Most Important Topics By ALL Jurisdictions

95 respondents

1. **Planning to Retain and Increase Childcare**
2. **Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities**
3. **Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area**
4. **Increase Road/Bridge Funding**
5. **Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing**
6. **Demolition of Dilapidated Housing**
7. **Increase Access to Capital for Business Development**
8. **Fixing up Homes/Apartments**
9. **Planning or Funding for new Rental Housing**
10. **Fixing up Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property**

11. Develop Succession Planning for Local Businesses
12. Planning or Funding for new Senior Housing
13. Planning or Funding for Broadband Infrastructure
14. Programming to Grow and Develop New Leaders
15. Demolition of Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property
16. Increase Training for Community Leaders
17. Planning or Funding to Preserve Water Quality
18. Creating or Updating a Strategic Plan
19. Planning or Funding for Safe Routes to School
20. Developing a more Welcoming Community to Diverse Populations
21. Planning or Funding for Water/Sewer Infrastructure
22. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances
23. Planning or Funding for Trails and Parks
24. Creating or Updating Zoning and/or Ordinances
25. Increase Technical Assistance for Business Owners/New Entrepreneurs
26. Planning or Funding of Community Beautification
27. Creating or Updating a Capital Improvement Plan
28. Creating or Updating a Comprehensive Plan
29. Planning or Funding for Solid Waste Management and Recycling Systems
30. Planning or Funding for Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Response
31. Planning or Funding for Historical & Cultural Assets
32. Planning or Funding for Industrial Park Infrastructure
33. Planning or Funding for Sidewalk Infrastructure
34. Increase Digital Literacy of our Residents
35. Planning or Funding for New Public Art
36. Develop Policies/Resources for Renewable Energy for Residents/Business Owners
37. Planning or Funding for Public Sector Energy Use
38. Planning or Funding for Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure
39. Planning or Funding for Climate Change
40. Planning or Funding for Transit Options

Return Rate

20%

Cities who responded:

Appleton	Graceville
Barry	Granite Falls
Benson	Hanley Falls
Boyd	Kerkhoven
Canby	Madison
Clara City	Milan
Clarkfield	Montevideo
Clinton	Murdock
Correll	Odessa
Danvers	Ortonville
Dawson	Watson
Echo	

Counties who responded:

Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, Yellow Medicine

Schools who responded:

CGB	KMS
MACCRAY	Canby
Montevideo	YME
Lac qui Parle	E.C.H.O.

22 township responses from all five counties

Most Important Topics By Jurisdictions

Cities - 33 respondents

1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
2. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
3. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
4. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
5. Fixing up Homes/Apartments

Counties - 24 respondents

1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
2. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
3. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
4. Planning or Funding for new Rental Housing
5. Fixing up Homes/Apartments

Townships - 22 respondents

1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
2. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
3. Planning or Funding to Preserve Water Quality
4. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
5. Planning or Funding for Broadband Infrastructure

Schools - 16 respondents

1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
2. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
3. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
4. Programming to Grow and Develop New Leaders
5. Increase Training for Community Leaders

Return Rate

Identify the top 3 priorities for your jurisdiction for the upcoming year:

1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
2. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
3. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
4. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
5. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce
6. Planning or Funding for new Rental Housing
7. Fixing up Homes/Apartments
8. Planning or Funding for Broadband Infrastructure
9. Increase Access to Capital for Business Development
10. Planning or Funding for new Senior Housing

How often do you view the www.umvrdc.org website?

1 %	Once a week
24 %	Once a month
27 %	Quarterly
23 %	Once a year
24 %	Never

What information is valuable to you?

- 89% Information on grants that might be relevant for my jurisdiction
- 45% Examples of how other jurisdictions are addressing critical topics
- 44% UMVRDC programs and services available
- 41% Information on trainings, conferences or workshops
- 39% Information about projects the UMVRDC is working on
- 34% New economic, social or demographic data available for the region
- 22% New research on critical topics

What case study topics would you like to see?

- Housing
- Childcare
- Broadband
- Parks, Pools & Playgrounds
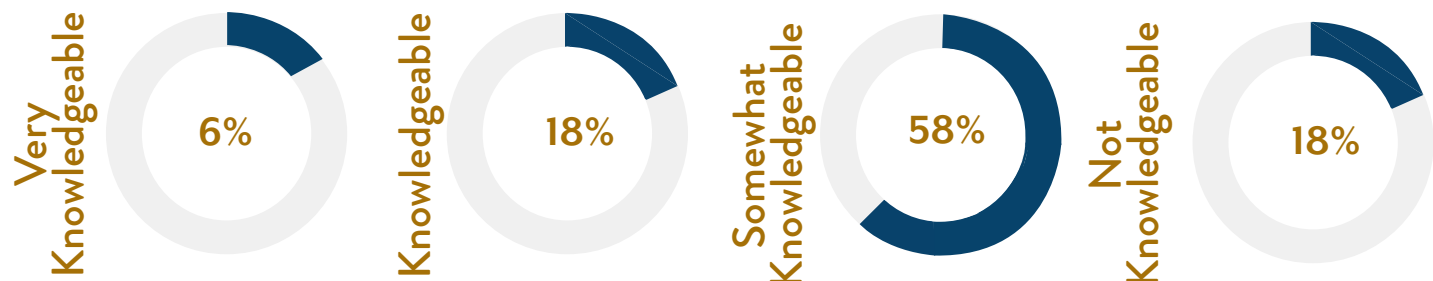- Business Development

Do you follow the UMVRDC on Facebook?
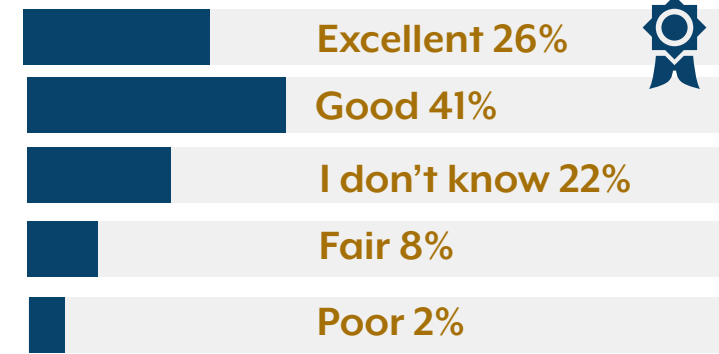
Yes 29%   No 59%   Plan to! 12%

76% Yes Do you receive UMVRDC newsletters and emails via Constant Contact?

How knowledgeable are you on the UMVRDC and its programs and services?

- Very Knowledgeable 6%
- Knowledgeable 18%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable 58%
- Not Knowledgeable 18%

How would you rate the overall quality of services the UMVRDC provides?

- Excellent 26%
- Good 41%
- I don't know 22%
- Fair 8%
- Poor 2%

How responsive has the UMVRDC been to your questions, needs or calls?

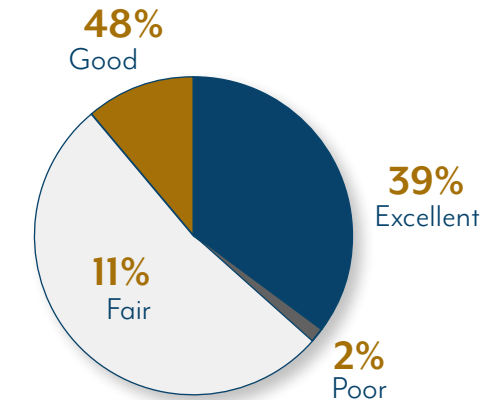|	
35%	Very Responsive
27%	Responsive
1%	Unresponsive
0%	Very Unresponsive
37%	I don't know

Has your jurisdiction chosen to hire a consultant, engineer or outside contractor to assist you with any of the projects from the list on page 1, and why?

1%	Yes, the UMVRDC is too expensive
15%	Yes, the UMVRDC does not provide the service we were looking for
1%	Yes, because the UMVRDC has provided poor service in the past
14%	I do not think to call the UMVRDC
57%	No
12%	Other (please specify)

How would you rate the effectiveness and professional capabilities of the UMVRDC staff?

- 48% Good
- 39% Excellent
- 11% Fair
- 2% Poor

What is the UMVRDC best at?

"Staying on top of work and looking at ways to better the organization functions"

"Doing surveys"

"Follow through. I have never asked a question and not got an answer back or at least been directed to who can help me"

"Providing knowledge"

"Do a great job of communication with the LUGS"

"Educating the region on various topics"

"Broad network of information"

"Helping on technical matters"

"Helping with community needs"