



BOARD MEETING AGENDA
October 25, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Introductions

Approve Agenda/Additions

1. **Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Minutes from September 2016
- b. September 2016 Treasurer's Report and Board Payment Listings
- c. RLF Treasurer's Report
- d. Drone Contract
- e. Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership ArtPlace Contract

NOTE: All items listed under consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. Upon request Commission members can remove items from the consent agenda list and have them considered separately under Action Items.

Staff Presentation:

Citizen Comments:

Round Robin: Please share any recent actions, discussions or issues from your council or board

2. **Information Items**

- a. Planner Update
- b. Executive Director Update
- c. RLF Update

3. **Action Items**

- a. Grow Your Own Summit
- b. Danvers Hedgehog Request

4. **Discussion Items**

- a. Draft CEDS

Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: November 22, 2016

BHAGs at 5pm

UMVRDC Mission Statement

"Enable the region to thrive through assisting local governments."

RDC BOARD MINUTES

Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
Appleton Civic Center - Appleton, MN – September 27, 2016

Board Members Present: Jim Dahlvang, Scott Peterson, Brent Olson, Rusty Dimberg, Warren Rau, Graylen Carlson, Gary Johnson, Justin Bentaas, Jeff Olson, Gary Hendrickx, Diane Kepner, Gene Stengel, Mark Bourne, Jim Schmaedeka

Board Members Absent: Debra Lee Fader, Scott Rixe, Juanita Lauritsen, Windy Block, Brett Buer

Staff Present: Dawn Hegland, Jacki Anderson

Guests: Jessica Beyer, First Children's Finance

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Introductions were made for guest Jessica Beyer.

Approve Agenda/Additions

M/S/P – Mark Bourne, Rusty Dimberg made motion to approve the agenda.

1. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from August 2016
- b. August 2016 Treasurer's Report and Board Payment Listings
- c. RLF Treasurer's Report
- d. Granite Falls Municipal Hospital Contract
- e. Yellow Medicine and Chippewa County Broadband Contract
- f. Danvers Firefighters Contract
- g. Next Generation Rural Creative Placemaking Summit
- h. KMS Safe Routes to School Subcontract

M/S/P – Gary Hendrickx, Rusty Dimberg made motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows with the removal of the Granite Falls Municipal Hospital Contract:

- Approval of the minutes from August 2016;
- Approval of the August 2016 Treasurer's Report-expenses \$77,624 & revenue \$102,235 along with the check listings 19313-19373 and ACH's as presented;
- Approval of the lending balances on the RLF Treasurer's Report as \$330,787.74 on original and \$45,090.05 on disaster;
- Approve and authorize the Executive Director's signature on the contract for \$10,000 with Yellow Medicine and Chippewa Counties for Broadband Exploration;
- Approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract for \$5,000 with the City of Danvers to assist their fire department with grant writing and technical assistance;
- Authorize staff travel for Melissa Streich to attend the Next Generation Rural Creative Placemaking Summit in Iowa;
- Approve and authorize the Executive Director's signature on the subcontract with West Central Initiative for KMS Safe Routes to School.

Dawn Hegland shared local statistics Dawn talked about childcare in the region. Jessica Beyer presented information about First Children's Finance, how childcare impacts economic development and case studies that included a variety of childcare models that have helped communities meet childcare needs.

Staff Presentation: None

ROUND ROBIN DISCUSSION: None

2. Information Items

- a. Planner Update – a brief summary of current projects being worked on by staff was updated.
- b. Executive Director Update – a summary of activities/projects Dawn Hegland worked on during this past month.
- c. RLF Update – Loan Status Report on the activity of existing loans that have modifications from their original loan as well as any new loans, and other activity from the RLF board.
- d. Staffing Update – Dawn shared that four applications were received for the transportation position and that phone interviews would be conducted with three of the applicants.

3. Action Items

None

4. Discussion Items

- a. CEDS Sub-committee – Jacki Anderson presented regional survey results and updated the board on the progress of the updated CEDS plan. An RDC CEDS sub-committee is needed to review the draft plan prior to the next RDC meeting in October.

Juanita Lauritsen, Justin Bentaas, Brent Olson and Graylen Carlson have all volunteered to participate in the CEDS subcommittee.

Adjournment

A motion by Rusty Dimberg, Mark Bourne for adjournment of meeting was made at 8:10pm. Meeting ended.

APPROVED BY:

PREPARED BY:

Gary Johnson
UMVRDC Chairman

Jackie Sigdahl
UMVRDC Administrative Assistant

ACTION MEMO

TO: Upper MN Valley RDC Commissioners
FROM: Matt Moe, Finance Officer
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: September 2016 Treasurer's Reports
September 2016 Board Payment Listing

The first item attached is the treasurer's report for September 2016. On the bottom of the revenue report is the current and year to date pass-thru revenue that is not included on the itemized revenue report. Pass-through items include things like payments to grants recipients; Meander and Tourism ads and special activities; Byway projects as well. At the end of the disbursement report are the agency bank balances for all accounts.

Also enclosed is the board payment listing that includes all checks and ACH payments for the month of September 2016.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For the Commission to approve the September 2016 Treasurer's Report, and Board Payment Listing with all checks (check # 19374 – 19412) and all ACH transactions.

Encl.

Sep-16					
UPPER MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION					
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT					
	FY17	Current	YR-To-DT	Percent	
	Budget	September	July-Sept	of Budget	
Agency Revenues					
Interest	3,500	837	1,780	51%	
Levy	300,000		484	0%	
- Less HH					
Miscellaneous	5,000		774	15%	
Economic Development/EDA					
EDA Planning Grant	54,628		13,657	25%	
Revolving Loan Fund Admin	50,000		-	0%	
TA Contracts Needed	37,625		-	0%	
Appleton Technical Assistance (\$5,000 HH FY16 included)	30,000	8,688	12,625	42%	
Blandin IT	2,600		2,600	100%	
Blandin IT Network			2,427		
Blaindin Rural Connect II	20,000	5,000	25,000	125%	
Chippewa County Pace	1,875		806	43%	
CERTS	15,000	4,001	4,158	28%	
Dawson Boyd SRTS Implementation	1,500		-	0%	
Granite Falls Memorial Park Plan (FY15 HH \$5,000)					
Granite Falls Memorial Park Plan Implementation	2,500		-	0%	
HM Lqp/Swift (HH)	70,000		-	0%	
KMS SRTS Plan	23,748		-	0%	
Local Food System Project	7,765		3,008	39%	
LqP Park Plan	10,000		3,938	39%	
Maynard TA	5,200		-	0%	
Monte Public Arts CY 2016	375		162	43%	
Monte Arts RR	2,600		-	0%	
YM Data Plan	6,225		-	0%	
Grant Writing					
Potential Grant Apps	1,000		-	0%	
Benson SCDP App	8,000		-	0%	
Clarkfield SCDP App (\$5,000 HH)	7,000		4,408	63%	
Grants Admin/Management					
Appleton SCDP Grant	18,000		-	0%	
Beardsley/Clinton/Graceville SCDP	20,000		-	0%	
Clara City SCDP New	9,297		-	0%	
Transportation/Byway/Tourism					
Transit Plan	26,000		-	0%	
Transportation Planning Grant	75,000		-	0%	
Prairie Waters	91,820		35,668	39%	
Byway Corridor Management Plan	18,360		5,469	30%	
Byway MHS Partnership Grant	32,600		-	0%	
Art Crawl	46,000		19,079	41%	
Total Revenue	1,003,218	18,525	136,043	14%	
Pass-Thru Revenue (not included above)		167,634	381,907		

	FY17	Current	YR-To-DT	Percent
Expenses	Budget	September	July-Sept	of Budget
Salaries/Fringe	718,071	53,463	163,836	23%
Commissioner's Expense			-	
Per Diem / FICA	11,000	965	1,777	16%
Public Officials Ins.	4,500	2,144	2,144	48%
Meeting Expense	2,000	47	910	45%
Travel C&C	7,500		1,223	16%
Training	5,000		-	0%
Audit	14,000		-	0%
Contract for Services	10,000	5,000	6,000	60%
Strategic Planning	10,000		-	0%
Computer Technical Assistance	12,000	1,691	2,982	25%
Email	2,400		-	0%
Virtual Server	5,000		-	0%
Copy Charge/xerox lease	4,500	304	714	16%
Depreciation	9,000	627	2,065	23%
Dues	5,000	600	600	12%
Insurance	1,300	904	904	70%
Legal Fees	2,000		1,181	59%
Miscellaneous	1,000	88	174	17%
Office Rent	12,210	1,017	3,050	25%
Postage	5,000	360	2,819	56%
Printing/Advertising	6,000	538	2,391	40%
RDC Marketing Item	2,000		911	46%
Registration/Program Specific	4,000		-	0%
Repairs/Maintenance	1,500		135	9%
Software GMS/GIS/General	6,000	318	4,677	78%
Sub./Publications	2,000		62	3%
Supplies	6,500	14	124	2%
Telephone/Internet	6,000	508	1,516	25%
Staff Expense			-	
Travel	30,000	2,529	4,675	16%
Training	10,000		15	0%
Morale	2,000		139	7%
Wellness	2,000		-	0%
Web Hosting/Maintenance	3,500		-	0%
Pass Thru Activity			-	
Byway	5,000		-	0%
Blandin Projects			7,950	
GIS Consultant - HM - Lqp - Swift	8,160		-	0%
Meander	30,000	692	1,003	3%
Prairie Waters	36,000		-	0%
Total Expenses	1,002,141	71,810	213,976	21%
EXCESS REV. OVER EXP.	1,077	(53,284)	(77,933)	
General Checking	\$ 161,850			
Money Market	\$ 311,524			
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 350,254			
RLF Savings	\$ 495,177			
Agency Auto	\$ 41,237			
Equipment Fund	\$ 27,886			
UMVRDC Secretary/Treasurer	Date	UMVRDC Executive Director	Date	

September 2016 Check/ACH Listing

Check#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Description
19374	09/14/2016	Advocate Tribune	133.60	PW annual gathering/Transp Planner Ad
19375	09/14/2016	Amy Bjornjeld	24.90	AFLAC withheld from final PR check in error
19376	09/14/2016	Appleton Oil Company, Inc.	13.68	Agency Auto Maintenance
19377	09/14/2016	Bangsund Construction Inc.	13,567.00	Appleton SCDP O-O Rehab
19378	09/14/2016	CANBY NEWS	88.72	Prairie Waters Annual Gathering/Transportation Planner Ad
19379	09/14/2016	CITY OF APPLETON	1,016.67	September 2016 Rent
19380	09/14/2016	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	60.04	Water
19381	09/14/2016	DAWSON SENTINEL	126.48	Prairie Waters Annual Gathering/Transportation Planner Ad
19382	09/14/2016	DONS FOOD PRIDE	13.95	Miscellaneous supplies
19383	09/14/2016	East Central RDC	46.68	August 16 MADO Meeting Exp
19384	09/14/2016	Federated Telephone, Inc	1,742.20	August 16 Spam filter/Technical Assistance
19385	09/14/2016	Forum Communications Company	817.36	Prairie Waters/Meander Ads
19386	09/14/2016	Grants Management Systems, Inc.	67.00	GMS Software Maintenance
19387	09/14/2016	KERKHOVEN BANNER	40.00	Transportation Plannner Ads
19388	09/14/2016	Midland Publishing & Printing Co	1,454.10	Fair Displays - Swift County and LqP County
19389	09/14/2016	Minnwest Bank Montevideo	133.34	Employer Portion HSA - Sept 16
19390	09/14/2016	Montevideo Publishing	157.30	Prairie Waters Annual Gathering/Transportation Planner Ads
19391	09/14/2016	Outdoor News Publications	652.00	Prairie Waters 2016
19392	09/14/2016	Prairie Off Road Club	2,941.46	To return FY16 balance of ATV project revenue
19393	09/14/2016	Scarcely Ltd.	450.00	Appleton SCDP OO Rehab
19394	09/14/2016	Swift County Monitor-News	72.10	Prairie Waters /Transportation Planner Ad
19395	09/14/2016	The Appleton Press	99.00	Prairie Waters Annual Gathering/Transportation Planner Ad
19396	09/14/2016	WESTERN GUARD	101.76	Prairie Waters Annual Gathering/Transp Planner ad
19397	09/14/2016	Xerox Corporation	304.32	Aug 2016 Xerox
19398	09/20/2016	Dahlvang, Jim	154.99	Commissioner Per Diem
19399	09/20/2016	Johnson, Gary L.	208.99	Commissioner Per Diem
19400	09/20/2016	Rau, Warren	120.43	Commissioner Per Diem
19401	09/28/2016	Advocate Tribune	115.20	Meander Ad
19402	09/28/2016	Appleton Power Equipment	1,490.00	Appleton Owner Occupied Rehab Project
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	53.77	Postage/OnStar/Mis AT
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	1,048.37	Face Book Ads/Postage/Supplies MS
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	161.30	Travel Transportation Program/JA
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	107.54	Face Book Ads Meander/Byway/Postage KF
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	577.61	NADO Travel/Software Monthly Charge/Supplies DH
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	770.34	RLF Travel/Clara City SCDP - LO
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	343.35	Postage/travel - MM
19403	09/28/2016	Chase Card Services	160.61	Agency Auto Fuel
19404	09/28/2016	City Pages	300.00	Meander Advertising
19405	09/28/2016	Farmers & Merchants Insurance Agency	515.27	Meander Liability Insurance
19406	09/28/2016	MN Council of Non Profits	600.00	MN Council of Non Profits Membership Renewal
19407	09/28/2016	Montevideo Publishing	111.80	Meander Ad
19408	09/28/2016	Olson/Tolifson Construction	15,859.00	Appleton Owner Occupied Project
19409	09/28/2016	PRAIRIE FIVE CAC	1,869.00	July 16 Admin Clara City SCDP)
19409	09/28/2016	PRAIRIE FIVE CAC	2,333.00	August 16 Clara City Admin
19409	09/28/2016	PRAIRIE FIVE CAC	613.00	August 16 Appleton SCDP Admin
19410	09/28/2016	SWIFT COUNTY HRA	3,517.00	July/Aug 2016 SCDP Admin
19411	09/28/2016	USAbLe Life	27.90	Sept 16 Life insurance
19412	09/28/2016	Wilcox Law Office PA	1,021.00	DoMat's Closing Fees - Rec'd 8/29/2016

ACH	09/01/2016 Federated Telephone, Inc	386.81	Sept 16 federated telephone bill
ACH	09/01/2016 MN STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	460.00	09/05/16 Staff PR Deferred comp
ACH	09/02/2016 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	4,381.70	09/05/16 Staff PR Federal tax
ACH	09/02/2016 State Of Minnesota	685.00	9/05/16 Staff PR State tax
ACH	09/02/2016 Upper MN Valley RDC - Staff PR	13,037.07	PR# 26 8/31/2016
ACH	09/05/2016 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RET ASSOC	2,982.33	09/05/16 staff PR PERA
ACH	09/05/2016 Select Account	1,072.93	9/5/16 staff PR HSA
ACH	09/20/2016 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	4,400.94	09/20/16 Staff PR Federal tax
ACH	09/20/2016 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	145.46	9/20/16 commission PR federal tax
ACH	09/20/2016 MN STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	460.00	9/20/16 staff PR Deferred comp
ACH	09/20/2016 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RET ASSOC	2,959.28	9/20/2016 staff PR PERA
ACH	09/20/2016 Select Account	1,072.93	9/20/16 Staff PR HSA
ACH	09/20/2016 State Of Minnesota	690.00	9/20/16 Staff PR State tax
ACH	09/20/2016 Upper MN Valley RDC - Staff PR	13,159.89	PR# 28 9/15/2016
ACH	09/21/2016 AFLAC	81.92	Sept 16 AFLAC
ACH	09/21/2016 Delta Dental	527.51	Sept 16 dental insurance
ACH	09/30/2016 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota	7,657.33	Sept16 health insurance for Oct 16
ACH	09/30/2016 Minnwest Bank Montevideo	512.50	Sept 16 HSA AT
ACH	09/30/2016 PRAIRIE SUN BANK	28.00	Sept 16 direct deposit fee
ACH	09/30/2016 Select Account	17.50	Sept 16 Select account monthly fee
Direct Deposit	09/20/2016	927.46	Commissioner Direct Deposit 9/20/16
		<u>\$ 111,849.69</u>	Total Checks/ACH payments Sept 2016

Pass-Thru Payments

UMVRDC Secretary/Treasurer

Date:

UMVRDC Executive Director

Date:

ACTION MEMO

TO: Upper MN Valley RDC Commissioners
FROM: Laura Ostlie, Loan Officer
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: RLF Treasurer's Report

Financial information presented in this report is separated into the two RLF loan fund pools the UMRDC currently manages. The report shows the active loans in the RLF portfolios. In the RLF treasurer's report the following information regarding each loan is presented: borrower, loan amount, interest rate, term, the loan pool from which each loan is from, informational notes, and activity detail for the loan transactions.

At the bottom of the report, the balances of the bank accounts are presented. First, the amounts for each RLF loan fund pool are presented as totals. These totals show the total of the outstanding loan balance for each fund and the addition of each corresponding month-end bank balance. Each fund's monthly activity is broken down into the various activities that affect the bank balances and the balances available for lending.

September 2016 Transaction Notes:

- Madison Meats Loan – Default Status
- Appleton Meat Center – Default Status
- C & L Powder Coating-Principal Deferment with late payments
- Kay's Processing Loan #2-Paid in Full

ACTION REQUESTED:

To approve the UMRDC's September 2016 RLF Treasurer's Report with the following available for lending balances – meaning fund balances less the funds already committed to loans that have yet to close: *\$344,095.60 (Original RLF) and \$151,081.23 (Disaster RLF)*.

September 2016 RLF TREASURER'S REPORT

	Terms				Reporting Transactions				
	Borrower	Original RLF Loan Amount	Disaster RLF Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Term (years)	Notes	September Payments	Original RLF Balance at 9/30/2016	Disaster RLF Balance at 9/30/2016
1	Al's Mercantile	50,000		5%	10		\$ 538.82	\$ 24,668.79	
3	Appleton Meat Center	30,000		4%	10	Default	\$ -	\$ 17,066.19	
4	Barr's/Conroy Electric, Inc.	46,000		4%	10		\$ 466.73	\$ 27,427.73	
5	Bluegrass Proteins, Inc.	100,000	100,000	4%	5		\$ 2,111.78	\$ 85,147.15	\$ 85,147.15
6	Books by Kelly	20,000		5%	5		\$ 121.69	\$ 10,136.10	
7	C&L Loan #2	57,500		2.90%	10	30 days delinquent	\$ -	\$ 47,682.84	
8	C.C. Diamond Products, LLC	100,000		4%	10		\$ 1,013.45	\$ 61,896.68	
9	Clara City Foods, Inc	100,000	100,000	4%	10		\$ 2,025.90	\$ 96,480.51	\$ 96,480.51
10	Clarkfield Family Foods	28,000		4%	10		\$ 284.49	\$ 9,990.72	
11	DoMat's	100,000		4%	10	First Payment Due Oct 1	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	
12	Granite Falls Dairy Queen, Inc	100,000		4%	10		\$ 1,013.45	\$ 61,613.99	
13	Handeland Chiropractic, LLC	33,000		5%	10		\$ 365.66	\$ 16,731.66	
14	Jack Anderson (GoldLeaf Fin.)	100,000		2.90%	5		\$ 1,793.43	\$ 31,534.74	
15	Jager building Supply, LLC	62,000		4%	10		\$ 628.72	\$ 40,245.36	
16	J C & Sons Hardware Inc	70,000		4%	10		\$ 709.72	\$ 27,759.68	
17	Kaercher Publications, Inc.	65,520		4.50%	10		\$ 680.04	\$ 41,462.17	
18	Kay's Processing, LLC	100,000		2.90%	5	Loan Pd off 9/29, interest and satisfaction fees left	\$ 31,897.93	\$ 16.61	
19	Kay's Processing/Naturals Loan 2		100,000	5.00%	5	Loan Pd off 9/29	\$ 66,582.71		\$ -
20	KEC of Granite Falls DBA Picht's	50,000		4.00%	10		\$ 507.23	\$ 48,976.43	
21	Lamecker's General Store	25,000		4.00%	5		\$ 461.41	\$ 14,063.54	
22	Madison Meats	37,200		4%	5	Default	\$ -	\$ 8,160.21	
23	Merritt Construction, Inc.	10,000		4.50%	12		\$ 104.64	\$ 6,449.51	
24	Northern Geo, LLC	50,000	100,000	4%	10		\$ 1,518.68	\$ 39,970.90	\$ 79,941.80
25	Northern Grain		100,000	2.90%	5		\$ 1,793.43	\$ -	\$ 38,720.12
26	Private Industry Council	50,000		4%	9.6		\$ 396.39	\$ 15,328.76	
27	R&R Outdoors	11,000		4%	10		\$ 112.37	\$ 8,513.29	
28	SEWearables	33,000		4.50%	7		\$ 361.04	\$ 13,047.76	
29	SpecSys Inc.	50,000		4%	10		\$ 507.23	\$ 17,743.47	
30	Swift Falls Bar & Grill	22,500		4%	10		\$ 228.80	\$ 7,962.51	
31	The Sawmill	50,000		4%	10		\$ 203.81	\$ 28,182.94	
32	West Central Powder Coating, Inc.		100,000	4%	15		\$ 740.69		\$ 90,948.03
		1,550,720	600,000				\$117,170.24	\$ 908,260.24	\$ 391,237.61

Balance of Bank Accounts			
Total Original RLF Funds:	1,252,355.84		Total Disaster RLF Funds: 542,318.84
Previous month's bank balance	330,787.74	Previous month's Bank Balance	45,090.05
Loan Repayment	14,867.62	Loan Repayment	7,503.53
Loan Disbursement	-	Loan Disbursement	-
September '16 - Bank Interest	42.24	September '16 Bank Interest	7.01
Admin Transfer -	(1,602.00)	Admin Transfer	-
Origination, ACH, or Loan Payoff Fees	-	Origination, ACH, or Loan Payoff Fees -	98,480.64
Bank Account Balance at 9/30/2016	344,095.60	Bank Account Balance 9/30/2016	151,081.23
	-		
Balance available for lending	\$ 344,095.60	Balance available for lending	\$ 151,081.23

UMVRDC Secretary/Treasurer	UMVRDC Executive Director
Date	Date

ACTION MEMO

TO: UMVRDC Commissioners
FROM: Jacki Anderson, Senior Planner
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: Drone Contract

Our “Get Rural” project funds approved in the Blandin grant was for some additional drone footage. As the timing of available dates was limited, and the Meander was a great date to capture a lot of regional activity, along with some great seasonal photos, we are asking for retro approval of the contract with Eagle Eye Photos. A consultant agreement was put in place with Eagle Eye Photos to complete the drone footage to capture additional drone footage of the region. The footage will be used for our Get Rural regional branding project and will be available to our communities to utilize once complete.

The contract is for \$1,000 which included an entire day of drone footage in the region. We have estimated it could cost up to an additional \$500 for editing and videos. All of the funds were budgeted and are available through our “Get Rural” project grant from the Blandin Foundation.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval and authorization of the Executive Director’s signature on the attached contract with Eagle Eye Photos for Get Rural drone imaging in an amount up to \$1,500.

**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
CONSULTANT Contract**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) and EAGLE EYE PHOTOS LLC of Buffalo, MN hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT.

WHEREAS, the UMVRDC is in need of professional drone imaging technical assistance services;

WHEREAS, the UMVRDC selected EAGLE EYE PHOTOS LLC to be the CONSULTANT to perform these services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and contracts hereinafter set forth, UMVRDC and CONSULTANT agree as follows:

I. TERM

This contract shall be effective starting on the last date of execution by the parties and shall continue in effect until **September 30th, 2016**, or until this contract is terminated by either the UMVRDC or CONSULTANT, whichever comes first.

II. CONSULTANT OBLIGATIONS

Our overarching goal is to showcase the lifestyle of living in Western Minnesota, in hopes to entice young professionals to move to the region. Our primary target audiences are young professionals, entrepreneurs, families, and those looking to live a relaxing life.

EAGLE EYE PHOTOS LLC agrees to:

1. 10 hours of filming/drone imaging in the UMVRDC region
 - Agreed upon date for filming is September 30th, 2016;
 - If weather causes cancellation of the filming date a new filming date will be established.
2. At least 1-3 video clips that include editing and music;
3. Raw footage will be provided for reuse by the UMVRDC;
4. Provide permission release for participants involved in the staging;
5. Obtain necessary local, state and federal approvals.

III. UMVRDC'S OBLIGATIONS

- A. UMVRDC Contact for this Contract
 - 323 West Schlieman Avenue
 - Appleton MN 56208
 - 320-289-1981 phone
- B. UMVRDC staff will be responsible for coordinating the route and staging for the filming day;

- C. The UMRDC shall immediately notify the CONSULTANT of any condition observed which may adversely affect the completion and outcome of this project;
- D. The UMRDC will identify and invite local participants for staging purposes and obtain required permission signatures for participation.

IV. PAYMENTS AND SERVICES

- A. UMRDC shall pay CONSULTANT **\$1,000.00** for services provided in order to fulfill this contract. This is the total contract amount and the CONSULTANT agrees that all services to be provided will be done so within the mutually agreed upon amount. It is understood that all travel, mileage, and similar out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the CONSULTANT hereunder shall be included within the total contract amount;
- B. Payments will be made after the CONSULTANT's presentation of draft or final products and invoices for services performed and acceptance of such services by the UMRDC.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Independent Contractor: Nothing contained in this contract is intended or shall be constructed as creating an employer-employee relationship between the UMRDC and the CONSULTANT. No tenure or any rights or benefits, including worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, medical care, sick leave, vacation leave, severance pay, PERA or other benefits available to UMRDC employees or UMRDC-related representatives, shall accrue to CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's employees.
- B. Merger and Modification: The contract is between the UMRDC and COUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, INC, This project contract supercedes all oral contracts and negotiations between parties. Any future modifications of this CONSULTANT contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing and submitted to all parties.
- C. Termination: UMRDC or CONSULTANT may terminate this contract, with or without cause, upon written notice. Settlement of fees due to the CONSULTANT shall be based on the hours of services performed at the date of termination.
- D. Subcontracting and Assignment: CONSULTANT shall not enter into any subcontract for performance of any services under this contract without the prior written approval of UMRDC.
- E. Responsibility for Damages Claims: CONSULTANT shall indemnify and save harmless the UMRDC and their officers and employees from all suits, actions, and claims of arising out of the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the CONSULTANT.

- F. Accuracy, Errors, and Omissions: CONSULTANT agrees that all information provided to UMRDC will be true and correct to the best of CONSULTANT's knowledge. UMRDC is not liable for its use or dissemination of false or erroneous information, data or other materials provided by the CONSULTANT.
- G. The UMRDC will maintain all rights to use all video footage gathered under this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract on the dates indicated below.

EAGLE EYE PHOTOS LLC
(CONSULTANT)

UMVRDC

By _____

By _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

CONSULTANT INVOICE

Submit to: Melissa Streich, Communications Coordinator
UMVRDC
323 West Schlieman Ave
Appleton MN 56208
melissa@umvrdc.org

Date	Product Description	Total Amount
TOTAL		

Claimant Signature: _____

Date: _____

UMVRDC Executive Director: _____

Date: _____

ACTION MEMO

TO: Upper MN Valley RDC Commissioners

FROM: Kristi Fernholz, Senior Planner

DATE: October 25, 2016

RE: Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership ArtPlace Contract

The UMVRDC has been asked to contract with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) to complete community asset mapping for the City of Milan as part of the Partnership Art Initiative through ArtPlace America funding. This contract is for \$1,200.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Consultant Agreement with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership.

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership
2401 Broadway Avenue, Suite 4
Slayton, MN 56172
Phone: 507-836-1608

Consultant Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) and Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (Consultant).

WHEREAS, the SWMHP is in need of professional community asset mapping services for the City of Milan as part of the Partnership Art Initiative through ArtPlace America funding;

WHEREAS, the SWMHP selected the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission to be the Consultant to perform these services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements hereinafter set forth, SWMHP and Consultant agree as follows:

I. TERM

This agreement shall be effective starting on October 1, 2016 and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2016, or until the SWMHP feels the Consultant's obligations as stated herein have been provided or until this agreement is terminated by either the UMRDC or Consultant, whichever comes first.

II. CONSULTANT OBLIGATIONS

The scope of services to be completed by Consultant are:

- A. Evaluate with SWMHP possible asset mapping models.
- B. Create an asset mapping tool for SWMHP that creates a framework for SWMHP staff to engage in conversations with Milan residents on potential Partnership Art Initiatives.
- C. Provide an electronic version of the asset map so SWMHP staff can made additions to the map after community engagement concludes.
- D. Developing list of community stakeholders for follow up conversations.
- E. Assistance with community conversations as able.

III. SWMHP'S OBLIGATIONS

A. SWMHP Contact for this Agreement:

Chelsea Alger
Resource Development Officer
507-836-1622
ChelseaA@swmhp.org

- B. The SWMHP shall provide various information documents that may be helpful to the Consultant in completing the project. The Consultant shall be able to rely on the accuracy and relevancy of all information provided by the SWMHP. Approvals rendered by the SWMHP will be considered final and serve as a basis for the Consultant's proceeding to the next planned activity.
- C. The SWMHP shall immediately notify the Consultant of any condition it observes which may adversely affect the completion and outcome of this project.
- D. The SWMHP will review all final products for content and accuracy of copy, graphics, maps, illustrations, and other information provided by the Consultant.

IV. PAYMENTS AND SERVICES

- A. SWMHP shall pay Consultant \$1,200 for services provided in order to fulfill this Agreement. This is the Total Agreement Amount and the Consultant agrees that all services to be provided will be done so within the mutually agreed upon amount. It is understood that all travel, mileage, and similar out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Consultant hereunder shall be included within the total Agreement amount.
- B. Payments will be made after the Consultant's presentation of final products and invoices for services performed and acceptance of such services by the SWMHP.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Independent Contractor: Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or shall be constructed as creating an employer-employee relationship between the SWMHP and the Consultant. No tenure or any rights or benefits, including worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, medical care, sick leave, vacation leave, severance pay, retirement or other benefits available to SWMHP employees or SWMHP-related representatives, shall accrue to Consultant or Consultant's employees.

- B. Merger and Modification: The entire project Agreement between the UMVRDC and SWMHP, is contained herein. This project agreement supercedes all oral agreements and negotiations between parties. Any future modifications of this Consultant Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing and submitted to all parties.
- C. Termination: SWMHP or Consultant may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon written notice. Settlement of fees due to the Consultant shall be based on the hours of services performed at the date of termination at a rate of \$75 per hour.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

Southwest Minnesota Housing
Partnership

Upper Minnesota Valley RDC

By_____

By_____

Title_____

Title_____

Date_____

Date_____

INFORMATION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners

FROM: Kristi Fernholz, Arlene Tilbury, Matt Moe, Melissa Streich, Jacki Anderson and Laura Ostlie

DATE: October 25, 2016

RE: **Planner Update**

In an effort to update the Commission on projects, staff has prepared the following brief summary of current projects.

CONTRACTS:**Appleton Technical Assistance – Jacki and Laura**

The focus of this year's technical assistance contract is developing a new comprehensive plan for the City. A task force has been put in place and is meeting monthly guide the process as we work on developing an updated comprehensive plan.

Montevideo Arts Project - Kristi

The MAP project is completed! A dedication was held on October 13th where 100+ people attended. Make sure you drive downtown Montevideo near the Depot to see the completed project.

Memorial Park in Granite Falls – Kristi

Damon Faber has completed their Master Plan Implementation Plan and submitted it to the city council.

Lac qui Parle County Park Master Plan – Kristi

Kristi sent a letter to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails asking for clarification on requirements of the Master Plan mapping.

Maynard Museum - Kristi

Kristi is working with MNHS and architects to help decide the next steps for the Maynard Museum. Extensive outreach has been made this past month to get resources together for the museum.

Yellow Medicine Housing Windshield Survey – Laura and Jacki

On September 8th UMRDC staff presented the survey results and discussed opportunities for next steps with the YM Futures group.

Clinton, Graceville and Beardsley SDCP – Laura and Jacki

A meeting with city and RDC staff took place to determine contract logistics and the cities cooperative agreement. The executed grant was provided October 14th. Notification to Prairie Five was made in order to gather applications for their commercial and owner occupied rehab projects.

Clara City SCDP – Laura

Clara City's Small Cities program runs through December 2016. Currently, 4 Owner Occupied Rehab, 4 Single Family Rental Rehab, and 3 Commercial Rehab projects are complete. DEED monitoring took place during the last week of August and we are still awaiting our final report. Projects are still underway, including a 14 multi-unit rental rehab.

Danvers Technical Assistance – Jacki and Laura

The focus of the technical assistance is authoring an Assistance to Firefighters grant application that is due in December 2016. Also to assist in identifying additional grant opportunities or resources to assist Danvers in building a community center/fire hall.

Appleton SCDP – Laura

The City of Appleton has reported one of the 20 owner occupied rehab projects completed for the SCDP Annual Report. Appleton's program also includes a goal of five commercial rehab projects to be completed.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Community and Economic Development – Jacki

Jacki met with regional ED Pro's (CEDS Strategy Committee) on September 19th and October 6th to develop the key elements of the updated CEDS.

Meander – Kristi

The Meander went well this year. We will have results for you at the November meeting. Reports from artist is that numbers of people and sales are both up. An Explore MN Tourism Grant was written to help with advertising in 2017.

MN River Valley National Scenic Byway - Kristi

The Byway Alliance met on October 13th to review the Dakota Content Specialist to be hired by the Byway Alliance for the Heritage Partnership Program Grant. This contract will be between the City of Appleton (the fiscal agent) and the consultants. Both the Upper Sioux Community and the Lower Sioux Indian Community are involved in the project. An Explore MN Tourism Grant was written to help with advertising the videos in 2017.

Prairie Waters Regional Tourism – Melissa

We have received four proposals for the 2017-2018 visitors guide, which will include the editorial, layout, design/ad design and the printing. Prairie Waters will be responsible for all of the ad sales. We will choose a publisher based off a 100 point scoring process that includes the following: creativity, background and experience, value added, budget and productive timeframe.

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) – Kristi

We are working to put together resources for local units of government who want to work more deeply with clean energy projects. Kristi has started outreach to cities.

KMS Safe Routes to School (SRTS)-Laura

The committee's Kick Off meeting was held on September 15th at the Murdock Elementary School. Observations and walking audits are scheduled for October 4th. Survey work will be completed with both the students at the school along with each of the families within the Kerkhoven and Murdock school. Observation Day is scheduled for October 25th.

Blandin Broadband – Jacki, Melissa

Feasibility Study – Drone footage was completed on September 30th. A fall meeting is being planned to discuss the next steps.

Additional projects were funded by Blandin. A brief description of the projects is as follows:

- 1) **Coordination of IT staff** – the IT professionals decided to try quarterly meetings and will meet again in October in Granite Falls.
- 2) **Get Rural** (Regional Recruitment) – On September 30th we contracted with the same drone pilot as this summer and collected more aerial footage of the region to create a Fall Regional Promotional Video. The video will be revealed at the next Get Rural meeting which will be held in November, details to come.

Active contracts

Appleton Technical Assistance
Appleton SCDP
Clara City SCDP
Chippewa County PACE implementation
Clinton SCDP
Danvers Technical Assistance
Granite Falls EDA Grant
Granite Falls Fiscal Agent
University of MN, Extension (CERTs)
Montevideo Arts Project
Maynard Museum
Granite Falls Memorial Park TA
Local Foods Study

Anticipated Completion

May 2016
December 2017
December 2016
December 2016
December 2018
June 2017
March 2016
June 30, 2016
June 2015/Ongoing
December 2016
December 2016
December 2016
April 2017

INFORMATIONAL ONLY- No Action requested

INFORMATION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners

FROM: Dawn Hegland, Executive Director

DATE: October 25, 2016

RE: Director's Report

In an effort to update the Commission on my activities, I prepared the following brief summary of actions that I am working on.

- Met with Jacki, Laura, Kristi and Arlene to discuss existing and upcoming SCDP projects, DEED program audits, and consultants. We are exploring new roles and partnerships in the region for future SCDP to possibly streamline costs and allow for more potential communities to access the program.
- Continue to meet with Matt and Arlene to update financial policies and procedures.
- Investigated employee bond coverages with MCIT.
- Reviewed health insurance renewal for CY17. 18% increase in premium and \$300 deductible increase.
- Briefly met with auditors while they were on site.
- Worked with Matt and Arlene on final end of FY16 budget review and closeout and first quarter FY17 budget analysis.
- Spent considerable time reposting job position. We ran a paid Facebook campaign, edited our post with several chapters of the American Planning Association, reposted at colleges and at many additional colleges throughout the country, initiated a conversation with the U of M Morris to see if there are complimentary programs there that could be possible related programs for our planner positions, and significantly shared and posted on social media outlets.
- Completed phone interviews with three candidates. None were a good fit.
- Facilitated a discussion with the Yellow Medicine County Technology Committee for the creation of their Technology Continuity of Operations Plan.
- Worked with Elert & Assoc. consultant and some County IT staff on several aspects of the regional Public Sector Broadband Feasibility Plan. Participated in project webinar on 10/14.
- Started solicitation of the MnDOT Transportation Alternatives program. Met with the City of Dawson about a potential project.
- Explored contract work with the Southwest MN Housing Partnership for some asset mapping in Milan as part of their Art Place grant.
- Continue to follow the Minnesota Rural County Caucus proposal for "brain gain" legislation that would provide funding to RDCs to assist with strategies to attract and retain newcomers.
- Completed some outreach on the workforce/talent shortage to identify some areas of research for the Center for Rural Policy and Development
- Continue to meet with staff about current projects and contracts to determine reassignments and workload due to being short-staffed.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY- No Action requested

INFORMATION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners
FROM: Laura Ostlie, Loan Officer
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: RLF Update

LOAN STATUS REPORT

DEFAULTS (90days+)

Madison Meats – No change since last update. Declared personal bankruptcy, we continue to hold a UCC on the business. Loan balance with accrued interest is \$8160.21.

Appleton Meat Center – No change since last update. The sale of the facility took place 1/28/16. Legal collection correspondence has been made to the borrowers due to the personal guaranty that the RDC still holds on the remaining debt. Balance is \$17,066.19.

DELINQUENT (less than 90 days)

C & L Powder Coating- Borrowers have not made their August or September payments. They were notified and replied that they will not be making any payments at this time. The borrowers were notified of the delinquency and upcoming default status. All gap lenders have been in conversation and have requested updated plans from the borrowers.

DEFERRED PAYMENTS

None

PAID IN FULL

Kay's Processing-Received loan payoff including fees on Loan #2 September 29th. Followed up by the remainder payoff on Loan#1 in October for the mortgage and UCC satisfactions.

LOANS APPROVED BUT NOT DISBURSED

None

NEW LOANS

None

PAYOFFS / BALLOON PAYMENTS ANTICIPATED

None

OTHER

R & R Outdoors- Borrowers have connected with all lenders to provide them with their plans to close the storefront of their business as early as November. They plan to continue to provide their live bait and gunsmithing services without having the storefront. Borrowers stated they have all intentions of paying back all lenders via a pending sale of current existing inventory in the store to a neighboring bait business, along with continued payments. Current RDC balance is \$8,513.29

INFORMATIONAL ONLY- No Action requested

ACTION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners

FROM: Dawn Hegland, Executive Director

DATE: October 25, 2016

RE: Grow Your Own Summit

The Southwest Initiative Foundation is planning a meeting on Thursday, December 15 to discuss what communities can do to ensure our youth have all the opportunities they need to grow into the future workforce, residents, business owners, and community leaders our region will rely on in the future.

I have been part of an Outreach Committee for the event who have been completing a group read of Robert Putnam's book "Our Kids – The American Dream in Crisis". The concepts of this book will serve as a basis for this meeting and the author, Robert Putnam, is the keynote speaker for the event. One of the basic questions that the author asks is *"Do youth today coming from different social and economic backgrounds in fact have roughly equal chances, and has that changed in recent decades?"*. His book goes on to use a variety of examples of how kids faced with a variety of social, economic, and demographic backgrounds are faced with obstacles that prevent any upward mobility. The meeting will identify a framework to lessen the obstacles and create opportunities for youth to gain a more productive path for upward mobility.

Attached is a presentation of some of the data that illustrates the urgency for this discussion.

I would like to know if there are two or three board members that are interested in attending the event, that might be willing to integrate some of the items discussed back into areas that you work in: circle sentencing, family services, school boards or committees, private industry council boards or committees, the UMRDC CEDS etc. The RDC would cover the cost of your attendance, registration and I would request that we pay per diem for board members attending as well.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize 2-3 board members to attend the Grow Your Own Summit on December 15 with the UMRDC covering the cost of registration, travel and per diem.

Grow Our Own Summit

Supporting all southwest Minnesota kids and the communities they call home

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2016**

Rescheduled from Nov. 21

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Networking reception to follow.

Southwest Minnesota State
University – Marshall, Minn.



Did you know that one in six southwest Minnesota kids lives in poverty? These kids are our future employees, community leaders, homeowners, volunteers and taxpayers. We believe that our region's economy depends on their success.

Join us Thursday, Dec. 15 in Marshall, Minn., to hear keynote Robert Putnam, a world-renowned researcher, author and speaker, share how the American Dream is moving out of reach for kids across the country—and more importantly, to discuss what we leaders, employers, community members and families can do to make sure all our kids have the opportunities they need to succeed.

Find more information at swifoundation.org and register online today!





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Who we are

- Regional community foundation serving the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota
- Region spans from Ortonville to Jackson, Winsted to Luverne
- Headquarters are at the corner of Highways 7 & 15 in Hutchinson



Our history

THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

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Initiative Foundations

MAKING MINNESOTA GREATER FOR 30 YEARS




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The SWIF paradigm shift

By 2026, Southwest Initiative Foundation will position itself as the regional champion and inclusive partner to close the opportunity gap for all our kids.

We are calling this work:

Grow Our Own

Supporting all southwest Minnesota kids and the communities they call home

“A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.”

Lao Tzu

The American Dream

- In 1843, McGuffy's Reader – our first national text book – told students:

“The road to wealth, to honor, to usefulness, and happiness, is open to all, and all who will may enter upon it with the almost certain prospect of success.”



Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis

- The question Dr. Putnam poses in the book is:

“Do youth today coming from different social and economic backgrounds in fact have roughly equal chances, and has that changed in recent decades?”



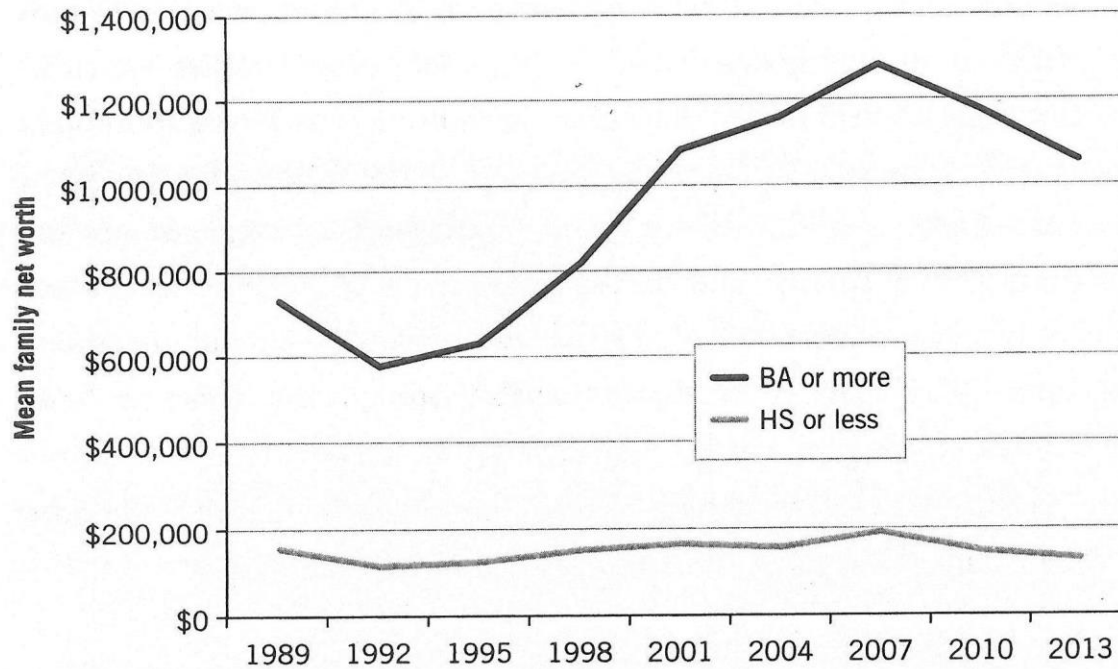
The Opportunity Gap for Kids

The American Dream

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Figure 1.3: Growing wealth gap

By parental education, in constant (2013) dollars, 1989–2013



Source: Survey of Consumer Finance, Federal Reserve Bank, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/scf/scfindex.htm>.

The Opportunity Gap for Kids

- As communities and neighborhoods change, low income kids are facing obstacles that remove stepping stones to upward mobility
 - Lack of access to mentoring and role models
 - Lack of access to quality education
 - Lack of access to enrichment activities
 - Lack of access to social capital that opens doors and minimizes the damage of poor decisions
 - Negative perceptions that foster lack of empathy

Data resources

- Major sources for our research – American Community Survey, State of Minnesota departmental data, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Minnesota Compass – social indicators project that tracks trends



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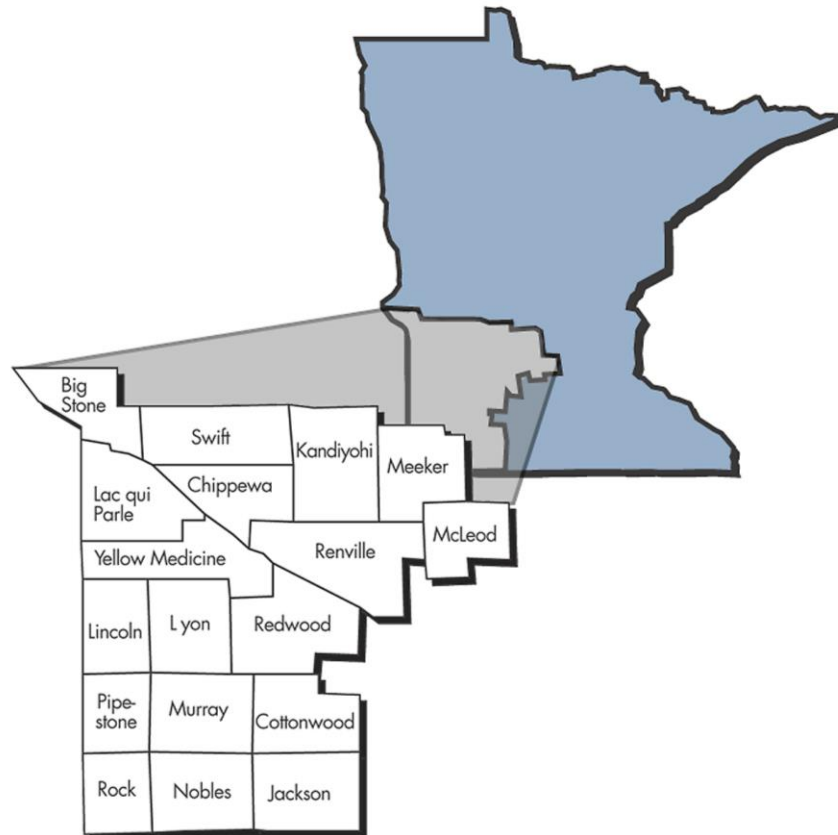
Population changes

Southwest Minnesota's total population:

1960	2015	2045 (projected)
314,855	277,285	316,925

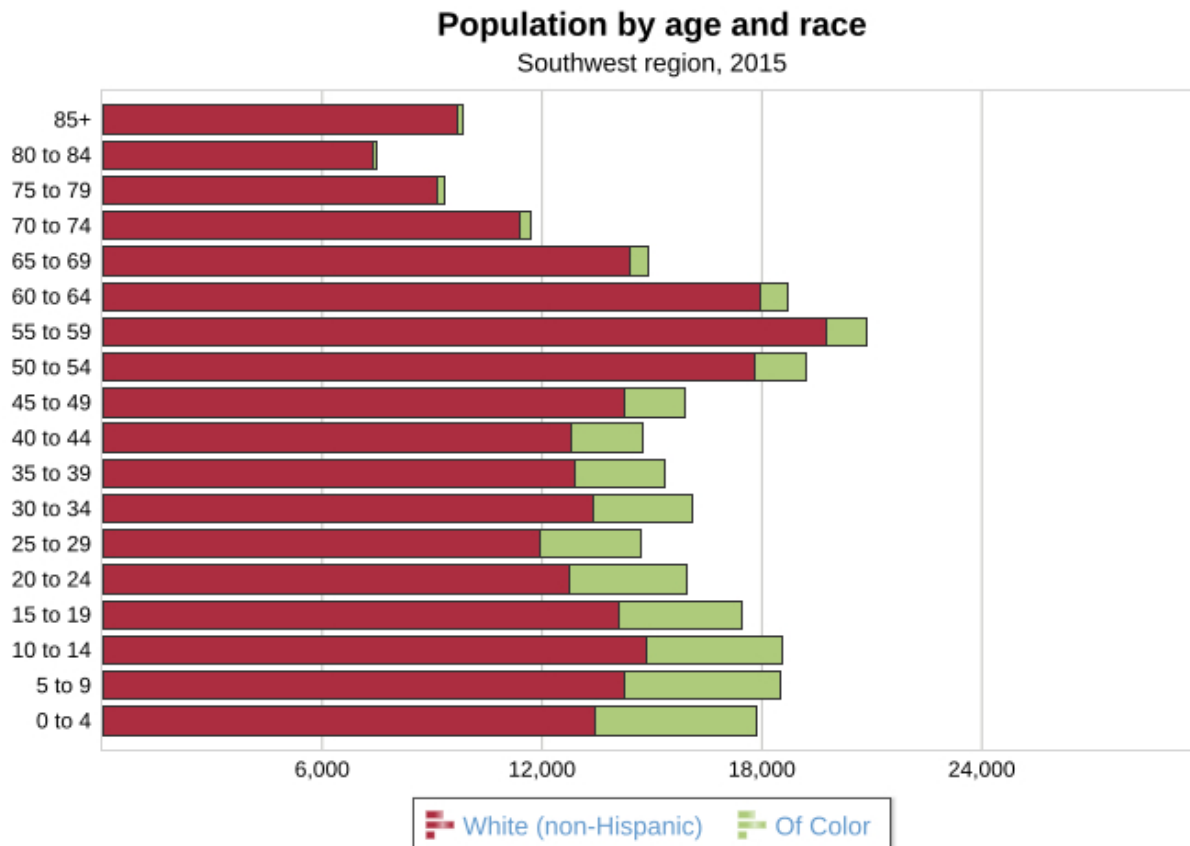
Areas of growth

- In 13 of our 18 counties, 100 percent of the population growth through 2040 will come from people of color
- In the other five, it will range from 50-99 percent



Changing faces

As represented from this chart, a larger portion of our younger residents are not white



Understanding poverty

- Poverty is defined as “the state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions”
- 2015 U.S. Federal Poverty Guideline: \$24,250 for a family of four
- Cost of living in Chippewa County: \$60,601 for a family with two working parents and two children

What is the data telling us?

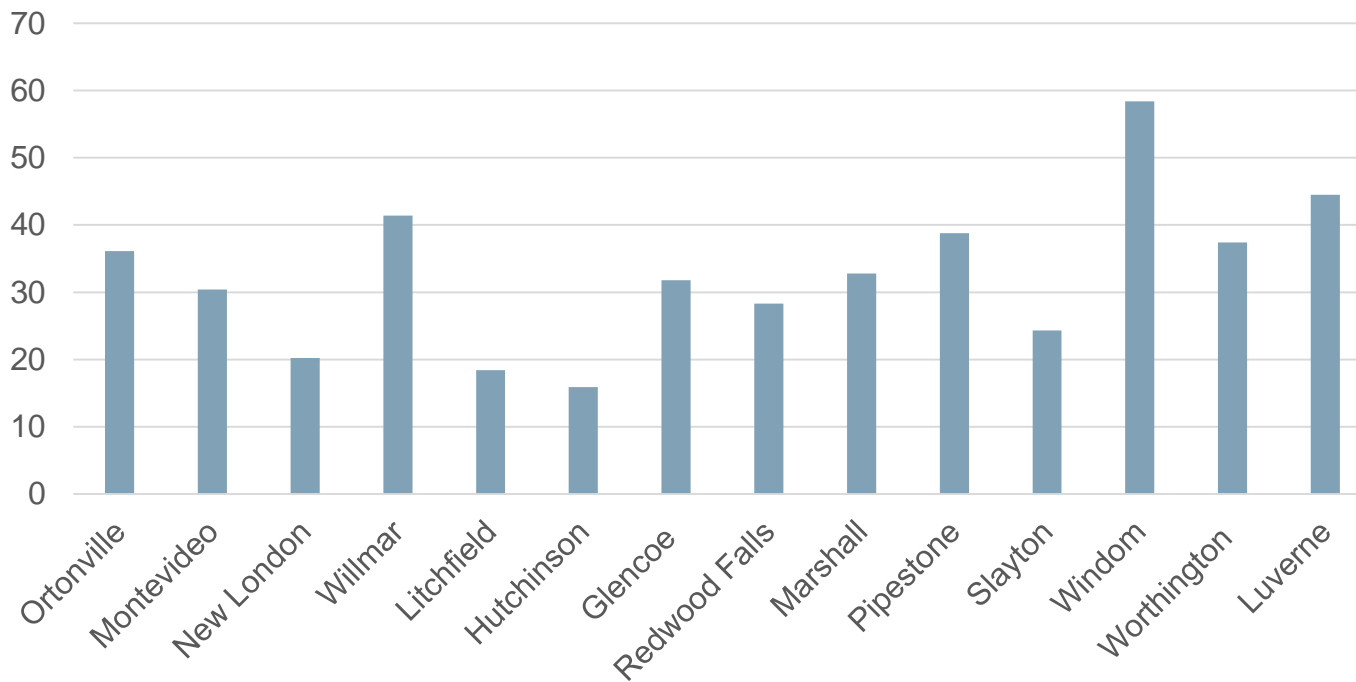
- One in six kids in our region lives in poverty, equal to the populations of Jackson, Benson, Bird Island and Olivia combined.
- 4,499 of our kids are living in poverty before they get to elementary school.
- 29.7% of Hispanic and Latino and 35.1% of Native American kids live in poverty.
- In 13 of our 18 counties, 100% of the population growth through 2040 will come from people of color. In the other five, it will be range from 50-99% of the growth.

What is the data telling us?

- In Montevideo, 585 students (of the 1,340 enrolled) qualified for the free and reduced lunch program in 2015-16.
- That means more than 43% of our kids meet the program criteria of 185% of poverty level – that's an annual income of less than \$44,955 for a family of four.
- 30.4% or 123 kids in Montevideo under the age of five live in poverty – again, that is an annual income of less than \$24,500 for a family of four.
- The overall poverty rate for Chippewa County has grown from 7.8% in 2000 to 11.5% in 2014.

Kids in poverty in southwest MN

% of Southwest Minnesota Kids Under Age 5
in Poverty by Community

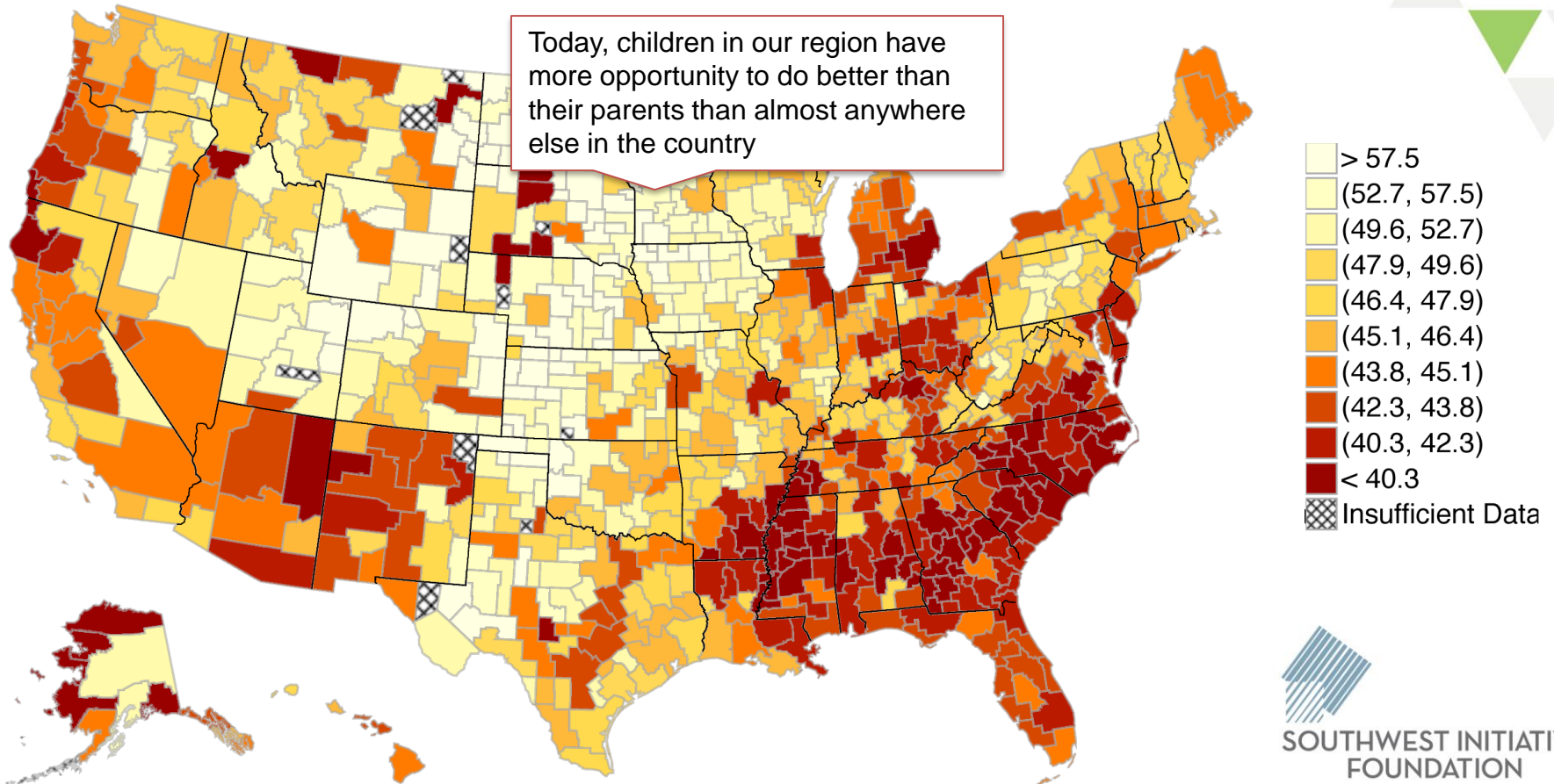


■ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014 5-year estimates

Will our kids do better than their parents?

The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility in the United States Predicted Income Rank at Age 26 for Children with Parents at 25th Percentile

Today, children in our region have more opportunity to do better than their parents than almost anywhere else in the country



Factors in Upward Mobility

- Less segregation by income and race
- Lower levels of income inequality
- Better schools
- Lower rates of violent crime
- More 2-parent households

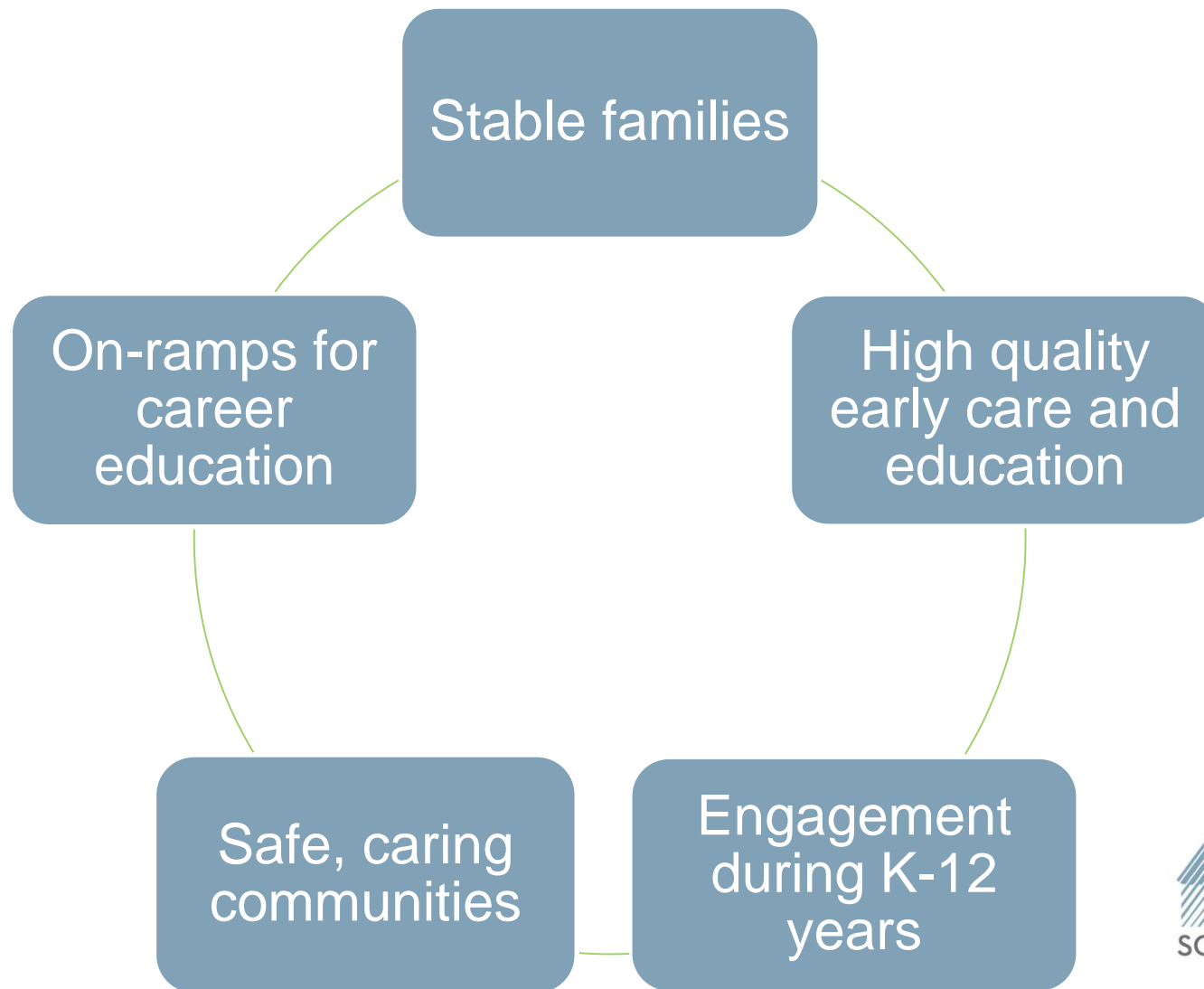


And the good news is ...

we are working from a position of strength!

- Good schools
- Higher than average graduation rates
- Low crime rates
- Higher than average proportion of stable families
- Healthier babies
- More children screened before age 5
- People feel like their communities work together
- Strong sense of volunteerism

A framework for closing the gap



These are our kids...



"Alone we can do little, together we can do much."

Helen Keller

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ACTION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners
FROM: Dawn Hegland, Executive Director
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: Danvers Hedgehog Request

Laura has been working with members from the Danvers Fire Department regarding some facility planning and grant writing. The City has requested our assistance to submit a grant for them. The total application cost will be \$1,500 and they are requesting \$750 from the UMRDC Hedgehog program.

In FY2017 we have not yet expended any of our Hedgehog.

Hedgehog Grant Program

The purpose of this fund is to act as a catalyst and financial resource for units of government to address priority issues through contracts with the UMRDC.

1. We wanted to entice contracts with units of government we were not regularly working with, especially our smallest communities that have more limited capacity and budgets.
2. We wanted to fund grant writing that has the potential to generate follow up grant administration for the RDC.
3. We wanted to encourage larger scale planning processes that may lead to future opportunities and contracts with the RDC to implement the work of the plans.

The Commission has the following options:

- a) Fully fund the application
- b) Partially fund the application
- c) Deny the application

ACTION REQUESTED

Review the Hedgehog Grant Application requests from the City of Danvers and recommend action.



Upper Minnesota Valley
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 Helping Communities Prosper

323 W. Schlieman Ave. Appleton, MN 56208 320.289.1981 www.umvrdc.org

The purpose of this fund is to act as a catalyst and financial resource for units of government to address priority issues through contracts with the UMVRDC.

Hedgehog Grant Review Criteria

Date: October 25,2016
City/County/Township/Tribal/School District Name: City of Danvers
Project Name: AFG grant writing
Cost: \$ <u>1,500</u> Total Estimated Project Cost \$ <u>750</u> Total local share \$ <u>750</u> Requested Amount from Hedgehog Grant (50% of the total project cost up to \$5,000.)
\$ <u>9,250</u> Amount left for cities under 500 if this project is funded
\$ <u>10,000</u> Amount left for other units of government

Criteria	
Yes	City under 500 population
No	Received a Hedgehog Grant this RDC fiscal year (July-June)
Yes	UMVRDC proposal accepted and contract in place
Comprehensive Planning Strategic Planning Grant Writing	Eligible project area: AFG Firefighters grant
1996	Year of last contract with RDC
Yes	Potential for follow up work: potential for more grant writing
\$1500	Total contract amount
Yes/No	RDC Recommended for funding DATE: _____

DISCUSSION MEMO

TO: UMRDC Commissioners
FROM: Jacki Anderson, Senior Planner
DATE: October 25, 2016
RE: Draft CEDS

The draft CEDS will be presented along with feedback and a recommendation from the UMRDC CEDS Committee (Juanita, Brent, Graylen and Justin).

The CEDS is a five year plan we are required to provide to EDA and use as an opportunity to outline our regional priorities and work with organization and community partners to implement. This year's CEDS has a very condensed format. Within the new CEDS format (follows DevelopMN outline) each of the four cornerstones has a key focus in the form of a single goal and an action plan. The cornerstones and their key focus are listed below with action plan details available in the draft document.

- Human Capital – focusing on increasing regional labor force
- Economic Competitiveness – growing more businesses in the region
- Community Resources – further developing the regional brand
- Foundational Assets – connecting the entire region to high speed broadband

The draft document will be available and open to the public for comment on the UMRDC's website beginning Friday, October 21st – November 21st, 2016. During this time, we will take public comment into consideration and amend the document accordingly presenting changes to the Commission in November.

At the UMRDC's November meeting the Commission will be asked to adopt the updated CEDS document.

DISCUSSION REQUESTED:

Provide feedback and recommendations on the draft CEDS presentation.