Most Important Topics By ALL Jurisdictions

112 respondents

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

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

Return Rate 24%

Cities who responded:

Appleton
Barry
Benson
Boyd
Canby
Clara City
Clarkfield
Danvers
Dawson
DeGraff
Echo
Graceville

Granite Falls
Hanley Falls
Holloway
Kerkhoven
Madison
Marietta
Maynard
Milan
Montevideo
Murdock
Odessa
Ortonville
Porter
Watson

Counties who responded:

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

Schools who responded:

CGB
Ortonville
MACCRAY
Montevideo
Dawson-Boyd
Lac qui Parle

Benson
KMS
Canby
YME
E.C.H.O.

26 Township responses

3 Tribe responses

*projects UMVRDC have completed or in progress

Most Important Topics By Jurisdictions

Cities - 42 respondents

1. Planning or Funding for Water/Sewer Infrastructure
2. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
3. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
4. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
5. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances

Counties - 21 respondents

1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
2. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
3. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
4. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
5. Increase Road/Bridge Funding

Townships - 26 respondents

1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
2. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
3. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
4. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
5. Fixing up Commercial/Retail/Industrial Property

Schools - 20 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. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area
5. Planning or Funding for new Senior Housing

Tribe - 3 respondents

1. Planning or Funding to Preserve Water Quality
2. Planning or Funding for Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Response

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

1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
2. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area Planning or
3. Funding for new Single Family Housing
4. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
5. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
6. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
7. Planning or Funding for new Rental Housing
8. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances
9. Creating or Updating Zoning and/or Ordinances
10. Fixing up Homes/Apartments

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

7%	Once a week
12%	Once a month
41%	Quarterly
19%	Once a year
21%	Never

What case study topics would you like to see?

- Childcare
- Housing
- RLF ideas/marketing
- Funding for City street improvement

What information is valuable to you?

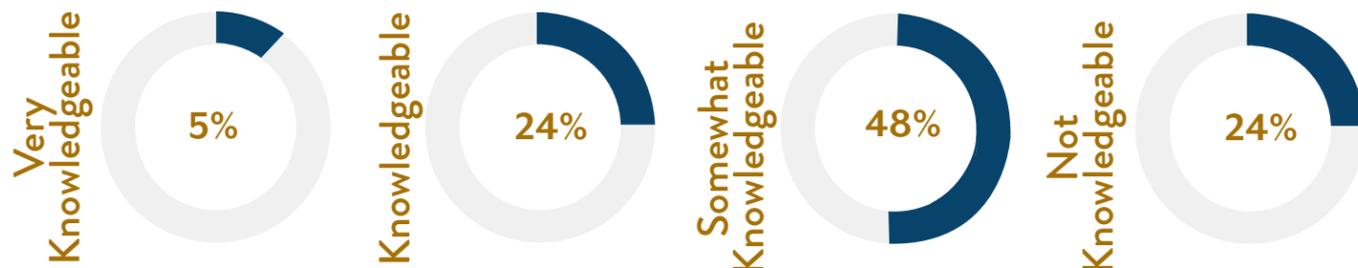|	
84%	Information on grants that might be relevant for my jurisdiction
50%	Examples of how other jurisdictions are addressing critical topics
30%	New research on critical topics
39%	Information on trainings, conferences or workshops
33%	New economic, social or demographic data available for the region
34%	Information about projects the UMVRDC is working on
45%	UMVRDC programs and services available

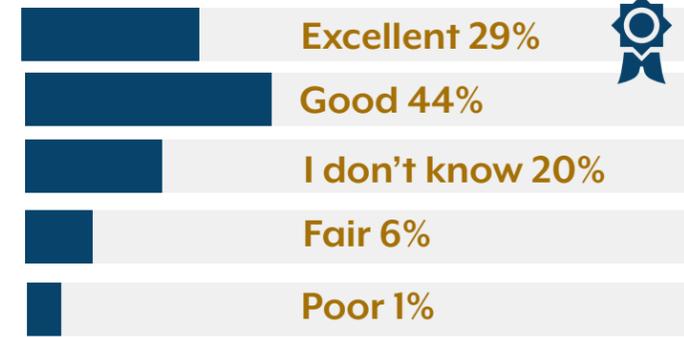## Do you follow the UMVRDC on Facebook?

Yes 33%   No 56%   Plan to! 11%

80% 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 5%
- Knowledgeable 24%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable 48%
- Not Knowledgeable 24%

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

- Excellent 29%
- Good 44%
- I don't know 20%
- Fair 6%
- Poor 1%

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

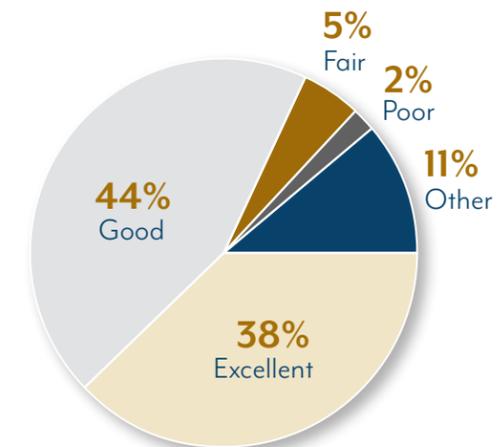|	
39%	Very Responsive
33%	Responsive
0%	Unresponsive
0%	Very Unresponsive
24%	I don't know
5%	Other

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
8%	Yes, the UMVRDC does not provide the service we were looking for
3%	Yes, because the UMVRDC has provided poor service in the past
14%	I do not think to call the UMVRDC
62%	No
11%	Other (please specify)

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

- 44% Good
- 38% Excellent
- 5% Fair
- 2% Poor
- 11% Other

What is the UMVRDC best at?

"Informing us of what is going on and available grant money"

"Doing surveys"

"Being able to help a wide range of people and businesses."

"Promoting and advertising for our area"

"Helping us stay informed of what is available to our organizations to help promote our rural communities and schools."

"Providing opportunities"

"Finding, explaining & executing grants"

"Offering a variety of opportunities"

"Keeping people informed "