



## Most Important Topics By ALL Jurisdictions

127 respondents

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

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



### Cities who responded:

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|------------|---------------|
| Barry      | Nassau        |
| Graceville | Appleton      |
| Odessa     | Benson        |
| Ortonville | Danvers       |
| Clara City | Kerkhoven     |
| Maynard    | Murdock       |
| Milan      | Canby         |
| Montevideo | Clarkfield    |
| Watson     | Echo          |
| Boyd       | Granite Falls |
| Dawson     | Hanley Falls  |
| Madison    | Porter        |

### Counties who responded:

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

### Schools who responded:

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| CGB         | Benson |
| Ortonville  | KMS    |
| MACCRAY     | Canby  |
| Montevideo  | YME    |
| Dawson-Boyd | ECHO   |
| LqPV        |        |

28 Township responses

## Most Important Topics By Jurisdictions

### Cities - 48 respondents

- 1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 2. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
- 3. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
- 4. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
- 5. Planning or Funding for Water/Sewer Infrastructure

### Counties - 26 respondents

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

### Townships - 28 respondents

- 1. Increase Road/Bridge Funding
- 2. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
- 3. Programming to Grow and Develop New Leaders
- 4. Increase Training for Community Leaders
- 5. Increase Access to Capital for Business Development

### Schools - 25 respondents

- 1. Planning or Funding to Retain and Increase Childcare
- 2. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
- 3. Marketing & Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce
- 4. Increase Access to Capital for Business Development
- 5. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing

## 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. Marketing our Region to Attract New Residents & Visitors
4. Planning or Funding for new Single Family Housing
5. Expose Youth to Local Career Opportunities
6. Planning or Funding for new Rental Housing
7. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing
8. Fixing up Homes/Apartments
9. Planning or Funding for Water/Sewer Infrastructure
10. Enforcement of Zoning and/or Ordinances

### How often do you view the [www.umvrdc.org](http://www.umvrdc.org) website?



## What information is valuable to you?

- 80% Information on grants that might be relevant for my jurisdiction
- 59% Examples of how other jurisdictions are addressing critical topics
- 28% New research on critical topics
- 44% Information on trainings, conferences or workshops
- 41% New economic, social or demographic data available for the region
- 43% Information about projects the UMRDC is working on
- 50% UMRDC programs and services available
- 3% Other

### What case study topics would you like to see?

- Childcare
- Housing
- Resident Recruitment Examples
- Road and Bridge
- Water/sewer Improvements

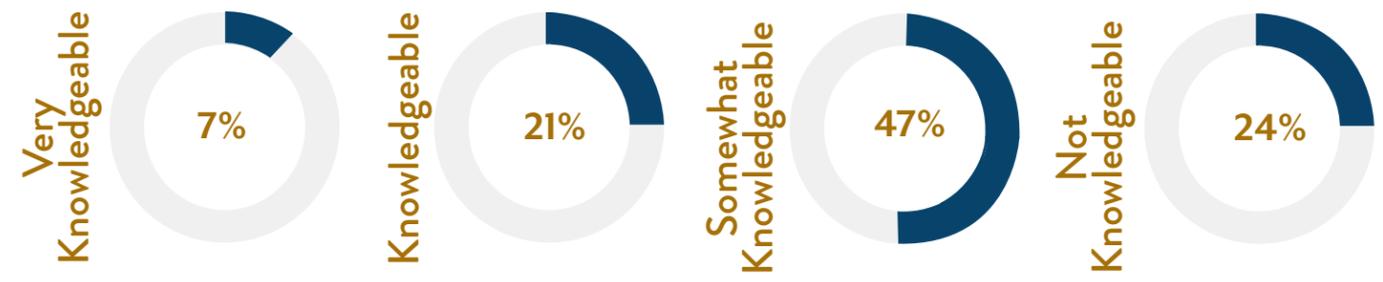
## Do you follow the UMRDC on Facebook?



## Do you receive UMRDC newsletters and emails via Constant Contact?



## How knowledgeable are you on the UMRDC and its programs and services?



## How would you rate the overall quality of services the UMRDC provides?



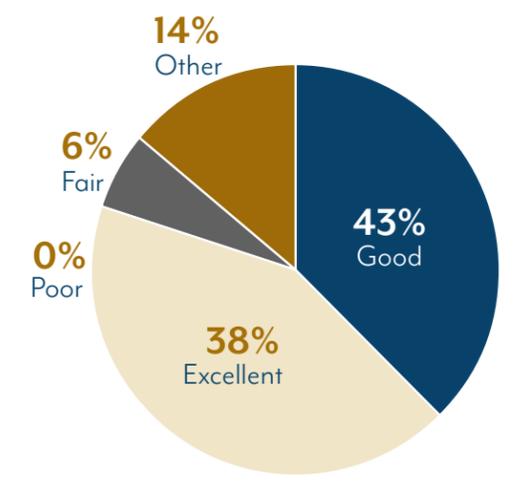
## How responsive has the UMRDC been to your questions, needs or calls?



## 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 UMRDC is too expensive
- 7% Yes, the UMRDC does not provide the service we were looking for
- 2% Yes, because the UMRDC has provided poor service in the past
- 15% I do not think to call the UMRDC
- 67% No
- 9% Other (please specify)

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



## What is the UMRDC best at?

- "Grant Writing"
- "Marketing"
- "Facilitating"
- "Helping finding grants and writing them."
- "Making us aware of grant opportunities that might be coming up or are currently in place."
- "Doing surveys"
- "Being honest and reliable"
- "Coordinating with local communities and outreach"
- "Outreach and follow through. Projects are always pushed as far as they can be."