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+MAgNet-TM is a radically different nonprofit agri-food Online ‘Think & Link Tank’ that offers a holistic and principled approach to problem solving, innovative models, and entrepreneurial support. The Mission of +MAgNet-TM is to: A) identify (research)
www.mnagnet.com

Counties served: All

Services are fee-based.

AgriBank, FCB
Dave Ladd
375 Jackson Street
St. Paul MN 55101
dave.ladd@agribank.com
(651) 282-8529
AgriBank and the 17 associations within the AgriBank Farm Credit District provide credit and other services to approximately 225,000 agricultural producers and rural homeowners. The District has 4,315 association employees and total assets in excess of $40 billion. Credit is available to help farmers and ranchers finance land, machinery, housing, seed, feed, chemicals and other needs. Multi-peril, crop-hail and life-disability insurance are also available, as well as record-keeping services, tax preparation and estate planning.
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Agriculture, Energy, Renewable Energy,
Partners sought: Agriculture, Economic Development

AgStar Financial Services
Ken Reiners
1921 Premier Drive
Mankato MN 56001
ken.reiners@agstar.com
507-649-1273
Provides municipal equipment leasing services, and private water & waste water bond or loan funding for communities under 20,000 in population or private developments in rural areas.
www.agstar.com

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Agriculture, Financial, Forestry, Housing, Sewer, Water, Renewable Energy
Partners sought: Housing, Sewer, Water, Renewable Energy, Rural Development

Alexandria Technical College
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Alexandria MN 56308
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info@minnesotaruralpartners.org • Phone: (651) 645-9403 • Fax: (651) 646-3818
A premier Technical College serving approximately 3,200 students annually with more than 45 major programs of study and internationally recognized learning partnerships.

www.alextech.edu

Counties served: All


Services are fee-based.

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Arrowhead Library System
Jim Weikum
5528 Emerald Avenue
Mountain Iron MN 55792
jim@arrowhead.lib.mn.us
(218) 741-3840

Regional library services agency serving public libraries and citizens in the seven-county "Arrowhead" region of northeastern Minnesota.

www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us

Counties served: Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, St. Louis County

Issues addressed: (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Information and literacy resources

Partners sought: (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Social Services, Technology, Telecommunications

Services are free.

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Arrowhead Regional Development
Allen Rasmussen
116 Park Ave.
International Falls MN 56649
arasmussen@rrcc.mnscu.edu
218-240-1899

Economic Development of the Region
www.ardc.org

**Counties served:** Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, St. Louis County

**Issues addressed:** Economic Development, Senior Citizens, Regional Planning

Services are fee-based.

### Benton County Economic Development

Nancy Hoffman  
PO Box 129  
Foley MN 56329  
nhoffman@co.benton.mn.us  
320/968-5071

Provide assistance to businesses located or locating in Benton County including loan funds, site selection, and a resource to other resources.

[www.co.benton.mn.us](http://www.co.benton.mn.us)

**Counties served:** Benton County

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Financial, Rural Development


Services are free.

### BizPathways

1533 Grantham St.  
St Paul MN 55108  
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org  
651-645-9403

An online service that connects entrepreneurs to resources based on location, industry, and need. Also provides interactive business plan templates and online communities.

[http://www.bizpathways.org](http://www.bizpathways.org)

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development, Labor

**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development

Services are free.

### Blandin Foundation

Bernadine Joselyn, Dir Public Policy & Engagement  
100 North Pokegama Ave  
Grand Rapids MN 55744  
brjoselyn@blandinfoundation.org  
218.327.8738

Blandin Foundation, Minnesota’s largest rural-based private foundation is located in Grand Rapids MN. Its mission is to strengthen rural Minnesota communities, especially the Grand Rapids area, through grants, leadership development programs and public policy initiatives.

[www.blandinfoundation.org](http://www.blandinfoundation.org)

**Counties served:** Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Big Stone County, Blue Earth County, Brown County, Carlton County, Cass County, Chippewa County, Chisago County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Cook County, Cottonwood County, Crow Wing County, Dodge County, Douglas County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Grant County, Houston County, Hubbard County, Isanti County, Itasca County, Jackson County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, Kittson County, Koochiching County, Lac qui Parle County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, Le Sueur County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Martin County, Meeker...
County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Mower County, Murray County, Nicollet County, Nobles County, Norman County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Pine County, Pipestone County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rice County, Rock County, Roseau County, St. Louis County, Sherburne County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Steele County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wabasha County, Wadena County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Wilkin County, Winona County, Wright County, Yellow Medicine County

**Issues addressed:** Arts & Culture, Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, (Higher Ed), Forestry, Leadership Training, Native American, Policy, Rural Development, Social Services, Telecommunications, Early Childhood Development

Services are free.

**Blandin Foundation's Get Broadband Project**

100 North Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids MN 55744
broadband@blandinfoundation.org
218-327-8738

Get Broadband is a community-based program dedicated to increasing the use of broadband-based technologies to make your community, its residents and its institutions more productive, efficient and competitive.

http://www.blandinfoundation.com/bsite/index.htm

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Technology, Telecommunications

**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development

Services are free.

**Blue Sky Project**

Claire de la Witt
310 Riverside Dr. NE
St. Cloud MN 56304
meden@astound.net
320-259-9240

Public made public art promoting community health and ethics.

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Arts & Culture, City wide beautification to enhance/maintain

**Partners sought:** Housing, Senior Citizens, facilitate goal making, demonstrate unity, equality

Services are fee-based.

**Bush Leadership Fellows Program**

Martha Lee
E900 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota St
St Paul MN 55101
mlee@bushfound.org
651-227-0891

Helping Men and Women at mid-career become better leaders

www.bushofoundation.org

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Any Career Field

Services are free.

**Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce**

Kathi Schaff
140 Buchanan St North Suite 174
Cambridge MN 55008
chamber2@izoom.net
Cellular One
Naomi Larson
224 E. Central Entrance
Duluth MN 55811
naomi.larson@dobson.net
218-336-3607
Cellular phones, accessories, data products such as BlackBerry, TREO, data cards for laptops.

www.celloneusa.com

Counties served: Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Big Stone County, Carlton County, Cass County, Cook County, Crow Wing County, Douglas County, Grant County, Hubbard County, Itasca County, Kanabec County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Otter Tail County, Pine County, Pope County, St. Louis County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wadena County, Wilkin County

Issues addressed: Any consumer or business needing cellular services


Services are fee-based.

Center for Community Change
Sydney Beane
520 Vinewood Ln N
Plymouth MN 55441
sbeane@communitychange.org
763-545-1626
National Community Organizing Intermediary

www.centerforcommunitychange.org

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Housing, Native American, Community Organizing and Develop focus media

Partners sought: Energy, Technology

Services are free.

Center for Rural Design, University of Minnesota
Dewey Thorbeck
277 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave.
St Paul MN 55108
thorb001@umn.edu
612-624-9273
The Center for Rural Design (CRD) is an intercollegiate center organized in the summer of 1997 by the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota. The objective of CRD is to focus expertise in these two colleges, as well as other centers and colleges within the University of Minnesota, on diverse physical, social, and economic problems facing rural Minnesota.

http://ruraldesign.coafes.umn.edu/

Counties served: All


Services are fee-based.

Center for Rural Policy & Development
Jack Geller, President
600 S Fifth Street, Suite 211
St. Peter MN 56082
info@ruralmn.org
507 934-7700
Conducts research and makes rural information available to Minnesota policymakers at state and local level. RMJ: Rural Minnesota Journal Atlas of Minnesota On-line
www.ruralmn.org

Counties served: All


Services are free.

Center for Small Towns - U of MN, Morris
David Fluegel
110 Community Services Building
Morris MN 56267
fluegel@morris.umn.edu
320 589-6451
The Center for Small Towns is a community outreach program housed at the University of Minnesota, Morris and serves as a point-of-entry to the resources of the University of Minnesota. Small towns, local units of government, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations, and other University units are able to utilize the Center's resources as they work on rural issues or make contributions to rural society. The following are services offered by the Center: primarily (not exclusively) west central Minnesota, mix of free and fee-based services, Data and Research (no geographic limit, fee-based), Planning and Evaluation (fee-based), Student Involvement, Information Technology (fee-based), Brokering Resources, Conversation Series, Symposium on Small Towns
www.centerforsmalltowns.org

Counties served: Clay County, Douglas County, Grant County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, Meeker County, Otter Tail County, Pope County, Renville County, Stearns County, Swift County, Traverse County, Wilkin County, Yellow Medicine County


Services are fee-based.

Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
Will Craig
330 HHH Center, 301 19th Ave S.
Minneapolis MN 55455
Graduate student research for RURAL communities
www.cura.umn.edu/cap.php

Counties served: Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Big Stone County, Blue Earth County, Brown County, Carlton County, Cass County, Chippewa County, Chisago County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Cook County, Cottonwood County, Crow Wing County, Dodge County, Douglas County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Grant County, Houston County, Hubbard County, Isanti County, Itasca County, Jackson County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, Kittson County, Koochiching County, Lac qui Parle County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, Le Sueur County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Martin County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Mower County, Murray County, Nicollet County, Nobles County, Norman County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Pine County, Pipestone County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rice County, Rock County, Roseau County, St. Louis County, Sherburne County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Steele County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wabasha County, Wadena County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Wilkin County, Winona County, Wright County, Yellow Medicine County

Partners sought: MN Initiative, Regional Sustainable Partners

Services are free.

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services
Barb Chaffee
106 Pine Street
Monticello MN 55362
bchaffee@cmjts.org
763-271-3715

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services is a non-profit employment and training agency. For over 20 years, we have helped make connections between business and skilled job seekers in Central Minnesota. We are proud to be a partner in the Minnesota WorkForce Center System.

www.cmjts.org

Counties served: Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Pine County, Renville County, Sherburne County, Wright County

Issues addressed: Workforce

Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Human Services, Labor, Rural Development, Social Services, Workforce

Services are free.

Central MN Jobs and Training Services
Dennis Tollefson
1575 E. Hwy 95
Cambridge MN 55008
dtollefson@cmjts.org
(763) 689-7064

A non-profit organization providing employment and training Services to eligible job seekers and business services

www.cmjts.org

Counties served: Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Pine County, Renville County, Sherburne County, Wright County

Issues addressed: Workforce
Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Human Services, Labor, Rural Development, Social Services, Workforce
Services are free.

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE)
Pamela Post
SCSU, Miller Center 130-D, 720 4th Ave. So.
St. Cloud MN 56301-4498
papost@stcloudstate.edu
320-308-2950
CMLE provides advocacy and library support services in twelve counties to 282 of the following
types of libraries: public, academic, K-12, hospitals, prisons, and historical societies. Our
organization arranges loans of books and materials between our 282 member libraries to best
serve the end user at a time when book budgets are tight and increased collaboration is needed.
http://www.cmle.org

Counties served: Aitkin County, Benton County, Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec
County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Pine County, Sherburne County, Stearns County,
Todd County, Wright County

Issues addressed: Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Civic Engagement,
Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Historic
Preservation, Leadership Training, Youth

Partners sought: Cooperatives Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed)
Services are free.

Chicano/Latino Affairs Council
Sonia Cordero
60 Empire Drive
St. Paul MN 55101
clac@state.mn.us
651-284-4129
The primary mission of the CLAC is to advise the governor and state legislature on issues of
importance to Minnesota’s Chicano/Latino communities. In addition, CLAC serves as the liaison
between state government and Minnesota’s Chicano/Latino community. CLAC educates state
legislators and agency heads, the media and the general public about the accomplishments of
Chicano/Latino, and raises general awareness about the problems facing Chicano/Latinos. CLAC
also serves as a referral agency, ensuring that Chicano/Latinos are connected to the appropriate
state and community organizations to address concerns ranging from emigration and public
assistance to discrimination and education. Bilingual Directory of agencies serving the community
www.clac.state.mn.us

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Immigration, Information & Referral
Services are free.

Child Care Choices
Darlene M. Johnson
2901 Clearwater Road
St Cloud MN 56301
dmj@childcarechoices.net
320-251-5081 ext. 13
Child Care Choices provides training, advocacy and support services, including the food and
nutrition financial assistance program for family based child care providers, support services for
grandparents and other relatives providing care for children when parents are not able or
available, and information and referral for parents on a variety of issues concerning their children,
including how to choose a good child care provider.
www.childcarechoices.net

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Child Care, Education, Senior Citizens, Nutrition
Partners sought: (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Human Services, Immigration, Native American, Senior Citizens, Social Services
Services are free.

Chisago County Senior Center
Dawn Cash
38790 6th Ave
North Branch MN 55056
dcash@sherbtel.net
651-674-8658
To provide a Senior Center that is a focus point on aging, where older adults join together for services, activities and special events. To be a resource, informational, charitable organizations that can help pursue: Social, Educational, Spiritual, Charitable and Recreational services and activities. Respond to their needs, interests, and dignity, support their independence and encourage the involvement with their skills and experiences they have to offer to our Center and the community. We offer a variety of different classes within these categories: Health, Education, Recreational, Information resources and referrals, Mentoring, Crafts, and Volunteers. We serve Meals Monday - Friday at 12:00.
Counties served: Chisago County
Issues addressed: Education, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Public Facilities, Senior Citizens
Partners sought: Civic Engagement, Education, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Housing, Human Services, Planning, Senior Citizens
Services are free.

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)
Melissa Pawlisch & Joel Haskard
U of M, 411 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle
St Paul MN 55108
pawl0048@umn.edu haska004@umn.edu
612-624-2293 612-625-8759
Connecting citizens with the technical resources needed to identify and implement community-scale renewable energy & energy efficiency projects.
www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org
Counties served: All
Services are free

Communicating for Agriculture Exchange Program
Peter Risbrudt
112 E. Lincoln Ave.
Fergus Falls MN 56538
peter@cainc.org
1-800-432-3276
The CA International Exchange Program is a 20 year old international exchange program offering practical training for young people in several fields of agriculture. CAEP offers outbound opportunities for young Americans training overseas in 13 countries. CAEP's inbound program places trainees from more than 45 foreign countries on host farms, ranches, wineries, equine operations, agribusinesses, horticulture businesses, and other agricultural host operations
throughout the country. CAEP is the largest agricultural exchange program of its type in the U.S. Communicating for Agriculture has also launched a new domestic formal Apprenticeship Program for U.S. workers which combines practical training, with on-line applied education, to earn a formal apprenticeship certificate and a start of a new career. The first apprenticeship program is in horticulture, and combines CA host training with educational courses through the University of Minnesota-Crookston. The second CA Apprenticeship Program will be in enology, and will initially be started in California. Additional ag-related apprenticeship programs are to be developed, involving CA's extensive member host operations and other educational institutions. CAEP and CAAP are divisions of the national non-profit organization Communicating for Agriculture and the Self-Employed

http://www.caepinc.org

Counties served: All
Partners sought: Agriculture
Services are fee-based.

Community Assistantship Program (CAP)
Will Craig
301 - 19th Av S, #330
Minneapolis MN 55455
w craig@umn. edu
612-625-3321
CAP provides applied research assistance to community-based groups outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area. CAP matches the research and technical needs of community organizations with talented graduate and undergraduate students who can meet those needs.
http://www.cura.umn.edu/

Counties served: Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Big Stone County, Blue Earth County, Brown County, Carlton County, Carver County, Cass County, Chippewa County, Chisago County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Cook County, Cottonwood County, Crow Wing County, Dodge County, Douglas County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Grant County, Houston County, Hubbard County, Isanti County, Itasca County, Jackson County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, Kittson County, Koochiching County, Lac qui Parle County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, Le Sueur County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Martin County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Mower County, Murray County, Nicollet County, Nobles County, Norman County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Pine County, Pipestone County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rice County, Rock County, Roseau County, St. Louis County, Sherburne County, Scott County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Steele County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wabasha County, Wadena County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Wilkin County, Winona County, Wright County, Yellow Medicine County
Services are free.
Community Development of Morrison County, Inc.
Carol Anderson
316 East Broadway
Little Falls MN 56345
mcdc@fallsnet.com
320-632-5466
A not for profit economic development corporation that provides business assistance for businesses located or interested in locating in Morrison County. We also have a low interest loan program to assist business.

Counties served: Morrison County

Issues addressed: Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives
Development, Economic Development, Financial, Rural Development

Partners sought: Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, Education, Energy,
Financial, Forestry, Historic Preservation, Housing, Renewable Energy, Rural Development,
Technology, Telecommunications, Tourism, Workforce

Services are free

Community Technology Advisors Corp.
Bill Coleman
1732 Briarwood Avenue
Mahtomedi MN 55115
bill@communitytechnologyadvisors.com
651-491-2551

CTAC assists communities with technology-based economic development strategies, ranging from assessing and improving telecommunications infrastructure to maximizing the "e" capabilities of the community: e-commerce, distance education, and online learning, e-government and telehealth.
www.communitytechnologyadvisors.com

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development,
Technology, Telecommunications

Partners sought: Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning),
Health Care, Technology, Telecommunications

Services are fee-based.

Confederation of Somali Community in MN
Saeed Fahia
420 15th Ave S.
Minneapolis MN 55454
fahias@puc-mn.org
612-338-5282

CSCM is a mutual assistance organization that enhances the lives of Somalis
www.cscmn.org

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Community Development, Civic Engagement, Crime Prevention, (Community
Education & Lifelong Learning), Health Care, Housing, Immigration, Policy, Youth

Partners sought: (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Immigration, Leadership Training,
Policy, Youth

Services are free.

Corporation for National and Community Service
Sydney Campbell
431 7th St, Ste 2405
We are a federal agency administering the federal volunteer programs, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Foster Grandparent program and Retired Senior Volunteer program.

**Counties served:** All  
**Issues addressed:** Volunteer programs  
**Partners sought:** Senior Citizens  
Services are free.

**Crossroads Resource Center**  
Ken Meter  
7415 Humboldt Ave S  
Minneapolis MN 55423  
kmeter@crcworks.org  
(612) 869-8664  
Nonprofit research and development firm working in partnership with rural groups to measure local economic capacities, assess farm and food economies, and to evaluate community initiatives.

**Issues addressed:** Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, Energy, Forestry, Natural Resources, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Regional food initiatives  
**Partners sought:** Agriculture, Energy, Forestry, Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Regional food initiatives  
Services are fee-based.

**Datnet Mapping & Demographic Information**  
Jim Ramstrom  
658 Cedar Street  
St Paul MN 55155  
jim.ramstrom@state.mn.us  
651-201-2490  
Datnet includes demographic statistics and online mapping for Minnesota. Menu driven system allows user to access marketing and planning data down to block group level.

**Partners sought:** Social Services, Technology, Information Delivery for most categories  
Services are free.

**Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship**  
Terri Barreiro  
350 Simons Hall, Saint John's University  
Collegeville MN 56321  
tbarreiro@csbsju.edu  
320-363-2373  
www.csbsju.edu/cfe
**Counties served:** Benton County, Morrison County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, Wright County  
**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development, (Higher Ed), Human Services, Planning, Social Services  
**Partners sought:** Business Development, Education, (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training, Rural Development  
Services are free.

**Dovetail Partners**  
4801 N. Hwy 61, Suite 108  
White Bear Lake MN 55110  
info@dovetailinc.org  
651-762-4007  
Dovetail Partners is a nonprofit organization that collaborates to develop unique concepts, systems, programs, and models to foster sustainable forestry and catalyze responsible trade and consumption. Dovetail has an Eco-Affordable Housing Program. Through this program, Dovetail is pursuing a unique approach to rural economic development, by partnering with local communities to identify existing unmet demand for competitively priced housing, and to provide the training and development programs that enable local businesses to utilize local resources to meet that need profitably. The goal is to use this process to develop the skill sets of participating businesses to the point where they ultimately are able to serve larger markets outside their region, while minimizing the economic risks and failures often associated with that growth. The outcomes are thriving communities, profitable businesses, and sustainable forests.  
http://www.dovetailinc.org  
**Counties served:** All  
**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Conservation, Economic Development, Forestry, Housing, Natural Resources, Planning, Rural Development  
**Partners sought:** Community Development, Conservation, Economic Development, Forestry, Housing, Natural Resources, Policy, Rural Development

**Dyckman Free Library**  
Gail Christensen, Librarian  
345 Main Street West  
Sleepy Eye MN 56085  
lbtbd@tds.lib.mn.us  
507-794-7655  
Public library. Free internet access for everyone.  
**Counties served:** Brown County  
**Issues addressed:** Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Business Development, Community Development, Education, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Workforce, Youth, Information on all subjects and aspects of living  
**Partners sought:** Arts & Culture, (K-12), Senior Citizens  
Services are free

**EdVisions Cooperative**  
Doug Thomas  
501 Main Street  
Henderson MN 56044  
doug@edvisions.coop  
507-248-3738  
EdVisions Cooperative is a teacher professional practice providing professional development, payroll and benefit services and innovative school technical assistance to small and rural schools and districts.  
www.edvisions.coop  
**Counties served:** All
Issues addressed: Community Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning)
Partners sought: Arts & Culture, Community Development, Civic Engagement, Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Technology, Youth Services are fee-based.

Elderberry Institute
Tom Gossett, Associate Director
475 Cleveland Ave. North, Suite 322
St Paul MN 55104
tgossett@elderberry.org
Elderberry Institute is a non-profit Resource Center, helping communities start and maintain Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs and providing help to other community based non-profits who help support elders at home.
www.elderberry.org
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Community Development, Economic Development, Health Care, Human Services, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Vital Aging

Picture your ad here!
If you would like to reach people throughout Minnesota, consider placing an ad in the Minnesota Rural Resource Directory. Once you place an ad it will be available in all formats of the Directory (print and electronic). Ads are available for as little as $250 per year.
Contact Minnesota Rural Partners for more information.
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org

Eveleth Economic Development Authority
Tiffany Anderson
413 Pierce Street, City Hall
Eveleth MN 55734
eveleth@evelethmn.com
218-744-7479
The Eveleth EDA has an effective Community Development Revolving Loan Fund to do Gap financing, additionally a Storefront Renovation Loan Program for Eveleth Businesses and Historic Preservation Loan Program for Businesses. The EDA will assist in senior housing, residential land development, commercial, industrial and manufacturing development. Eveleth EDA uses the City of Eveleth Comprehensive Plan as a guideline for economic development. Eveleth EDA is also a partner with the Mesabi Range Community & Technical College which offers specialized training for companies locating in Northern Minnesota.
www.evelethmn.com
Counties served: St. Louis County
Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Workforce
Services are free.

**Experiment in Rural Cooperation/UMN SE Partnership**

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The Minnesota Legislature has provided funds to the University of Minnesota to promote sustainable development in agriculture, natural resources and tourism by establishing Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships throughout Minnesota. The Regional Partnerships link rural community priorities and University of Minnesota resources. The Experiment in Rural Cooperation is the Southeast Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. It encompasses the Mississippi River Blufflands and the Rochester Plateau, an area that includes Goodhue, Wabasha, Olmsted, Winona, Fillmore and Houston counties and parts of Dodge and Mower counties. The aim of the Partnerships is to encourage relations between communities and the University of Minnesota as a land grant institution. Citizens working in concert with University representatives can utilize their University to address community, economic and environmental opportunities in their communities. The development of community-based projects supported through the Experiment in Rural Cooperation is the responsibility of both community and University interests. A partnership that creates a learning experience for the University while providing practical resources for community-based initiatives is the ideal outcome. Rural areas in southeast Minnesota are experiencing changes resulting from large-scale shifts in America’s economy and social character. New technologies, global trade, changing demographics and land use pressures present difficult challenges to sustaining rural life and enhancing rural vitality. Addressing these challenges necessitates that the region’s citizens work together in focused ways on new solutions. The Experiment in Rural Cooperation is designed to facilitate this process by making available University resources and financial assistance to support community-based initiatives in agriculture, natural resources, and tourism. Specifically, the Experiment: *encourages the community and University to jointly define opportunities, problems and solutions;  
*provides opportunities for learning, research, and outreach to rural communities and citizens as well as University of Minnesota faculty and students; and  
funds projects that foster sustainable development and a homegrown economy that supports self-reliant communities and a healthy natural environment.

[http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/](http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/)

**Counties served:** Dodge County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Houston County, Mower County, Olmsted County, Rice County, Steele County, Wabasha County, Winona County


Services are free

**Explore Minnesota Tourism**

Colleen Tollefson  
100 Metro Square, 121 East 7th Place
Explore Minnesota is the State Tourism office. Services include advertising, media relations, travel publications group tour and packaged travel, international marketing, education, research and organizational partnership grants.

www.industry.exploreminnesota.com

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Tourism

**Partners sought:** Arts & Culture, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Tourism

Services are free

### Explore Minnesota Tourism-North central/West Region

Carol Altepeter
422 James Street, Suite One
Brainerd MN 56401
carol.altepeter@state.mn.us
218-828-2334  888-629-6466

Regional office Of Explore Minnesota Tourism serving 29 counties in Northwest and Central Minnesota

www.industry.exploreminnesota.com

**Counties served:** Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Cass County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Crow Wing County, Douglas County, Grant County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Lake of the Woods County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Norman County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Roseau County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, Stevens County, Todd County, Wadena County, Wilkin County

**Issues addressed:** Tourism

**Partners sought:** Arts & Culture, Community Development, Historic Preservation, Natural Resources

Services are free.

### Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

Curt Heidt, Community Investment Officer
907 Walnut
Des Moines IA 50309
cheidt@fhlbdm.com

The FHLB is a financial cooperative of member financial institutions. The bank offers loans, grants and technical assistance through its member base.

www.fhlbdm.com

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Community Development, Economic Development, Financial, Housing

**Partners served:** Community Development, Economic Development, Financial, Housing, Native American, Tribal

Services are free.

### Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Jacqueline King
90 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis MN 55401
jacqueline.king@mpls.frb.org
612-204-5470

The Community Affairs Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis promotes positive community development in the ninth federal reserve district, which includes all of
Minnesota. We particularly emphasize access to capital and credit for low- and moderate-income populations and communities.

**FiberFirst Minnesota**
Jim Erickson
erickson@fiberfirstmn.org
612-325-3009
FiberFirst Minnesota exists to facilitate the rapid, nation-leading deployment of Fiber to the Home (FTTH) throughout the state of Minnesota. FiberFirst Minnesota (FFMN) is a public interest, educational non-profit organization dedicated to helping bring world-class bandwidth at the speed of light all the way to the homes and businesses of telecommunications consumers throughout the state of Minnesota. FFMN and its members and sponsors offer educational conferences and private consulting seminars to bring local and national expertise to interested communities and all potential providers of FTTH.

http://www.fiberfirstmn.org

**Issues addressed:** All
**Counties are served:** All
**Services are free.**

**FinanceAvenue**
1533 Grantham St.
St Paul MN 55108
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org
651-645-9403
An online service that helps small businesses find funding resources based on their answers to seven questions

http://www.financeavenue.org

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development
**Counties are served:** All
**Services are free.**

**Global Citizens Network**
Linda Stuart
130 N. Howell St.
St Paul MN 55104
info@globalcitizens.org
651-644-0960/800-644-9292
Global Citizens Network (GCN) sends small teams of participants to rural communities around the world where they are immersed in the daily life of the community. Trips last one to three weeks, depending on the site, and each team is led by a trained GCN team leader. The team works on projects initiated by people in the local community, for the benefit of the community. Projects have included building a health clinic, renovating a youth center, planting trees, teaching in a primary school, and installing playground equipment. Projects may not be decided upon until shortly before the arrival of a GCN team. Participants should be aware that everything is subject to change. As worthwhile and fulfilling as the work you do will be, the true rewards come from
the cross-cultural learning which takes place on these trips. A unique and integral component of your experience includes daily activities of cross-cultural learning. You may test your skills making local food, learning a local dance, and discovering the history and rich traditions of the area. When you have the chance to learn first-hand about people from other cultures, you will feel connected to others in ways you may have never experienced before.

www.globalcitizens.org

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Community Development, Historic Preservation, Native American, Tourism, cultural immersion

Partners sought: Community Development, Native American

Services are fee-based.

Great River Regional Library

John Pepper
405 West St Germain
St. Cloud MN 56301
johnp@grrl.lib.mn.us
320-650-2500

Great River Regional Library is a family of 32 libraries in six counties of Central Minnesota. All 32 libraries share the same large collection of books, video tapes, DVD's, music CD's, audiobooks and other items. They are all on the catalog available online at www.griver.org. You can search our online catalog from home or at the library. All residents or property owners in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright Counties are eligible for a free library card.

www.griver.org

Counties served: Benton County, Morrison County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, Todd County, Wright County

Issues served: (Community Education & Lifelong Learning)

Services are free.

HBS Consulting, Inc.

Helene B Shear
400 Selby Avenue Suite G-1
St. Paul MN 55102
hbs@hbsconsultingusa.com
651-298-1903 ext 223

HBS Consulting, Inc. is a woman owned small business that provides technical assistance to organizations that focus on housing, health and human services and generally receive governmental funding. Organizations including Department of Human Services, Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Public Housing Agencies, Federal, State, County and City governments as well as not for profit agencies have been clients. Services are provided with an emphasis on Organizational Planning, Program Development and Compliance, Technical Writing, Governmental Relations, and Training and Education.

www.hbsconsultingusa.com

Counties served: All


Services are fee-based.

Health Careers Center

Tricia Todd
515 Delaware Street SE 2-565 Moos Tower
Minneapolis MN 55455
The Health Careers Center offers a variety of services for anyone interested in exploring health careers. From our on-line tool kits to in-person workshops you can explore health careers and prepare for application to programs at the University of Minnesota like dentistry, pharmacy, medicine, public health, nursing, veterinary medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical technology, mortuary science and many more. In addition, you can take both in person and web-based for credit courses designed to help you gain in-depth information about the range of health careers available and your personal fit with those careers. Additionally, the Health Careers Center sponsors the Health Career Investigators program for high school students interested in early exploration of health careers. We offer career and volunteer fairs and a monthly electronic newsletter (the E-Update), all can be found on our extensive Web site, www.healthcareers.umn.edu

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed)
Partners sought: (K-12)
Services are free.

Healthcare Education- Industry Partnership
Valerie DeFor, Interim Director
MN State Mankato- Myers Fieldhouse 124
Mankato MN 56001
valerie.defor@mnsu.edu
507.389.2140
Vision: To improve the health of Minnesotans through a well-educated and appropriately trained workforce, sufficient to meet the demand of citizens of Minnesota. Mission: Working in partnership to provide innovative leadership to guide the education and training of a high quality healthcare workforce in a rapidly changing industry. Partnership Development– Convener of partnerships to meet industry and educational demands Workforce Data– Coordinate and develop workforce data sources Curriculum Development– Expand healthcare training to link supply and demand Diversity/Community Health Worker Project– Diversify the healthcare workforce Workforce Policy– Educate policy makers on healthcare issues Nursing– Lead a variety of initiatives such as simulation and clinical coordination to meet demand for qualified nurses Allied Health– Identify education/industry needs and develop strategies to meet those needs K-12 Partnership– Expand health careers education, enhance math/science preparedness Clinical Laboratory– Increase visibility of clinical laboratory workforce issues
www.heip.org

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), Health Care, Policy, Workforce, Youth
Partners sought: Education, Policy, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Workforce, Youth
Services are free.

Hiawatha Broadband Communications
Mark Erickson
58 Johnson Street
Winona MN 56105
Mark.Erickson@hbci.com
507-830-0168
Triple play telecommunication provider that works with rural communities to help them realize their telecommunication vision.

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Technology, Telecommunications
Partners sought: Technology, Telecommunications
Services are fee-based.
Hibbing Economic Development Authority
Duane Northagen
401 East 21st Street
Hibbing MN 55746
dnorthagen@ci.hibbing.mn.us
(218) 262-3480  x-116
The Hibbing Economic Development Authority (HEDA) is the City of Hibbing's primary economic
development resource creating a positive impact on the community through networking, leverage,
funding, planning and public and private partnerships. Our primary vision is the expansion of the
Hibbing area economic base while maintaining a high quality of life.
www.hibbing.mn.us
Counties served: St. Louis County
Issues addressed: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Housing
Partners sought: Business Development, Economic Development, Housing, Workforce
Services are free

HousingLink
Colin Cox, Communications Coordinator
600 18th Avenue North
Minneapolis MN 55411
CCox@HousingLink.org
612-520-9229
HousingLink is a nonprofit, online affordable housing information resource. We provide
comprehensive rental housing and vacancy information, tools to help low-income housing
seekers and social service agencies navigate complex housing systems and access current and
accurate housing information. HousingLink also provides contracted services to local housing
authorities, government and housing organizations in area of research, program evaluation and
data management.
www.housinglink.org
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Community Development, Housing, Human Services, Planning, Policy,
Social Services, Technology
Partners sought: Community Development, Economic Development, Housing, Human Services,
Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Social Services, Technology, Workforce, Groups seeking
improved housing info in MN regions
Services are free.

Immigrant Development Center
Fowzia Adde
3350 35th Ave South
Fargo ND 58103
fowzia@pepp.org
701-241-8598
To provide a community that is safe and secure for immigrants, by working together to build
community power that is safe and secure by bringing people together, helping them to understand
and build their economy.
Counties served: Cass County, Clay County
Issues addressed: Economic Development, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning)
Partners sought: Agriculture, Community Development, Civic Engagement
Services are free.
**Initiative Foundation**
Karl Samp  
405 First St. SE  
Little Falls MN 56345  
ksamp@ifound.org  
320-632-9255  
Regional Foundation  
www.ifound.org  
**Counties served:** Benton County, Cass County, Crow Wing County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Pine County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, Todd County, Wadena County, Wright County  
**Issues addressed:** Community Development, Economic Development, Community Planning  
Services are free.

**Institute on Race and Poverty**
Dawn Hoover, Administrative Coordinator  
229 19th Avenue South, N150 Walter Mondale Hall  
Minneapolis MN 55455  
irp@umn.edu  
612-625-8071  
The Institute on Race and Poverty is a national research center located at the University of Minnesota Law School. Established in 1993, the Institute seeks to promote understanding of the issues confronting racially segregated and low-income communities - communities caught at the intersection of race and poverty- and general fiscal, land use and governance issues in American metropolitan areas. The Institute conducts legal and social science research; compiles data and publishes reports; performs public policy analysis; consults with non-profit organizations, government agencies and policy makers; hosts regional and national conferences; serves as a clearinghouse of information for scholars and advocates; and provides technical and legal services to communities in need. Much of its current work is focused on the issues of social and economic separation, regionalism and opportunity structures in metropolitan areas.  
www.irpumn.org  
**Counties served:** All  
Services are free.

**Itasca Development Corporation/Jobs 2020**
Peter McDermott  
12 Northwest 3rd Street  
Grand Rapids MN 55744  
peterm@itascadv.org  
218-326-9411  
Non-profit organization whose mission is to help create quality jobs. IDC/Jobs 2020 provides business advisory service at no charge, recruits business to the Itasca County area and focuses community development efforts.  
www.itascadv.org  
**Counties served:** Itasca County  
**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Rural Development  
**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Financial, Housing, Labor, Planning, Rural Development, Technology, Telecommunications, Tourism, Transportation, Workforce, Youth
Services are free.

**James J. Hill Reference Library**

Jim Poole  
80 West Fourth Street  
St Paul MN 55102  
jimpoole@jjhill.org  
651-265-5555

The Hill Library helps people to build business plans and to learn more about their markets, prospects, and competitors. Our Library includes over 200,000 business volumes, 750 trade publications, 25 premium databases and the help of Librarians to help you in person, on line or over the phone. Access to the Library's business collection and business knowledge experts is available free of charge at the Library. If you can't come to the Library, we have an online membership that provides access to our most popular databases remotely. The Library also performs outsourced research for businesses that prefer not to do it themselves.  
www.jjhill.org

**Counties served:** All  
**Issues addressed:** Agriculture, Business Development, Economic Development, Planning, Entrepreneurship, sales, trade and export

**Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging**

Danica Robson  
115 South Main  
Warren MN 56762  
drobson@nwrdc.org  
218-745-6733

Provide services to keep seniors independent longer in their own homes and communities. An office is also located at 313 South Mill Street, Fergus Falls, MN to serve the southern part of the region.

**Counties served:** Becker County, Beltrami County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Douglas County, Grant County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Lake of the Woods County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Norman County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Roseau County, Stevens County, Traverse County, Wilkin County

**Issues addressed:** Planning, Senior Citizens, Vital Aging

Services are free.

**Latino Economic Development Center**

Ramon Leon  
1516 E. Lake St. Suite 201  
Minneapolis MN 55407  
ramon@ledc-mn.org  
612 724-5332

A non-profit, membership based economic development organization, which provides micro-entrepreneur training to individuals interested on starting or expanding their business in MN. Although LEDC is a state wide organization, and because of limited human resources capacity, LEDC is currently offering services in selected areas or MN where there is a community project (as of April 2006, Willmar, Worthington, and Austin MN).

www.ledc-mn.org

**Counties served:** Anoka County, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Kandiyohi County, Ramsey County, Scott County, Steele County

**Issues served:** Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development
Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training
Services are fee-based.

Picture your ad here!

If you would like to reach people throughout Minnesota, consider placing an ad in the Minnesota Rural Resource Directory. Once you place an ad it will be available in all formats of the Directory (print and electronic). Ads are available for as little as $250 per year.

Contact Minnesota Rural Partners for more information.
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org

LegalCORPS
Caroline Palmer
600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 390A
Minneapolis MN 55402
info@legalcorps.org
612-752-6678 or 1-888-454-5267
LegalCORPS provides pro bono legal assistance to income eligible nonprofits and small businesses throughout Minnesota. A small administrative fee ($50) is required to open a case but all legal services are free.
www.legalcorps.org
Counties served: All
Services are free.

Mid-MN Mississippi River RC&D
Pat Gehling
14 2nd Ave W
Foley MN 56329
pat.gehling@mn.usda.gov
(320) 968-5300
The goals of the Mid-MN Mississippi River Resource Conservation and Development are as follows: • Improved land utilization • Improved water quality and water quantity management • Increased economic, educational, environmental, and social opportunities and accelerated community development • Increased recreational opportunities • Improved agricultural industry opportunities.
Counties served: Benton County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, Wright County
Services are free.
Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers
Rob Smolund
3137 Chicago Ave South
Minneapolis MN 55416
rsmolund@mccdmn.org
612-789-7337x11
MCCD is an association of community development organizations committed to expanding the wealth and resources of neighborhoods through housing and economic development initiatives. Microloan Program: Working through our member organizations, we offer loans for businesses located within the Minneapolis city limits and various first ring suburbs. Financing is only part of the work we do. We also provide the advise, counseling and technical assistance that can mean the difference between success and failure. As part of a financing plan, our borrowers can receive help in planning, organizing and managing their businesses.
www.mccdmn.org
Counties served: Hennepin County
Issues addressed: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Financial, Housing, Policy
Services are free.

Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Mary Schmidt
MMC 501, 420 Delaware St. SE
Minneapolis MN 55455
mnahec@umn.edu
(612) 626-2380
Minnesota AHEC is a developing statewide network of community and academic partners working to promote rural health educational opportunities and address health workforce challenges unique to specific areas of the state. Through regional partnerships, the University of Minnesota and it schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and veterinary medicine are working with communities on strategies to ensure a vital health professions workforce into the future.
http://www.mnahec.umn.edu
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Education, (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Health Care, Workforce
Partners sought: Health care
Services are free

Minnesota Association of Co-ops
Amy Fredregill
400 Selby Avenue, Suite Y
St Paul MN 55117
amy.fredregill@wfcmac.coop
651-228-0213
MAC is the state-wide trade association for cooperative businesses in all industries, providing legislative, regulatory and educational resources to members.
www.wfcmac.coop
Counties served: All
Partners sought: Health Care, Rural Development
Services are fee-based.
Minnesota Board on Aging - Indian Elder Desk
Jackie Dionne
P.O. Box 64976
St Paul MN 55164
jackie.dionne@state.mn.us
651-431-2608

The MBA Indian Elder Desk serves as a resource for American Indian elders living on a reservation, a tribal community or in the urban community. The staff person to the Indian Elder Desk assists communities interested in developing long-term care services for elders. A major initiative of the Indian Elder Desk is Wisdom Steps; Preventive Health for American Indian Elders. For more information visit the web site listed in this directory.

www.wisdomsteps.org

Counties served: Native American, Senior Citizens, Tribal
Partners sought: Native American, Senior Citizens, Tribal, Vital Aging
Services are free.

Minnesota Campus Compact
John Hamerlinck
2356 University Avenue West
St Paul MN 55114-1853
johnhamerlinck@mncampuscompact.org
651-603-5091

Minnesota Campus Compact is a statewide coalition of 50 college and university presidents representing over 60 campuses committed to strengthening communities through campus-community partnerships and education for informed and active citizenship. We increase the capacity of faculty, staff and students at colleges and universities across Minnesota to address community-identified issues through professional development, grants and technical assistance. All our grants support partnerships between campuses and community organizations and either partner can serve as the fiscal agent. We actively promote the use of the under-utilized community development assets of colleges and universities both within our member network and with leaders in business, government, non-profits and K-12 education through our Web site, print publications, newsletters and public events.

www.mncampuscompact.org

Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Community Development, Civic Engagement, Economic Development, Education, (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training, Rural Development
Services are free.

Minnesota Entrepreneurial Gateway (MEG)
Jane Leonard
1533 Grantham St.
St Paul MN 55108
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org
651-645-9403

A community of service providers that connect you with online and on-the-ground resources you need to start and grow your businesses
http://www.minnesotagateway.net/

Counties served: all

Partners sought: Community Development, Economic Development, Education, Policy, Senior Citizens, Workforce, Youth

Services are free.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Devon Pohlman
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St Paul MN 55101
Devon.Pohlman@state.mn.us
651-296-8255
The MHFA Homes Division offers products and services to help Minnesotans buy and fix up their homes through our low interest rate loans and assistance programs. We believe YOU CAN achieve successful homeownership and we're here to help.

http://www.mhfa.state.mn.us

Counties: All

Issues addressed: Community Development, Housing


Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
Diana Yerbich
3801 Bemidji Ave. N, Suite 5
Bemidji MN 56601
diana.yerbich@mniac.org
218.755.3825
The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is the liaison between the State and the Minnesota Indian Tribes

www.mniac.org

Counties served: Beltrami County

Issues addressed: Community Development, Native American, Tribal

Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Native American, Tribal

Services are free.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
Steve Downer
3025 Harbor Lane North Suite 400
Plymouth MN 55447
sdowner@mmua.org

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www.mncampuscompact.org

Counties served: All

Services are fee-based.

**Minnesota Rural Partners**
Jane Leonard
1533 Grantham St.
St Paul MN 55108
info@minnesotaruralpartners.org
651-645-9403
MRP lifts up rural people and places. We promote rural-friendly policies, connect resources and develop tools that support rural economic and community development, share stories of rural innovation, and unite Minnesotans everywhere who understand the power of rural roots in our lives.
http://www.minnesotaruralpartners.org
Counties served: All
Services are free.

**Minnesota Small Business Development Centers**
Michael W. Myhre, State Director
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St Paul MN 55101
Michael.Myhre@state.mn.us
Minnesota Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) offer individual advice and guidance concerning the formation, management, financing and operation of your business through a statewide network of highly qualified, professional business consultants. Counseling is provided at no charge to qualified businesses. To qualify for counseling, the business must be "small" as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration, however, SBDCs may also assist businesses not defined as "small" when needed and resources allow. Committed individuals dedicated to starting a business are also eligible for counseling, however, the Minnesota SBDCs primary market is existing business aspiring to grow. Minnesota SBDC counselors have significant experience in the private sector, and most hold MBA and Ph.D. degrees in business and management. Many SBDCs also use qualified faculty, students and volunteers to further enhance their counseling services. SBDC counselors are highly regarded by their clients for their business skills and expertise.
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Business Development
Services are free.

**Minnesota State Community and Technical College - DL**
Bill Leff
900 Highway 34 East
Detroit Lakes 56501
bill.leff@Minnesota.edu
218-846-3700 or 800-492-4836
Community and Technical college offering two year degrees is a wide range of educational programs
www.minnesota.edu
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Education, (Higher Ed)
Services are fee-based.

Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI)
Wayne Pletcher, President and CEO
111 3rd Avenue South, Suite 120
Minneapolis MN 55401
wpletcher@mntech.org
612-373-2900
MTI was established in 1991 as an economic development organization designed to help small and mid-sized Minnesota companies gain competitive advantages by providing innovative business and technology solutions combined with in-depth insight about the companies and people on the state's technology scene. MTI specializes in business services, publications, and training & technical events that support business growth for the state's small and medium-sized businesses. Minnesota Technology, Inc. has one office in the metropolitan Twin Cities area and eight additional offices throughout Greater Minnesota. The field office locations include Moorhead, Bemidji, Duluth, Alexandria, Hutchinson, St. Cloud, Owatonna, and Rochester. Our field staff works closely with business leaders, local governments, and community economic development organizations throughout the state to generate program ideas and deliver business development products and services that are consistent with area economic development strategies. Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center, US Department of Commerce's National Institute for Standards in Technology (NIST).

www.minnesotatechnology.org
Counties served: All
Issues served: Technology
Partners sought: Community Development, Energy Workforce
Services are fee based.

MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development
1st Nat'l Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Ste E200
St Paul MN 55101
deed.customerservice@state.mn.us
651-297-1291 OR toll-free 800-657-3858
The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is the state's principal economic development agency, with programs promoting business recruitment, expansion, and retention; workforce development; international trade; and community development. The agency's mission is to support the economic success of individuals, businesses, and communities by improving opportunities for growth.
http://www.deed.state.mn.us
Counties served: All
Partners sought: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Rural Development, Workforce
Services are free.

New Ulm Public Library
Carolyn Baird
17 North Broadway
New Ulm MN 56073
cbaird@tds.lib.mn.us
507-354-8331
Hours: Mon-Thur 9:30 to 9 Fri and Sat. 9:30 to 9:00. We circulate print, audio, AV, rent equipment and meeting room space, offer patron internet access and wireless. Children's Story
Times 4 times a week, and a variety of other services. We offer a low vision service that loans equipment and aids individuals in finding services.

http://www.libraries.tds.lib.mn.us/newulm/

**Counties served:** Brown County  
**Issues addressed:** Arts & Culture, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning)  
**Partners sought:** Arts & Culture, Child Care, Civic Engagement, Education, (K-12), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Health Care, Human Services, Public Facilities, Rural Development, Social Services, Vital Aging  
Services are free.

**North Country Library Cooperative**  
Linda J. Wadman  
5528 Emerald Avenue  
Mountain Iron MN 55768  
lwadman@arrowhead.lib.mn.us  
(218) 741-1907  
Multicounty, multitype library system  
www.nclcmn.org  
**Counties served:** Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, St. Louis County  
**Issues addressed:** Arts & Culture, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Health Care, All types of libraries  
**Partners sought:** (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training, Technology, libraries  
Services are free.

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund**  
8355 Unity Drive Suite 100  
Virginia MN 55792  
info@entrepreneurfund.org  
800-422-0374  
Northeast Entrepreneur Fund is a private, non-profit organization that helps people start their own business by providing group training, 1:1 technical assistance and loans up to $100,000. We have offices in Grand Rapids, Duluth, Superior and Virginia. Our signature business planning curriculum, the CORE FOUR(r) Business Planning Course is available for individual or group purchase at www.corefouronline.org.

www.entrepreneurfund.org  
**Counties served:** Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cass County, Cook County, Crow Wing County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Pine County, St. Louis County  
**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development  
**Partners sought:** Business Development, Economic Development  
Services are free.

**Northeast Minnesota Area Health Education Center**  
Brendan L. Ashby, MPH, CHES  
750 E. 34th St.  
Hibbing MN 55746  
bashby1@range.fairview.org  
218-362-6153  
Through community-based initiatives, Northeast Minnesota AHEC works to promote rural health educational opportunities and address health workforce challenges unique to the region. The Northeast Minnesota AHEC is a not-for-profit, independent organization governed by a community-based board and works closely with the University of Minnesota, health care agencies and others committed to improving health in Minnesota. The primary goals of the Northeast Minnesota AHEC focus on: Expanding awareness of opportunities for health careers exploration
among K12 students  Supporting northeastern Minnesota students interested in health careers
Increasing the number of health professions students training in northeastern Minnesota
Supporting health professionals currently practicing in northeastern Minnesota communities
http://www.ahc.umn.edu/AHEC/northeast/about.html
We offer our courses and counseling online, too!
Counties served: Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cass County, Cook County, Crow Wing County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Pine County, St. Louis County
Partners sought: Community Development, Economic Development, Education, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), (K-12), (Higher Ed) Financial, Health Care, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Workforce
Services are free

Northern Lights Library Network
Ruth Solie
103 Graystone Plaza
Detroit Lakes MN 56501
nloffice@nlln.org
218-847-2825
Northern Lights Library Network is a multi-county, multitype library system facilitating cooperation between the academic, public, school, and special libraries in the 23 counties of west central and northwest Minnesota.
http://nlln.org
Counties served: Becker County, Beltrami County, Cass County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Crow Wing County, Douglas County, Grant County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Norman County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Roseau County, Stevens County, Traverse County, Wadena County, Wilkin County
Issues addressed: Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), Native American, Planning, Telecommunications, Libraries of all types
Partners sought: Arts & Culture, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Human Services, Leadership Training, Native American, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Technology, Telecommunications, Tribal, Workforce, Youth, libraries
Services are free.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Diane Morey or Dave West
4225 Technology Drive NW
Bemidji MN 56602
218.759.2057
Community foundation services in twelve counties of northwest Minnesota, including business loan programs.
www.nwmf.org
Counties served: Beltrami County, Clearwater County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Lake of the Woods County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Norman County, Pennington County, Polk County, Red Lake County, Roseau County
Services are free.

**Northwest Service Cooperative**
Jean Heinrichs  
114 West First St.  
Thief River Falls MN 56701  
jheinrichs@nw-service.k12.mn.us  
218-681-0892 or 218-681-0900 ext 118

Services are provided to all school districts and cities and counties and other governmental agencies in the 12 counties in Northwest Minnesota. Trainings, educational services, Building Official services, Health & Safety Services, Cooperative Purchasing, Health Insurance pools and Employee Worksite Wellness Program, student academics, Adult Basic Education, Media services for schools and drivers education are all offered. Pooling of school districts and cities and counties and other governmental agencies for health insurance and worksite wellness for employees.

www.nw-service.k12.mn.us

**Counties served:** Beltrami County, Clearwater County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Lake of the Woods County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Norman County, Pennington County, Polk County, Red Lake County, Roseau County

**Partners sought:** Education, (K-12), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Leadership Training, Technology, educational services for teachers and students

Services are fee-based.

**Office of Rural Health/Primary Care/MN Dept Health**
Mark Schoenbaum, Director  
PO Box 64882, 85 East Seventh Place, Suite 220  
St Paul MN 55164-0882  
mark.schoenbaum@health.state.mn.us  
651-282-3859

The mission of the ORHPC is to promote access to quality health care for rural and underserved urban Minnesotans. Some of our programs: Rural health policy and program development Hospital and clinic grants Health workforce data analysis Health prof shortage area designations Critical Access Hospitals Health professional loan forgiveness

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/orh_home.htm

**Counties served:** All  

**Issues addressed:** Community Development, Health Care, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Workforce

**Partners sought:** Community Development, Health Care, Human Services, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Workforce

Services are free.

**OutFront Minnesota**
Scott Fearing, Senior Director  
310 38th Street E, #204  
Minneapolis MN 55409-1337  
scott@outfront.org  
800-800-0350 ext. 111

The state's leading organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community

http://outfrontminnesota.org/index.html

**Counties served:** All  

**Issues addressed:** Community Development, Civic Engagement, Human Services, Policy, Social Services, Community Education; Anti-Violence; Legal Advocacy

**Partners sought:** Community Development, Civic Engagement, Human Services, Policy, Social Services, Community Education; Anti-Violence; Legal Advocacy
Services are free.

**PACER Simon Technology Center**  
Kristi Hansen  
8161 Normandale Blvd.  
Minneapolis MN 55437  
stc@pacer.org  
952-838-9000  
Provide assistive technology resources to persons with disabilities.  
www.pacer.org/stc  
**Counties served:** All  
**Issues addressed:** Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Technology, Youth, Persons with Disabilities  
Services are free.

**Partners For A Healthy Wadena Region**  
Paul Kinn  
PO Box 335  
Wadena MN 56482  
partnerswadena@hotmail.com  
218-632-5999  
**Counties served:** Otter Tail County, Todd County, Wadena County  
**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development, Historic Preservation, Rural Development  
**Partners sought:** Historic Preservation  
Services are free.

**Pine Technical College**  
James Stumne- Marketing Director  
900 4th St. SE  
Pine City MN 55063  
stumnej@pinetech.edu  
320-629-5100  
Pine Technical College offers a joint Associate of Arts degree that allows students the chance to achieve their first two years of a four-year degree on our campus. We also offer several Associate of Science degrees, diplomas and certificates. Our technical programs are designed to allow students a great opportunity to gain immediate employment.  
www.pinetech.edu  
**Counties served:** Anoka County, Chisago County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, Mille Lacs County, Pine County  
**Issues addressed:** Education  
**Partners sought:** Education  
Services are fee-based.

**Prairie Country RC&D Council**  
Randy Nelson, Coordinator  
1005 High Avenue N.E.  
Willmar MN 56201  
randy.nelson@mn.usda.gov  
320-231-0008 x5  
Prairie Country Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) is a local non-profit rural development organization which works cooperatively to promote economic, human and natural resource development.  
mn.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/prairie
Counties served: Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Renville County, Swift County, Yellow Medicine County


Services are free.

Redwood Area Development Corporation
Julie Rath, Economic Development Specialist
200 S. Mill Street -- PO Box 481
Redwood Falls MN 56283
julie@redwoodfalls.org
507-637-4004

The Redwood Area Development Corporation provides a full complement of community and economic development services to member communities of the Redwood Area. Our economic development services are free with membership to the RADC. Our grant writing/research are fee based on a member or non-member rate.

www.radc.org

Counties served: Redwood County


Services are free.

Region Nine Small Business Development Center
Bob Klanderud
1961 Premier Drive, Suite 268
Mankato MN 56001
robertk@rndc.mankato.mn.us
507-389-8875

We provide confidential business consulting, technical assistance and training seminars to existing and start-up businesses.

www.rndc.org

Counties served: Blue Earth County, Brown County, Faribault County, Le Sueur County, Martin County, Nicollet County, Sibley County, Waseca County, Watonwan County


Services are free

Renewing the Countryside
Jan Joannides
2105 1st Ave S.
Minneapolis MN 55405
info@rtcinfo.org
Renewing the Countryside is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides support and resources for individuals and communities who are looking for sustainable ways to strengthen their rural communities and reduce poverty. The organization does this by sharing stories of rural renewal, building public awareness of and support for sustainable endeavors, connecting people interested in sustainable rural development to each other, providing practical assistance and networking opportunities for people working to improve rural America, and fostering connections between urban and rural residents. In 2004, Renewing the Countryside launched Green Routes, a sustainable tourism initiative in Minnesota, in partnership with a number of local organizations. Green tourism enables a community or region to share its natural and cultural assets with visitors, but does so in ways that respect the natural world, involve the local community, and protect and enhance the local quality of life. This type of tourism can have positive economic benefits for depressed rural communities while also being thoughtful to maintain the community’s resources for future generations. Sustainable tourism represents an innovative, ecologically-minded, and potentially significant economic development strategy for rural communities.

www.renewingthecountryside.org

Counties served: All
Services are free.

Riverbend Center For Entrepreneurial Facilitation
Bryan Stading
209 South 2nd Street Suite 311
Mankato MN 56001
bstading@hickorytech.net
507-386-7285
RCEF is an award winning 501 C-3, non-profit, local business and entrepreneur development organization: that provides a grassroots, non-bureaucratic approach to identify, encourage and support homegrown innovation as an important economic development strategy. Then helps to turn those homegrown ideas into new jobs or retained jobs, while assisting individuals, entrepreneurs, inventors, non profit organizations, communities, and existing businesses to achieve their respective dreams and goals.

www.blueearthsmallbusiness.org

Counties served: Blue Earth County, Brown County, Cottonwood County, Faribault County, Le Sueur County, McLeod County, Marshall County, Martin County, Nicollet County, Redwood County, Sherburne County, Waseca County, Watonwan County
Partners sought: Agriculture, Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, Rural Development
Services are free.

Rural Electric Economic Development, Inc. (REED)
Linda Salmonson
121 SE First Street
Madison SD 57234
lsalmonson@eastriver.coop
605.256.8015
REED is non-profit loan fund serving parts of western and central Minnesota established and governed by rural electric cooperatives. REED makes loan in partnership with commercial lenders and other partners to assist in the areas of community facilities and infrastructure, small business and manufacturing and adding value to agriculture. For more information contact the following electric cooperatives in your area: Lyon Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Renville Sibley Cooperative Power Assn., Sioux Valley Energy, Traverse Electric Cooperative. www.eastriver.coop (REED Annual Report)

**Counties served:** Lincoln County, Lyon County, Pipestone County, Renville County, Rock County, Sibley County, Traverse County

**Issues addressed:** Agriculture, Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, Financial, Renewable Energy, Rural Development

**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Cooperatives Development, Economic Development, Rural Development

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**Saint Paul Public Library**

Ginny Brodeen  
1080 University Ave. W.  
St. Paul MN 55104  
ginny.brodeen@ci.stpaul.mn.us  
651-632-5123

Public libraries offer many free resources to anyone. Your Minnesota library card can be used at any other Minnesota Public Library system, with current identification. www.sppl.org

**Counties served:** Dakota County, Ramsey County


**Partners sought:** Arts & Culture, Community Development, Economic Development, Immigration, Senior Citizens, Social Services

Services are free.

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**Sisu Medical Systems**

Dan Svendsen CEO  
5 West First St.  
Duluth MN 55802  
dsvendsen@sisunet.org  
218-529-7948

Sisu Medical Systems is a cooperative organization owned by the 14 hospitals in rural MN that it serves. It provides high quality information technology that would be unaffordable if not provided in a cooperative venture. www.sisunet.org

**Counties served:** All

**Issues addressed:** Health Care, Technology, Telecommunications, Video Communications

**Partners sought:** Health Care, Technology

Services are fee-based.

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**Southcentral MN Inter-Library Exchange (SMILE)**

Nancy K. Steele  
1400 Madison Ave Suite 622
Library system service all types of libraries- academic, public, school media centers and special libraries- in the nine counties of south central Minnesota. The areas include cooperation and communication, advocacy, training, supporting interlibrary loan and delivery between libraries, vendor discounts

http://www.smilelibrary.info

**Counties served:** Blue Earth County, Brown County, Faribault County, Le Sueur County, Martin County, Nicollet County, Sibley County, Waseca County, Watonwan County

**Issues addressed:** Arts & Culture, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Historic Preservation, Library services and electronic resources access

**Partners sought:** Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning)

Services are free.

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**Southern Minnesota Area Health Education Center**
Kathy Huntley, Executive Director
301 Becker Avenue SW
Willmar MN 56201
khunt@rice.willmar.mn.us
320-231-4375

The purpose of AHEC is to maintain and strengthen the rural healthcare workforce through the promotion of health careers among youth; developing clinical training sites in rural areas for health professions students; providing continuing education for health professionals and preceptors; and addressing unique community health needs. Serves 26 counties in Southern and Southwestern MN.

[www.mnahec.umn.edu](http://www.mnahec.umn.edu)

**Counties served:** Blue Earth County, Brown County, Chippewa County, Cottonwood County, Faribault County, Jackson County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, Le Sueur County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Martin County, Meeker County, Murray County, Nicollet County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Renville County, Sibley County, Swift County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Yellow Medicine County

**Issues addressed:** Health Care

**Partners sought:** Economic Development, Education, (K-12), (Higher Ed), (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Health Care, Human Services, Immigration, Native American, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Workforce, Youth

Services are free.

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**Southwest Minnesota Foundation**
Berny Berger
1390 Hwy 15 South, PO Box 428
Independent, non-profit corporation dedicated to facilitating opportunities for economic, social and cultural growth in southwest Minnesota. Has various business loan programs, including SBA micro-loan program (which includes technical assistance for businesses). Also has grant programs for non-profit organizations and agencies for specific priority areas.

**Counties served:** Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rock County, Swift County, Yellow Medicine County

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Leadership Training, Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Early Childhood programming and advocacy

**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Leadership Training, Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Early Childhood programming and advocacy

**Services are free.**

**Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc.**

Juanita Lauritsen
607 W Main St
Marshall MN 56258
Juanita.Lauritsen@state.mn.us
507-537-6987

SW MN PIC is a non-profit organization that serves 14 counties in southwest MN. The SW MN PIC is a partner in the Minnesota Workforce Center System. The mission of the PIC is 'Building tomorrow's workforce through training, leadership and economic development." Programs are focused on providing employment and training services.

**Counties served:** Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rock County, Swift County, Yellow Medicine County

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Leadership Training, Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Vital Aging, Early Childhood programming and advocacy


**Services are free.**

**St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership**

Thomas Moore
PO Box 1091
St Cloud MN 56302
t.moore@scapartnership.com
320-656-3815

Regional Economic Development Organization for the St. Cloud Area metro area to include parts of Stearns, Benton, and Sherburne counties

**Counties served:** Benton County, Sherburne County, Stearns County

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Economic Development, Financial, Planning, Expansion plans, access to capital, zoning issues
Services are free.

Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota
Mary Jo Forbord
29731 302 Street
Starbuck MN 56381
communications@sfa-mn.org
320-760-8732
The Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota is a state-wide nonprofit educational organization with 9 active chapters, supporting the development and enhancement of sustainable farming systems through farmer-to-farmer networking, demonstration, innovation and education. Grazefest Minnesota 2006, celebrating pasture-based farming and food, coming August 4th to western Minnesota. Check www.sfa-mn.org for registration information.
www.sfa-mn.org
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Conservation, Civic Engagement, Education, Natural Resources, Water
Services are fee-based.

Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development
1160 Victory Drive, Suite 4
Mankato MN 56001
amy.stratton@mn.usda.gov
507-345-7418 ext. 5
Three Rivers RC&D assists local people in the nine county south central Minnesota region to complete natural resource and community development project collaboratively.
www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/threerivers
Counties served: Blue Earth County, Brown County, Faribault County, Le Sueur County, Martin County, Nicollet County, Sibley County, Waseca County, Watonwan County
Services are free.

Treacy Information Services
1841 Fairmount Ave
St Paul MN 55105
atreacy@treacyinfo.com
612-670-3087
Providing web site development, search engine optimization, and online marketing to businesses and nonprofit organization throughout Minnesota.
http://www.treacyinfo.com
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Technology
Services are fee-based.
Turtle Island Communications, Inc.
Madonna Peltier Yawakie
2513 94th Avenue North
Brooklyn Park MN 55444
mpy@turtleislandcom.com
763.424.6257
Telecommunication Engineering & Project Management
www.turtleislandcom.com
 Counties served: All
 Issues addressed: Business Development, Community Development, Economic Development, Native American, Telecommunications
 Services are fee-based.

Twin Cities Community Voice Mail (TCCVM)
Marcy Shapiro
1821 University Avenue, Suite N-184
St Paul MN 55104
info@tccvm.org
651-643-0883 or 1-800--411-8136, extension 22934
TCCVM provides free voice mail to people who are low income and don’t have a phone. They can use it to find a job or housing, gain safety from domestic abuse, keep in touch with social service and health care providers, their children’s schools and family and friends. Each voice mail user gets their own voice mail box with a unique telephone number. Outside of the metro area, an 800 number is available to use with the telephone number so that it is toll free for the voice mail user and their callers. It sounds like it is your own phone. There is nothing to identify it as a TCCVM number. We are always seeking agency partners across the state of Minnesota who then can make TCCVM available free of charge to their clients. We encourage social services, health care, housing, domestic abuse, employment programs and schools to contact us to learn about how they can become a partner agency and make community voice mail available to their clients. It is free to both the agencies and clients.
www.tccvm.org
 Counties served: All
 Issues addressed: Alcohol & Drug Addiction, Chemical Dependency, Crime Prevention, (K-12), Health Care, Housing, Human Services, Immigration, Native American, Social Services, Telecommunications, Workforce, Youth
 Partners sought: Alcohol & Drug Addiction, Chemical Dependency, (K-12), Health Care, Housing, Human Services, Immigration, Native American, Social Services, Telecommunications, Workforce, Youth
 Services are free.

Two Harbors Development Commission, Inc.
Michael Valentine
522 1st Ave.
Two Harbors MN 55616
thdc@lakenet.com
218-834-3489
Providing financial and other assistance to start-up and growing businesses, located or to be located in the Two Harbors area. Local revolving fund. Matching dollars up to $200,000.
www.thdc.com
 Counties served: Lake County
 Partners sought: Economic Development, Financial
 Services are free.
U of MN Vital Aging Network
Susan Diekman
1420 Eckles Ave, 201 Coffey Hall
St Paul MN 55108
sdiekman@cce.umn.edu
612-379-4124
To promote self determination, community involvement, and personal achievement for/with older adults through education and advocacy
www.van.umn.edu
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Senior Citizens, Vital Aging
Partners sought: Civic Engagement, How to create vital aging communities, fight ageism
Services are free.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Anita M. Olson
920 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis MN 55402
anita_olson@hud.gov
612-370-3000 x2289
Provides housing opportunities through 5 Divisions: Single Family FHA, Multi Family FHA, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Community Planning and Development and Public Housing.
www.hud.gov
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Community Development, Economic Development, Financial, Housing, Social Services
Services are free.

UM, College of Food, Ag & Natural Resource Science
277 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave
St Paul MN 55416
612-624-3009
The University of Minnesota's new College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) will integrate and build on the exceptional strengths and comparative advantages of three existing University units: the College of Natural Resources; the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences; and the Department of Food Science and Nutrition (from the College of Human Ecology). Each of these units already has a national and international profile of excellence in research, teaching, and service. CFANS will also include the University's Bell Museum of Natural History and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, both nationally acclaimed public education facilities, the Cloquet Forestry Center, and 6 research and outreach centers located around the state. UMD CED primarily serves Northeastern Minnesota, but also works outside that area and provides an extensive menu of workshops, student programs, and other resources for small business
www.cfans.umn.edu
Counties served: All
Services are free.
UMD Center for Economic Development
Elaine Hansen, Director
11 E. Superior Street - Suite 210
Duluth MN 55802
ced@umdced.com
1-888-387-4594 or 218-726-7298
UMD Center for Economic Development (CED) provides professional, knowledgeable and experienced business consulting, workshops and other related services to small businesses and entrepreneurs and serves as the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for Northeastern Minnesota.
www.umdced.com
Counties served: Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, St. Louis County
Services are free.

UMN Extension Service Community Vitality Programs
Joyce Hoelting, Assistant Capacity Area Leader
1420 Eckles Avenue/433 Coffey Hall
St Paul MN 55108
cvprograms@extension.umn.edu
(612) 625-8253
Community Development and Vitality programs enhance the economic strength, civic empowerment, technological literacy and social capital of Minnesota citizens and communities as they face rapidly changing dynamics in population demographics, technological capacity, globalization and social change. Go to: http://www.extension.umn.edu and select “Community” under “Topics” on the left-hand side. Retail Analysis and Development programs can help rural retailers co-exist with big box stores. U-Lead and U-Connect programs can help rural areas build stronger networks of engaged citizens. In addition, our other noteworthy programs include: Access E-Info At Your Service (in Spanish and English) Festival Management Public Finance Retail Analysis Development Travel Counselor Certification U-Lead.
Counties served: All
Services are fee-based.

UMN Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
Kathy Draeger
411 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, UMN
St Paul MN 55108
Draeg001@umn.edu
612-625-3148
There are five Regional Partnerships located around the State. The Partnerships are citizen driven groups that communicate community needs to the University and can form partnerships and financial support to engage the University in address those community needs.
www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu
Counties served: Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Big Stone County, Carlton County, Cass County, Chippewa County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Cook County, Crow Wing County, Dodge County, Douglas County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Grant County, Houston County, Hubbard County, Isanti County, Itasca County,
Jackson County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, Kittson County, Lac qui Parle County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, Le Sueur County, McLeod County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Martin County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Mower County, Nobles County, Norman County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Pine County, Polk County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Renville County, Rice County, Roseau County, St. Louis County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Steele County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wabasha County, Wadena County, Waseca County, Wilkin County, Winona County, Yellow Medicine County


Services are free.

United Way 2-1-1
Marcos Michelli
180 5th St E Ste. 211
St Paul MN 55101
1-800-543-7709

United Way 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember three-digit number that provides a unique community information and referral service to people in need of food and shelter, job resources, healthcare, childcare and other vital community services. The service is multilingual, offering Hmong, Laotian, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese translations. Staff and volunteers answer calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls are free and confidential. Information and Referral Specialists are trained to assess callers' needs and direct them to appropriate services, using a statewide database of over 40,000 community resources. In areas where the three digit number 2-1-1 is not yet available (including some cell phones), callers may dial 1-800-543-7709 or visit www.211unitedway.org.

www.211unitedway.org

Counties served: All

Issues addressed: Alcohol & Drug Addiction, Chemical Dependency, Child Care, Education, Financial, Health Care, Housing, Human Services, Social Services, Transportation, Workforce, Youth

Services are free.

University of Minnesota
Ann Ziebarth
240 McNeal Hall
St Paul MN 55108
aziebart@umn.edu
612-625-8795

As a rural sociologist, I am interested in working with communities on local housing issues.

Counties served: All


Partners sought: Community Development, Design, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Historic Preservation, Housing, Immigration, Labor, Planning, Policy, Rural Development, Senior Citizens, Vital Aging, Workforce
Upper MN Valley Regional Development Commission
Ryan Krosch
323 W. Schlieman Ave.
Appleton MN 56208
ryan.krosch@umvrdc.org
(320) 289-1981
Provide the following programs/services to the local units of government in Region 6W:
Community Development, Economic Development, Revolving Loan Fund, GIS Mapping,
Transportation, Natural Resources, Tourism, Grant Administration, Aging
www.umvrdc.org
Counties served: Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Lac qui Parle County, Swift County,
Yellow Medicine County
Issues addressed: Agriculture, Business Development, Community Development, Conservation,
Civic Engagement, Economic Development, Energy, Financial, Historic Preservation, Housing,
Human Services, Natural Resources, Planning, Policy, Public Facilities, Sewer, Water,
Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Technology, Tourism,
Transportation, Tribal, Vital Aging
Partners sought: Agriculture, Business Development, Community Development, Conservation,
Civic Engagement, Economic Development, (Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Energy,
Financial, Housing, Human Services, Leadership Training, Natural Resources, Planning, Policy,
Services, Technology, Telecommunications, Tourism, Transportation, Vital Aging, Workforce
Services are fee-based.

Upper MN Valley Regional Development Commission
Paul Michaelson
323 West Schlieman Avenue
Appleton MN 56208
paul.michaelson@umvrdc.org
320-289-1981
UMVRDC (Region 6W) was created under the authority of the "Regional Development Act" by the
Local Units of Government in Region 6W. Major program areas are: Community & Economic
Development; Transportation, Recreation & Tourism; Geographic Information Systems (GIS
Service Bureau) and Aging (MN River Area Agency on Aging) Services include: GIS, Grant
Writing & Administration, Technical Assistance to LUG, Planning, Special Studies, Researching
Funding Sources, Legislative Advocacy, Information & Assistance, Census Data & Statistics,
Fiscal Agent, Facilitation, Informational Resources, Revolving Loan Funds and others based on
expressed needs of Local Units of Government.
www.umvrdc.org
Counties served: Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Lac qui Parle County, Swift County,
Yellow Medicine County
Issues addressed: Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Business Development, Community
Development, Conservation, Economic Development, Energy, Housing, Natural Resources,
Planning, Policy, Public Facilities, Sewer, Water, Renewable Energy, Rural Development, Senior
Citizens, Technology, Telecommunications, Tourism, Transportation, Vital Aging, Workforce
Partners sought: Economic Development, Renewable Energy
Services are fee-based.

Upper Sioux Community
Donna Martin
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The Upper Sioux Community is a federally recognized Tribe governed by a constitutionally elected 5- Member Upper Sioux Community Board of Trustees, commonly referred to as the Upper Sioux Community Tribal Council.

www.uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov

Counts served: Yellow Medicine County


Partners sought: Technology, Telecommunications

Services are fee-based.

USDA Rural Development
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Rural Development provides loans and grants in housing, business, renewable energy, water and waste projects, community facilities, telemedicine, long distance education, and much more. We have offices around the state (and nation).

www.rurdev.usda.gov

Counts served: Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Douglas County, Grant County, Kandiyohi County, Meeker County, Otter Tail County, Pope County, Renville County, Stearns County, Swift County, Todd County, Traverse County, Wadena County, Wilkin County


Services are free.

USDA Rural Development
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Counts served: All


Services are free.
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Counties served: Becker County, Beltrami County, Clay County, Clearwater County, Hubbard County, Kittson County, Lake of the Woods County, Mahnomen County, Marshall County, Norman County, Pennington County, Polk County, Red Lake County, Roseau County
Services are free.

USDA Rural Development
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Counties served: Brown County, Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Lac qui Parle County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Martin County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Rock County, Watonwan County, Yellow Medicine County
Services are free.

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Counties served: Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cass County, Cook County, Crow Wing County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Morrison County, Pine County, St. Louis County


Services are free.

**USDA Rural Development**
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**Counties served:** Blue Earth County, Dakota County, Dodge County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Houston County, Le Sueur County, Mower County, Olmsted County, Rice County, Scott County, Steele County, Wabasha County, Waseca County, Winona County


Services are free.

**USDA Rural Development**
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**Counties served:** Anoka County, Benton County, Carver County, Chisago County, Hennepin County, Isanti County, Kanabec County, McLeod County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Ramsey County, Sherburne County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Washington County, Wright County


Services are free.

**Wells Fargo Home Mortgage - Reverse Mortgage**
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Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Senior Products Group, Reverse Mortgage Program, We Provide Reverse Mortgages, A Reverse Mortgage is a special type of loan that enables individuals aged 62 or older to convert some of their homes equity into tax-free cash. Unlike traditional equity loans, no repayment is required until the home is no longer the principal residence. Reverse Mortgage Program, A Reverse Mortgage is a special type of loan that enables individuals aged 62 or older to convert some of their homes equity into tax-free cash. Unlike traditional equity loans, no repayment is required until the home is no longer the principal residence reverse Mortgage.

**Counties served:** Aitkin County, Becker County, Beltrami County, Benton County, Blue Earth County, Brown County, Carlton County, Cass County, Chippewa County, Chisago County, Clearwater County, Cook County, Cottonwood County, Crow Wing County, Dodge County, Douglas County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Grant County, Houston County, Hubbard County, Isanti County, Itasca County, Jackson County, Kanabec County, Kandiyohi County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Lake of the Woods County, Le Sueur County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Mahnomen County, Martin County, Meeker County, Mille Lacs County, Morrison County, Mower County, Murray County, Nicollet County, Nobles County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, Pennington County, Pine County, Pope County, Red Lake County, Redwood County, Renville County, Rice County, Roseau County, St. Louis County, Sherburne County, Sibley County, Stearns County, Steele County, Stevens County, Swift County, Todd County, Wabasha County, Wadena County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Winona County, Wright County

**Issues addressed:** Community Education & Lifelong Learning), Financial, Housing, Rural Development, Senior Citizens, Vital Aging

**Partners sought:** Financial, Health Care, Housing, Human Services, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Transportation, Vital Aging

Services are free.

**West Central Initiative**
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West Central Initiative is a foundation which unites people and resources to improve the quality of life in west central Minnesota.

[www.wcif.org](http://www.wcif.org)

**Counties served:** Becker County, Clay County, Douglas County, Grant County, Otter Tail County, Pope County, Stevens County, Traverse County, Wilkin County

**Issues addressed:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Leadership Training, Rural Development, Transportation, Workforce

**Partners sought:** Business Development, Community Development, Child Care, Economic Development, Leadership Training, Transportation, Workforce

Services are free.
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Western Community Action's Mission Statement is to eliminate poverty by empowering families and building responsive communities in Southwest Minnesota.
www.wcainc.org
Counties served: Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Redwood County
Issues addressed: Education, Energy, Housing, Human Services, Transportation
Services are free.

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Need tips and resources about money, health, school, jobs, or family? Visit the Beehive...and find United Way 2-1-1 and more. When you visit www.beehivetwincities.org, you will find a comprehensive website that incorporates the practical day-to-day information that we all need along with community resources from throughout the state of Minnesota and local neighborhood information for the residents of the Payne Avenue and Lake Street communities. The Beehive site will help you with issues that come up every day. It will answer questions when you are looking for childcare, transportation, healthcare, legal aid or starting your own business. It will give you important information about buying a house or renting an apartment, helping your children with homework, and saving for college or retirement. This site also incorporates the United Way 2-1-1 database of information and resources, which contains up-to-date information on over 40,000 community resources from throughout the state of Minnesota. The Beehive is available in both English and Spanish. You can access the Beehive through the Internet at www.beehivetwincities.org, and don’t forget that you can always call United Way 2-1-1 at 1-800-543-7709 to get free and confidential assistance 24 hours a day.
www.beehivetwincities.org
Counties served: All
Issues addressed: Business Development, Child Care, Education, Financial, Health Care, Housing, Immigration, Technology, Transportation
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