hall almost immediately after the tornadoes to help with disaster assistance issues. In addition, three new staff were brought on board and consultants hired to develop and administer a regional housing assistance program. That effort includes nearly \$5 million for the rehabilitation or replacement of damaged or destroyed housing including historic preservation. Region Nine helped the City

of **Comfrey** with a comprehensive land use planning effort and then worked on helping the city find the gap financing required to replace their 26 units of subsidized housing as well as the new Municipal Facility.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$28,889
Levy	9,630
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	\$38,519

<b>Staff:</b> Byron Jost	Sonya Koplín
Harry Jenness	Leila Short
Peggy Wiese	Steven Robertson

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

### **Program Objectives:**

- The primary objectives of the Economic Development Program are to stabilize and increase the number of jobs and income within the Region. Working with state and federal agencies, local government bodies and businesses, three primary means are used to accomplish these objectives.

- Assistance to Businesses

Through the Small Business Administration, Five County Revolving Loan Fund, Disaster Revolving Loan Fund, Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, and other programs, the Region Nine staff helps businesses secure low interest, long-term loans for start-up and expansion. The staff prepares the application forms for these funding sources and provides other assistance to businesses

to help qualify them for loans. When required, the staff refers businesses to other agencies who are in a better position to assist them.

- Assistance to Communities

At times, a community has difficulty with economic development activities because of lack of adequate sewer, water or road systems. The Region Nine staff can assist with state/federal grants and loans to put those facilities into place, thus making economic expansion possible. Staff can also assist communities secure funding for industrial park creation or expansion if conditions within a community are favorable and federal funding is available.

At other times, communities need other assistance to make economic development projects become a reality. Such assistance may come in the form of surveys, special studies, organizational assistance or assistance with land use planning. The Region Nine staff is always ready to assist communities in their efforts to improve the number of jobs within the Region.

- Areawide Cooperation

Improving the economy of the Region is a challenge which requires the cooperation and coordination of many agencies and organizations. Region Nine staff works closely with all providers of economic development services to insure that the businesses and communities within the Region get the best assistance possible.

**Major Thrusts:**

• Economic Development Administration

Since 1985, the Commission has been designated as a Development District by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation is based upon the Region meeting certain distress indicators and the completion of an Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP).

The OEDP states the Region's economic development goals and lists strategies that will be used by the Commission to reach those goals. The OEDP is updated every five years with an annual review.

District designation makes the Commission eligible for funding to do economic development planning and to assist local units of government in their economic development efforts. Designation also makes communities within the region eligible for certain economic development grants. In the past, the Commission has used EDA funding for infrastructure improvement projects to assist businesses in distressed counties, for the funding of revolving loan funds, and to pay the costs of a Disaster Coordinator to assist communities harmed by flooding (1993 and 1997) and tornadoes (1998).

- Revolving Loan Funds

- Five County Revolving Loan Fund

With funding from the Economic Development Administration and the counties of **Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Sibley** and **Watonwan**, the Commission established the Five County RLF. The purpose of this \$600,000 fund is to make low interest gap financing loans to businesses in those counties. The goals of the program are job retention and creation and economic diversification. To date, the fund has made 22 loans totaling \$1,027,200. In FY '98, four loans totaling \$165,000 were made.

Within the last year, **Brown** and **Waseca** counties were declared eligible for the RLF. After these counties pay an initiation fee of \$40,000 (as did the original five counties), businesses located within them will be eligible for this fund.

- Disaster Revolving Loan Fund

After the flooding and high waters of 1993, the EDA, state of Minnesota and all of our counties contributed to the

establishment of the Disaster Revolving Loan Fund. The original purpose of this fund was to assist businesses which were damaged by the weather disasters of 1993 with low interest gap financing loans. Since that time, the Commission has been able to use the fund to make loans to most businesses. In total, the DRLF has made 35 loans for a total of \$2,908,097. In FY '98, eight loans for \$335,000 were made.

- DRLF Recapitalization

With the tornadoes of March 29, 1998, there was an increased need for disaster lending. By working with the EDA and the state of Minnesota, the Commission was able to secure an additional \$666,666 for disaster funding.

These funds will be used to make loans to tornado damaged businesses, primarily located in the communities of **St. Peter, Comfrey and LeCenter**. Again, the purpose of the fund is to retain and create jobs and to diversify the economy.

Once the tornado disaster loans have been made, the money will be used throughout the Region for economic development loans.

- Micro-loans

In 1998, the Commission began work on the establishment of a Micro-loan fund. Once established, this fund will be able to make very small (\$5,000 to \$10,000) loans, primarily for start-up businesses. A fund of \$100,000 is anticipated.

• Railroads

In 1998, two railroad related developments occurred within the Region. The Minnesota Central Railroad which runs through Sibley County and The Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern which runs through Waseca, Blue Earth and Brown Counties, announced improvement plans. The Commission assisted local units of government in their efforts to improve rail service and protect the environment.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$41,000
Levy	17,000
Project Income	80,000
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	\$148,000

**Staff:** Doug Yentsch  
Wes Judkins

## **RLF/DRLF Loan Review Committee**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Representation</b></u>	<u><b>County</b></u>
<b>Pat Stallman</b>	Lender	Blue Earth
<b>Jim Broich</b>	County Commissioner	Brown
<b>Jack Quinlivan</b>	Economic Developer	Faribault
<b>Don Hayden</b>	Economic Developer	LeSueur
<b>Dean Lotter</b>	City Administrator	Martin
<b>Doug Miller</b>	Lender	Nicollet
<b>Steve Renquist</b>	County Administrator	Sibley
<b>Larry Thompson</b>	Lender	Waseca
<b>Vern Koerselman</b>	County Commissioner	Brown

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

### **Governing Body:**

Region Nine Development Commission  
Minnesota Dept. of Trade and Economic Development  
Small Business Administration

### **Advisory Body:**

Small Business Development Center Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

- The Small Business Development Center provides free consulting services to businesses within the nine county region. Services, which are offered to both start-up and existing businesses include: business planning, marketing planning, market research, financial analysis, loan packaging, assistance with advertising and promotions, human resource issues and financial record keeping. The staff also provides general information to businesses, such as industry statistics, trade association listings, business directory listings and information on regulatory and tax requirements.
- The Small Business Development Center staff is required each year to:
  - complete 3,000 hours of consulting
  - complete 50 loan packages
  - deliver 8 seminars and workshops

In addition, the staff is required to raise one-half of the annual budget through local sources.

### **Calendar Year 1997 Projects:**

- In 1997, 369 clients were served throughout the region, 59 loan packages were completed and 16 seminars were presented. The majority of the clients came to the SBDC seeking assistance in the areas of finance and marketing. Of the 1997 clients, 17% were service businesses, 7% were retail, 9% were manufacturing, 64% were start-up companies and the balance were wholesale and construction firms.
- The Small Business Development Center was successful in raising over \$100,000 to support the program. In 1997, contributors included banks, utility companies, cities, counties, economic development authorities, and private foundations within the Region. In addition to local financial support, the SBDC receives \$135,000 in federal and state funding.

## SBDC consulting hours by county

County	1997 Clients	1997 Hours
Blue Earth	143	975.25
Brown	26	190.75
Faribault	32	328.25
LeSueur	47	375.75
Martin	26	219.50
Nicollet	40	289.75
Sibley	17	183.00
Waseca	15	110.25
Watonwan	19	281.00
Other	5	57.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>3,011.25</b>

<b>FY '98 Budget:</b>	Federal	\$94,500
	State	8,750
	Levy & Project Income	25,000
	Local Fundraising	38,208
		\$166,458

**Staff:** Jill Miller, Regional Director  
 Mary Oudekerk, Counselor

## LAND USE / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Program Objectives:**

- Local units of government are sometimes faced with problems or issues that they lack the staff or expertise to adequately

address. Often these issues are in the area of land use – making the best use of land within their jurisdictions or providing adequate environmental safeguards. At other times the issues may be as far ranging as capital improvement programming, recreational trail funding or park planning.

The goal of this program area is to be able to respond to local units of government in a manner that allows for maximum assistance to the community for the least cost. An additional goal is to allow communities to learn from one another when faced with new issues.

#### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Prepared a workbook on Feedlot Issues to better inform the elected and appointed officials about their options in dealing with this very volatile issue. The workbook will provide an overview of state regulatory statutes, synopses of local feedlot regulations, and suggestions for how counties and cities can better cope with large-scale feedlots.
- Began work on the establishment of a regional Trails Council which will work on an areawide plan for recreational trails.
- Assisted several communities with trail planning efforts.
- Initiated a Shared City Administrator program. Worked with a number of interested communities. Three cities – **Courtland, Nicollet and Lafayette** – are in the process of hiring a professional city administrator to serve all three communities. Other cities continue to be interested.
- Initiated a Shared Intern program. Similar to the Shared City Administrator program, some communities need additional assistance but do not wish to take on a new employee or intern. Under this program, Region Nine hires competent students and contracts their services to the cities. The cities and Region Nine share supervision duties. Thus far the cities of **Sherburn, Madelia and LeCenter** are involved.
- Began a comprehensive plan for the City of **Courtland**.
- Assisted **Sibley and LeSueur** counties with their land use

planning efforts.

- Provided numerous consultations and assistance to communities in the Region Nine area.

<b>Budget:</b> Federal	\$10,000
State	8,731
Levy	6,877
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	\$25,608

**Staff:** Wes Judkins  
Harry Jenness  
Craig Shirk

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Transportation Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

- The overall goal of the Region Nine Transportation Program is to maintain and improve the transportation network in Region Nine. The transportation network includes highways, railroads, transit, trails and aeronautics.
- By contractual agreement, Region Nine assists the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) with sub-state transportation planning and programming. It accomplishes this by actively participating in the Area Transportation Partnership, and contributing to Mn/DOT District 7 plans and programs.
- TEA-21, the federal transportation program which replaced ISTEA, calls for input by local elected officials and citizens. Region Nine helps provide opportunities to accomplish this.

- Region Nine is very active in educating the public and legislators on the need for increased highway funding for rural areas.
- Region Nine has been increasingly active coordinating and advocating for recreational trails in the Region. With TEA-21 there is an increased emphasis on transportation enhancements which include recreational trails.
- Region Nine assists Mn/DOT's Office of Transit by monitoring area 5310 programs and their vehicles. These programs provide for the special transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities to provide them with a degree of greater mobility. Coordination of the vehicles between area agencies and groups is a prime function of this activity.

#### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Prepared the Regional Significance ratings for projects submitted to the ATP for federal funding.
- Coordinated the funding for local transit programs.
- Assisted **Watonwan County** with the establishment of a countywide transit system.
- Began work on the establishment of a regional Trails Council to plan and coordinate trails in the Region Nine area.
- Actively participated in the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) which programs the allocation of federal transportation funding in Region Nine.
- Served on the ATP's Transportation Enhancement Committee.
- Served as the fiscal agent and partner in the Mankato Area Transportation and Planning Study (MATAPS).
- Served on the statewide Mn/DOT Transportation Revolving Loan Fund Committee.
- Monitored the request of the DM&E railroad to construct a high speed rail line through the Region.

<b>Budget:</b> Mn/DOT Allocation	\$60,071
Levy & Project Income	8,824
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	\$68,895

**Staff:** Wes Judkins  
Craig Shirk

## Region Nine Transportation Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lin Barnes	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
Dick Bautch	Dept. of Transp.	Mankato
Nathan Behne	Martin County	Sherburn
Jim Broich	Brown County	Sleepy Eye
Jerry Engstrom*	County Engr.	St. James
Jack Fitzsimmons	Waseca County	Waseca
Leighton Hugoson	Ex-Officio	Fairmont
Gene Isakson*	County Engr.	Gaylord
Greg Isakson	County Engr.	Blue Earth
Vern Koerselman	Watonwan County	Madelia
Clarence Mager	LeSueur County	LeCenter
Quentin Marsh	Blue Earth Co.	Mankato
Brian Miller	Consulting Engr.	St. Paul
Richard Petersen	At-Large	Springfield
John Prosch	Nicollet County	Nicollet
Don Schwecke	Sibley County	Gibbon
Wayne Stevens	County Engr.	St. James
Clifford Wenner*	Nicollet County	St. Peter
Donald Ziegler	Faribault County	Blue Earth

\* Committee member replaced since July, 1997.

## **AGING**

**Governing Body:** Region Nine Development Commission

**Advisory Body:** Region Nine Advisory Council on Aging

### **Program Objectives:**

- Persons involved with the Region Nine Area Agency on Aging, whether as its staff, volunteers, or professional service providers, work to establish a strong leadership role as an advocate for the dignity, rights and status of older people. They want to assure access to a number of services supporting wellness, independent living, long-term and acute care.
- The variety of activities the Agency is involved in allows for the coordination of services to older people. Program outcomes include: prudent stewardship of funding allocations; providing informational and educational opportunities to older adults, caregivers, service providers, etc.; increasing the means by which agencies are able to meet the needs of older adults; enhancing the ability of communities to be aware of the needs and issues of their older population; to work with businesses to enable their employees who are caregivers to continue to be productive employees and to serve as a point of access through the Senior Linkage Line.

### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Awarded 10 grants to projects which provided supportive, in-home health promotion and disease prevention services to 3,197 older adults.
- Awarded performance-based contract to congregate and home delivered meals programs which provided hot, nutritious meals to 3,717 older adults.
- Provided training and technical assistance to 10 grantees and 1 contractor.
- Involved 22 area citizens as members of the Advisory Council on Aging.

- Provided information, assistance and referral through Senior Linkage Line.
- Participated in the implementation and completion of the third year of the Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Project.
- Provided training and technical assistance on issues related to cultural diversity and aging.
- Held the 19th Annual “Learning is for Life” regional conference, which provided a keynote presentation and 12 workshops to 230 older adults and service providers.
- Solicited nominations and selected three older adults to receive recognition for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.
- Facilitated quarterly meetings of the Region Nine Area Senior Center Directors’ Association.
- Developed and presented a variety of educational events for agencies/organizations and older adults.
- Advocated for older adults and aging issues through participation in state and local boards, committees and councils.
- Facilitated the Region Nine Area Aging Education Co-op.
- Presented “Eldercare and the Workplace” presentations at 6 businesses.
- Coordinated the second year of the Nutrition Intervention Project.
- Held the first “Caregivers Recognition and Renewal” Conference with 330 persons attending; received NADO Innovation Award.
- Designated as Lead Agent for Phase II of the Mid-MN SAIL Project which will expand the project from 5 to 13 counties.
- Convened Project 2030 Forum - 120 persons attended.
- Provided supplemental funding to Legal Advocacy for Older Americans Project and VINE (Volunteer Interfaith Network Effort) for tornado related disaster services.
- Staffed tornado disaster recovery centers in **Sleepy Eye, St. Peter and LeCenter.**

### **1998 Older Americans Act Title III Grantees**

Legal Advocacy for Older Americans Project (Regionwide)

LSS Guardianship/Conservatorship Project (Regionwide)

Basic Foot Care (**Brown County**)

Checkmate (Regionwide)

Region Nine Senior Linkage Line (Regionwide)

V.I.N.E. (**Blue Earth County** and City of **St. Peter**)

CARE Project Telephone Reassurance Service (**LeSueur County**)

LeSueur Adult Day Center Start Up (**LeSueur, Nicollet** and **Sibley** counties)

Waseca Lifeline (**Waseca County**)

Peer Counseling (**Blue Earth, Brown, Nicollet** and **Waseca** counties)

### **1998 Contract**

Senior Nutrition, Inc. Congregate Dining

Senior Nutrition, Inc. Home Delivered Meals

### **Budget:**

Older Americans Act (OAA)

Federal AAA and

Program Development/Coordination

\$159,922

State

28,000

Levy & Project Income

54,768

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\$242,690

### **Staff:**

Linda Giersdorf, Director

Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg, Planner / Grants Manager

Missy Manderfeld, Administrative Assistant

Donna Spranger, Mid-MN SAIL / Aging Planner

## Region Nine Advisory Council on Aging

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Address</u>
Deborah Barnes	Pub/Private Agency	Blue Earth
Ila Carlson	Blue Earth County	Lake Crystal
Margaret Chicos	Waseca County	New Richland
Harold Fenske	Brown County	New Ulm
Sherry Fisher	At-Large	St. Peter
Rosalie Grams	Co. Social Service	Janesville
Charlie Griebel	RNDC Liaison	New Ulm
Paul Groskreutz	Martin County	Sherburn
Lucy Helfter*	Pub. Hlth. Nursing	LeCenter
John Howard	Nicollet County	St. Peter
Carol Mader	At-Large	Arlington
Richard Markiewicz, Sr.	Nicollet County	St. Peter
Dori Mutch	Pub/Private Agency	LeSueur
Grace Ovrebo*	Faribault County	Bricelyn
Marvel Prafke	At-Large 60+	Blue Earth
Wally Schmiesing*	At-Large 60+	Hanska
Louise Sunderman*	Business	St. Peter
Kiyo Suyematsu	At-Large	Madelia
Maureen Tanis	Co. Public Health	St. Peter
Denise Thomas	Business	Mankato
Jodi Thomas	Co. Social Service	Mankato
Ken Traen	Pub/Private Agency	LeCenter
Mariann Trembl	Watonwan County	Comfrey
Patricia Vaughan	At-Large	Madison Lake
Doris Wigand	Sibley County	Henderson
Jerome Wray	LeSueur County	St. Peter
Esther Ziemer	Faribault County	Bricelyn

\* Member replaced since July, 1997

## **SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Governing Body:** So. Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board

**Advisory Body:** So. Central MN EMS Advisory Committee

### **Program Objectives:**

• The South Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board contracts with the Region Nine Development Commission to see its planning, training and networking efforts are carried out throughout the nine county area to achieve the highest quality of emergency medical services.

### **Fiscal Year 1998 Projects:**

- Trained more than 1,000 EMS providers through staff inservices and training sessions.
- Maintained a regional ambulance run reporting system.
- Maintained a regional first responder run reporting system.
- Provided technical assistance in purchasing emergency medical services vehicles and equipment.
- Provided technical assistance in the coordination of ambulance primary service areas.
- Disaster drill planning
- CISM Program
- Survey coordination
- Legislative activities
- Develop and revise Regional Protocols
- Training and Equipment Grant Program
- Policy development
- Ambulance service audit services
- Provided communications technical assistance.
- Provided educational materials for school programs.
- Provided promotional materials to services for "National Emergency Medical Services Week."
- Updated and maintained regional reference library including CPR manikins and videotapes.
- Hosted "Gift of Life Project" in conjunction with Minnesota State Patrol.

## **Fiscal Year 1998 Activities by County:**

### **- Blue Earth County**

Defib Training - Amboy - 1997  
Safety Camp - Blue Earth County - July, 1997  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - August, 1997  
Defib Training - St. Clair - September, 1997  
Combi-tube Training - Lake Crystal - October, 1997  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - January, 1998  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - April, 1998  
DWI Program - Lake Crystal - April, 1998

### **- FY '98 Equipment Grants**

Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office  
Madison Lake Police  
Amboy / Vernon Center Police  
Lake Crystal Police  
Gold Cross Ambulance  
Lake Crystal Ambulance  
Amboy Fire/Rescue  
Eagle Fire/Rescue  
Good Thunder Fire/Rescue  
Madison Lake Fire/Rescue  
St. Clair Fire/Rescue  
Vernon Center Fire/Rescue

### **- Brown County**

Initial Defibrillator Training - Hanska - July, 1997  
Defib Refresher Training - Sleepy Eye - February, 1998  
Combi-tube Initial Training - Sleepy Eye - April, 1998

### **- FY '98 Equipment Grants**

New Ulm Police  
Springfield Police  
New Ulm Medical Center Ambulance  
Sleepy Eye Ambulance  
Springfield Ambulance  
Comfrey First Responders

- Working with Comfrey Fire and First Responders on disaster related issues.

- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
  - Replacement of First Responder Vehicle
  - Other smaller issues

- **Faribault County**

- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - July, 1997
  - Combi-tube Training - Winnebago - September, 1997
  - Documentation Training - Bricelyn - February, 1998
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - March, 1998
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - May, 1998

- FY '98 Equipment Grants

- Elmore Ambulance
  - Kiester Ambulance
  - Minnesota Lake Ambulance
  - United District Hospital Ambulance
  - Winnebago Ambulance
  - Easton Fire/Rescue
  - Walters Fire/Rescue

- **LeSueur County**

- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - September, 1997
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - November, 1997
  - Ambulance Spec Writing - LeCenter - 1997
  - Defib Training - LeCenter - 1997
  - Ambulance Audit - Montgomery - 1997/1998
  - Defib Training - Montgomery - January, 1998
  - Scene Safety Training - LeSueur - February, 1998
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing - March 1998
  - Pediatric Emergency Care Course - Montgomery - Apr., '98
  - DUI Awareness Program - Montgomery - April, 1998
  - Tornado Disaster Assistance - LeSueur County - April, '98
  - Pediatric Emergency Care Course - LeSueur - April, 1998
  - Documentation Training - New Prague - April, 1998
  - Ambulance Audit - LeCenter - May, 1998

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