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25 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CITIZENS
OF EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 1998
July 1, 1997—June 30, 1998

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EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ECRDC MISSION STATEMENT

The East Central Regional Development Commission 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, by providing technical assistance and by identifying and developing available resources. Our mission is to provide a leadership role as an advocate for East Central Minnesota to bring about positive change.

OFFICERS RECEIVED

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*Laurence Collin, Chairman
*Dick Jackson, Vice Chairman
*Nora Holt, Secretary/Treasurer

Roger J. Ames, Executive Director

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Tom Delaney, Chisago Co.
*Dick Jackson, Mille Lacs Co.
*George Larson, Isanti Co.
Frank Skaff, Pine Co.
Tom Roeschlein, Kanabec Co.

TOWNSHIP

REPRESENTATIVES

Frank Grundmeier, Pine Co.
Bill Hallstrom, Kanabec Co.
Melvin Larson, Isanti Co.
Gene Olson, Chisago Co.
Barbara Welty, Mille Lacs Co.

MUNICIPALITIES

REPRESENTATIVES

Clell Bone, Isanti Co.
David Christianson, Chisago Co.
Steven Long, Mille Lacs Co.
Wally Goldsmith, Kanabec Co.
Irene Sandell, Pine Co.

PUBLIC INTEREST

REPRESENTATIVES

Edie Brady, Mille Lacs Co.
*Laurence Collin, Isanti Co.
*Nora Holt, Chisago Co.
*Bill Jokela, Pine Co.
Dick Nehring, Kanabec Co.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Pat Fredrick, Northern Districts
Phil Rodriguez, Southern Districts

**Personnel & Budget (P&B) Subcommittee Members*

STAFF

Herman Bakker, East Central Area Agency on Aging
Bob Bollenbeck, Transportation
Sue Bowerman, Secretary
Nancy Hoffman, Economic Development
Dorothy Jones, Finance Officer
Mary Minnick-Daniels, East Central Arts Council/Community Development
Trish Rydlund, Information/Office Manager

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

The ECRDC serves as the policy body for the East Central Arts Council, which is appointed by the Commission. The Arts Council, which has representatives from each of the five counties, develops an arts development plan for the region which is aimed at artistic and cultural enrichment of the area. The program, using funds made available by the Minnesota State Legislature and The McKnight Foundation, supports local artists and community art activities including community theater, art shows, art activities in schools, and the Image Art Show. Over the years, literally hundreds of grants have been approved to support art activities throughout the region.



Lenore Whitney Karash, Chair

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Lenore Whitney

Karash, Chair

Robert Briscoe

Jerelyn Delak

Linda Evans

Pam Jambeck

Sara Longworth-

Koehn

Rosemary Riskin

Rebecca Utech

STAFF

Mary Minnick-Daniels

ECAC MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the East Central Arts Council is to "improve the quality of the arts in Region 7E by facilitating the development of arts organizations and promoting the growth of individual artists."

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The ECRDC carries out activities which keeps Region 7E an approved district of the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). An Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) plan is developed and serves as the basis for operation of economic development activities carried out by the ECRDC. These activities include implementing a work program which contains goals and objectives which lead to the economic development of the area, operation of the ECRDC Revolving Loan Fund, coordinating with and supporting economic development of other groups, and providing technical assistance to cities and others in such efforts as applying to the EDA for public works grants.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Wesley Geurkink, *Chair*

Dennis Cunningham

Milan DeWitt

Arleen Heins

James Herbert

Greg Hohlen

Dick Jackson

John Jackson

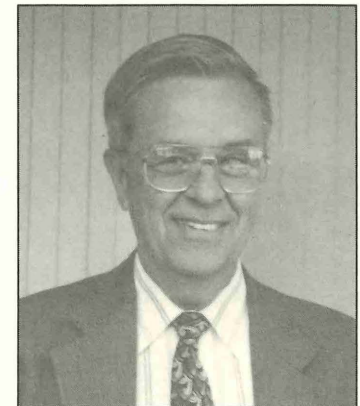
Tom Lambrecht

Bruce Montgomery

John Sparling

STAFF

Nancy Hoffman



Wesley Geurkink, Chair

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES:	FY 1998 Adopted Budget	FY 1988 Actual Unaudited	FY1999 Estimated Budget
Taxes	\$ 158,653	\$ 160,220	\$ 169,327
MN Board on Aging	609,233	532,835	610,179
EDA	50,889	49,827	53,000
State Arts Board	143,708	135,309	143,708
State Transportation	50,000	50,000	50,000
RLF-IRP—County/Local	20,482	46,182	20,482
RLF-EDA/IRP—Federal	180,947	135,810	100,000
RLF-EDA/IRP—Interest/Fees	30,622	31,916	36,000
RLF-EDA/IRP—Repayments	64,197	85,416	83,215
Contracts for Services	25,171	25,267	51,192
Interest/Other	11,376	11,240	8,900
McKnight Foundation	20,000	19,879	20,000
Transit	2,622	2,622	2,964
EDA-GIS	0	0	49,151
MN/DOT—Scenic Byways	8,017	8,017	0
CMIF	5,000	2,292	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,380,917	\$1,296,832	\$1,398,118

EXPENDITURES:	FY 1998 Adopted Budget	FY 1988 Actual Unaudited	FY1999 Estimated Budget
General Fund	\$ 105,513	\$ 100,409	\$ 106,482
RLF-EDA/IRP Administration	30,055	34,370	28,976
Scenic Byways	11,442	10,415	0
CMIF-Housing Study	5,000	2,292	0
State Arts—Administration	69,205	69,612	70,141
McKnight Arts—Administration	4,200	4,401	4,200
State Transportation	68,439	70,834	88,031
Transit	3,192	3,196	2,964
Aging Program	85,387	85,558	98,747
EDA	67,852	67,653	70,667
EDA-GIS Program	0	0	80,943
TA Contracts	28,526	29,538	4,913
Aging—Pass-through Grants	542,718	467,396	533,644
Arts—Pass-through Grants	91,179	81,175	89,367
RLF Loans	201,429	222,000	182,697
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,314,137	\$1,248,849	\$1,361,772

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	66,780	47,983	36,346
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Year Ending June 30, 1998

EAST CENTRAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The ECRDC serves as the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the five county region. With funds made available through the Older American's Act of 1965, the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Minnesota State Legislature, grants are approved to provide needed services to the region's elderly. These services include congregate and home delivered meals, legal services, transportation and in-home services, to name a few. The program is served by an active advisory committee which plays a central role in the decision-making process.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Edie Brady, *Chair*
LeRoy Browen
M. Dorothy Hanson,
Vice-Chair
Dick Jackson
Alice Jaloszynski
George Larson
Melvin Larson
Jack L'Heureux
Steve Moss
Lolita Paquette
Irene Peno
Roger Sellman
Connie Strandberg
Fran Strodman
Wendy Thompson
Ralph Voge



Edie Brady, Chair

STAFF
Herman Bakker

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM

The ECRDC, along with the transportation advisory committee, plays a very significant role in decisions regarding allocation of state and federal funds for road and other improvements to the regions transportation system.

The ECRDC solicits projects from counties and others, ranks projects for funding and follows the projects through the system resulting in their inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). ECRDC staff, board and committee members sit on the Area Transportation Partnerships which serve MnDOT Districts within the region.



Julie Dresel, Chair

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Julie Dresel, *Chair*
Kenneth Anderson
Wayne Beesaw
Jackie Forner
Richard Heilman
Gordon Heitke
Kelvin Howieson
Melvin Larson
Richard Larson

David MacArthur
Greg Nikodym
John Stieben
Barbara Welty
Brian Vollum
Steve Voss

STAFF:
Bob Bollenbeck

ECRDC REGRANTING & REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAMS

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL (ECAC) PROGRAM

ECAC-McKnight Scholarships K-12	\$1,350
ECAC-McKnight Individual Arts Grants	7,028
Art In Our Schools Grants	9,614
McKnight Art Organization Grants	7,000
Art Organization Small Grant Program	3,145
Art Organization Project Grants	52,038

EAST CENTRAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Contracts entered into for services — 1/1/98-12/31/98

Congregate Meals	158,279
Home Delivered Meals	79,980
Support Services (transportation, hospice, legal, outreach, etc.)	92,932

Contracts and Grants entered into for services—1/1/97-12/31/97

Congregate Meals	161,864
Home Delivered Meals	92,784
Support Services	83,449

REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOANS—FY'98

	RLF Amount	Total Financing
Fine Line Retrievers	\$35,000	\$170,800
A & N Feeding Time	32,000	118,613
T & L Nifty Products, Inc.	50,000	250,000
Naslen Machining	30,000	135,000
Bobwhite Company	75,000	254,000

DATA AND INFORMATION CENTER

The ECRDC is a designated census data center and provides a whole range of data and information to units of government and citizens of the region. Statistical data on the region's population, other demographical data, the region's economy and physical characteristics are available through the Data and Information Center. The Center is served by state of the art "on line" technology. This makes easy access to the most current data from anywhere in the country available to our units of government and citizens.

STAFF: Trish Rydlund

GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Since its formation, providing technical assistance in planning and program development has been a core service of the East Central Regional Development Commission. Examples of services provided by the ECRDC are technical assistance with service and program development in: human services, transportation services, grantsmanship services in community development, housing, comprehensive land use planning and zoning.

REGION 7E

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