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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EC RDC COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EXPANDED TO INCLUDE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES STARTING UP OR EXPANDING IN REGION 7E.

In April of 1994 the EC RDC received approval by the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) that \$318,000 in federal funds had been approved for the EC RDC to establish a revolving business loan fund within Region 7E. Cities and counties in Region 7E pledged another \$106,000 in local funds as match to the federal funds. In addition to these funds, private lenders and power companies agreed to coordinate and "pool" some of their business loan resources with the EC RDC revolving loan fund, expanding the total resources available by \$400,000 or more. The revolving loan fund program of the EC RDC has as its primary objectives creation of full-time (non seasonal) jobs that pay higher than minimum wages, making loans that will increase the tax base within the region by at least \$1 million, assisting minority and women owned businesses, and attracting at least \$5 million in private financing to revolving loan

fund funded projects. Another objective is supporting businesses that are able to continue using their own resources rather than relying on additional funds from the revolving loan fund of the EC RDC. The EC RDC expects to have the revolving loan fund program up and going early next fiscal year.

During FY1994 the EC RDC continued to emphasize providing technical planning and grantsmanship services to units of government and others within the region. Technical assistance was provided to the City of Wyoming (Chisago County) in completion of a pre-application and final application to the Economic Development Administration requesting \$1 million in federal funds to assist the city in expansion of its wastewater treatment facilities to accommodate major business and industrial as well as service sector expansions. Other technical assistance provided during FY1994 included assisting other communities in accessing resources for sewer and water expansions, and providing an array of services that assist communities in general economic and community development activities.

TRANSPORTATION

During FY1994 the EC RDC's role in transportation issues increased greatly. EC RDC staff assisted the MN Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) in implementation of ISTEA, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which provides significant resources to Minnesota, local units of government and others to address transportation needs. EC RDC supported an active regional transportation advisory committee, participated on the

MN/DOT District 3 Areawide Transportation Partnership, worked extensively with Chisago County and MN/DOT staff in decisions pertaining to which MN/DOT District Chisago County should relate to (District 3 or Metro), and Pine County, which lies within MN/DOT Dist. 1. The EC RDC played a central role in project solicitation and the prioritization of ISTEA and transit funding requests, which resulted in submission of funding requests for road and bridge

improvements, enhancements and transit totalling in excess of \$10 billion in federal and state transportation funds over the next three years. Other activities carried out during FY94 included carrying out an extensive MN/DOT funded transit needs study (see newsletter article, opposite page) and conducting a wetlands workshop for county and municipal elected and highway officials.

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

The arts in the region were highly supported through the East Central Arts Council. A successful year for the arts included awarding \$37,651 in grants to organizations and individual artists. A total of 33 projects in a variety of arts disciplines received grant monies which generated additional matching funds. Another highlight was the delivery of artist programs to 29 schools and other groups through the Artists-In-Schools & Communities Program. In addition, four issues of the Arts Quarterly focused on arts activity in our five county area.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

During FY94 the Area Agency on Aging program of the EC RDC continued to provide needed services to the older population of the region and agencies that serve the elderly. A total of 13 grants were approved which provided nearly \$545,000 in federal and state funds for services to the elderly. In addition to these funds, approximately \$380,000 were made available as local match and through contributions made by older recipients of services. Through these programs nearly 6,000 older persons in Region 7E (unduplicated count) received services that enhanced their quality of life. Services included congregate and home delivered meals, chore services, transportation services, legal education and hospice services, to name a few. In addition to these activities, Area Agency on Aging staff and advisory committee members were actively involved in advocacy in behalf of the elderly in Region 7E. Among these activities were work with the MN Regional Development Organizations (MRDO) and the MN Board on Aging in such areas as funding formula development, implementation of new rules and regulations which impact services for the elderly in rural areas, and various legislative issues.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ending June 30, 1994

	FY 1994 BUDGET	FY 1994 ACTUAL (Unaudited)	FY 1995 ADOPTED BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 117,365	\$ 118,731	\$ 131,287
MN Board on Aging	572,788	533,882	637,603
(includes pass-through funds)			
EDA	52,791	53,595	57,000
State Arts Board	72,182	62,836	75,660
(includes pass-through funds)			
State Transportation	37,000	37,000	37,000
County/Local Support-RLF	26,170	0	106,000
Federal-RLF	0	0	318,000
Contracts for Services	12,010	11,606	0
Interest/Other	12,327	13,848	14,069
Private Foundations	21,742	21,762	15,000
Registrations	5,649	5,870	5,500
(includes pass-through funds)			
MN/Dot-Federal Transit	21,786	20,261	0
DTED-Blueprint	14,200	14,200	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 966,010	\$ 893,591	\$1,397,119
EXPENDITURES:			
Personnel	\$ 172,767	\$ 172,347	\$ 167,970
Fringe	37,307	36,800	39,112
Telephone	6,018	5,562	6,020
Postage	9,645	9,024	8,383
Legal Notices	450	108	350
Printing/Publications	8,223	8,034	8,300
Copying	1,500	1,057	2,000
Audit	7,245	7,245	7,245
Vehicle Expense	2,400	2,248	2,400
Insurance/Bonds	4,000	3,477	4,000
Office Supplies	3,500	3,657	3,500
Maintenance of Equipment	300	356	300
Staff Travel	12,332	13,347	13,741
Registration/Conference Fees	2,637	2,869	2,800
Advertising	300	229	0
Miscellaneous	2,350	2,551	2,000
Rent	12,200	12,200	12,300
Service/Tech. Consultants	35,221	45,931	32,100
Advisory Committee	5,778	6,097	7
Commissioner's Expense	8,700	10,380	10,000
Membership/Subscriptions	6,345	4,837	6,750
Workshops/Seminars	150	0	300
Aging Annual Mtg/Mtg with Legis.	657	1,213	600
Capital Outlays-Equipment	1,370	1,226	900
Lease of Equipment/Car Payment	2,741	2,520	6,250
Aging Subcommittees	135	83	135
Contracted Services	14,142	11,483	11,528
Revolving Loan Fund	26,170	0	424,000
Aging - Pass-thru Grants	511,205	474,199	568,481
Arts - Pass-thru Grants	50,543	43,136	42,904
Blueprint-7W & 5	9,200	9,200	0
Aging Conf.	6,528	6,528	5,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 962,059	\$ 897,944	\$1,397,119
FY94 Fund Balance	3,951	(4,353)	
	\$ 966,010	\$ 893,591	\$1,397,119

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