



ENERGY TRANSITION SUMMIT

Welcome to Becker, MN

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Mayor Tracy Bertram

City of Becker, MN

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Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization

Josh Grosshans

June 2023

Coal & Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization



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- Two public reports outlining recommendations to catalyze economic activity



Getting More Funds, to More Places, More Quickly



Upgrade
Infrastructure



Clean Up
Environmental
Damage



Promote
Entrepreneurship



Support Workforce
Development

Two-Year Report to the President



Revitalizing Energy Communities Two-Year Report to the President



APRIL 2023



ACTIVITIES THUS FAR

9,000⁺

STAKEHOLDERS
ENGAGED

25⁺

IN-PERSON AND
VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

11⁺

COMMUNITIES
REACHED

3

RAPID RESPONSE
TEAMS

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS



TRANSPORTATION

\$152B



TRANSMISSION

\$16.5B



EV CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE

\$7.5B



BROADBAND

\$65B



WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE

\$50B

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IRA tax credits

<https://energycommunities.gov/funding/>

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



Tax Credits & Loan Guarantees

IRA provides **targeted investments** in energy communities.



\$250 Billion in Authority for Redeveloping & Repurposing



Bonus Tax Credits for Clean Energy Projects in Energy Communities



\$4 Billion Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits for Energy Communities

Workers/Community/EJ

IRA supports **energy workers, and their families**, who built this country.



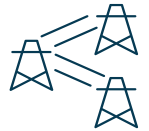
Black Lung Disability Trust Fund Reinstated



\$27 Billion Green House Gas Reduction Fund



\$3 Billion for Environment and Climate Justice



\$145 Million Tribal Electrification

Sharing Information: IWG Website & Social Media



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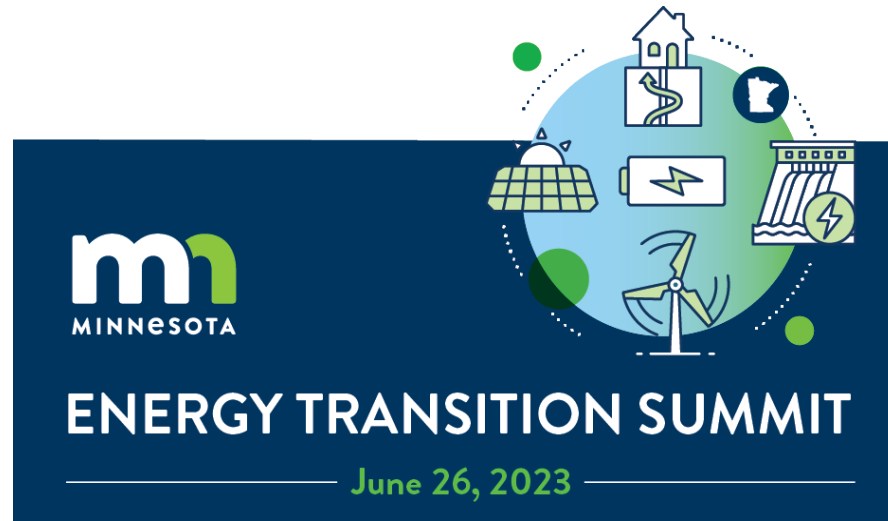
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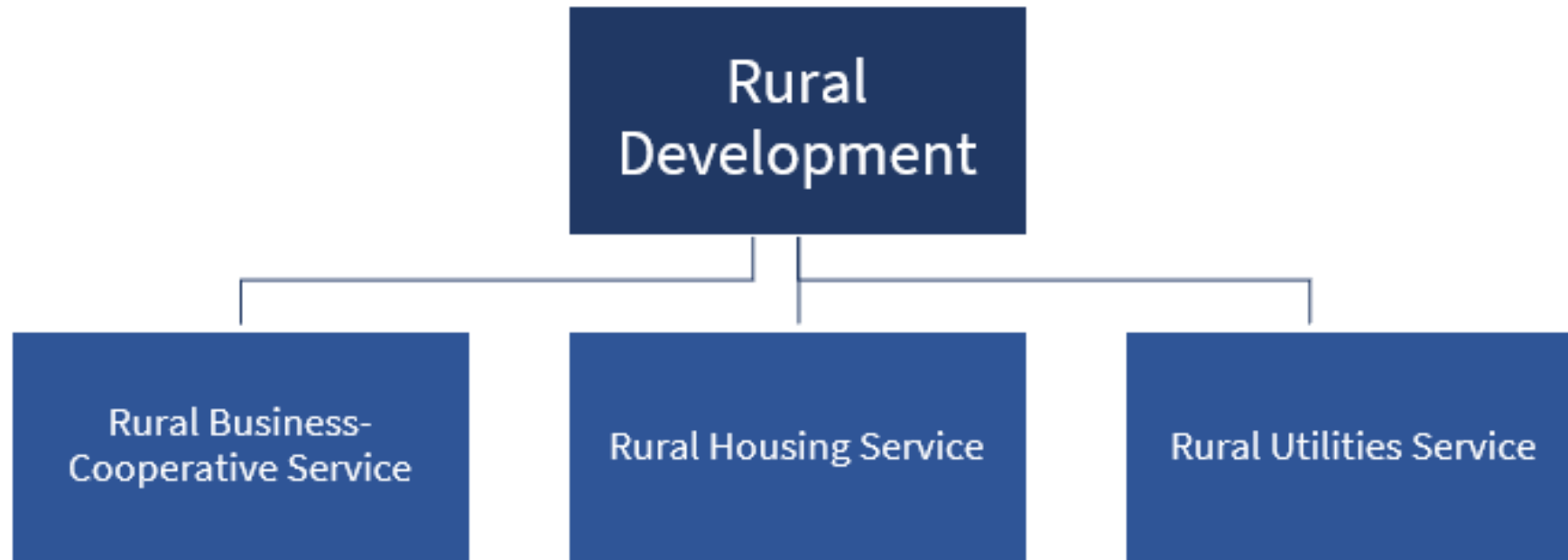


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Rural Development Offices





Business Programs

- Intermediary Relending Program
- Rural Business Development Grant Program
- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Energy Programs

- Advanced Biofuel Payment Program
- Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program
- Repowering Assistance Program
- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
- Energy Audits & Renewable Energy Development Grants
- Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants





REAP

- Install energy efficient lighting
- Upgrade refrigeration systems
- Improve insulation, duct work, windows, and other building upgrades
- Lower heating and cooling costs with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades
- Install solar panels or wind turbines
- Purchase anaerobic digesters



Electric Programs



Inflation Reduction Act

- Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE)
- Empowering Rural America



Contact Information

Assistance under USDA Rural Development programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.

Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.

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Financing the Energy Transition: DOE and Infrastructure Reinvestment

Minnesota Energy Transition Summit

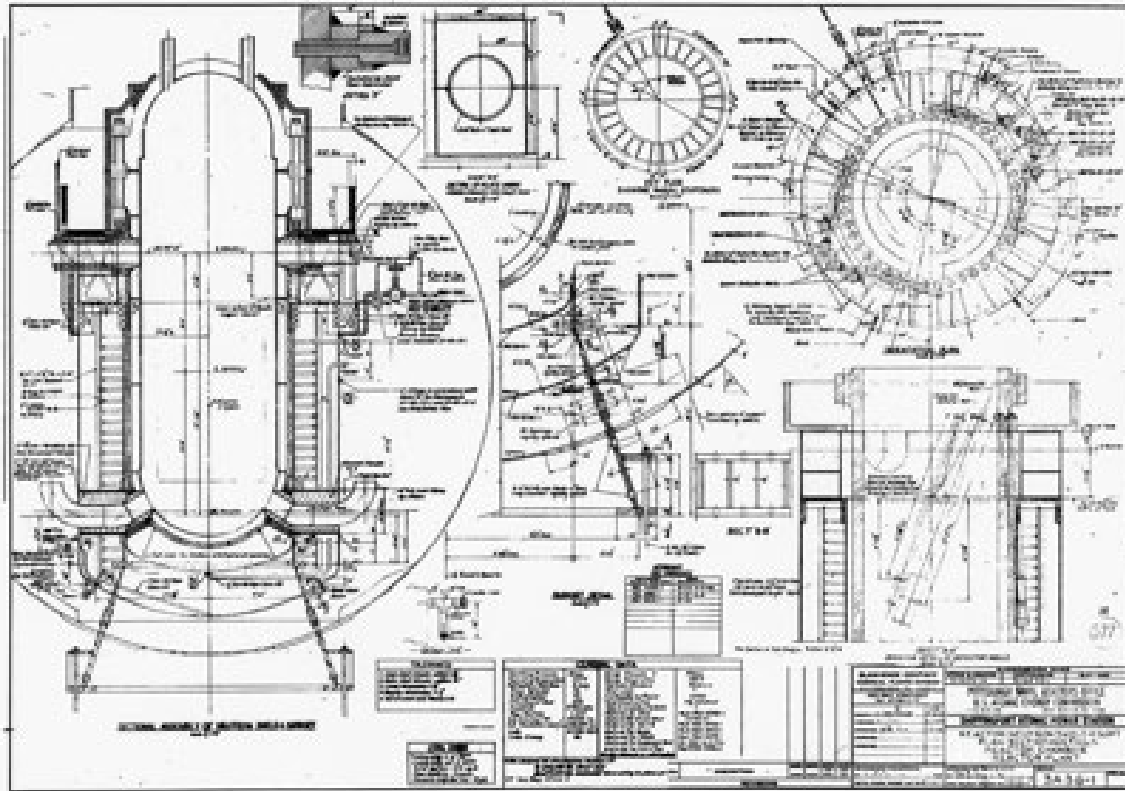
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A Historic Shift in Thinking for DOE

From Place-Neutral Technology...



...to Place- and People-Based Approach

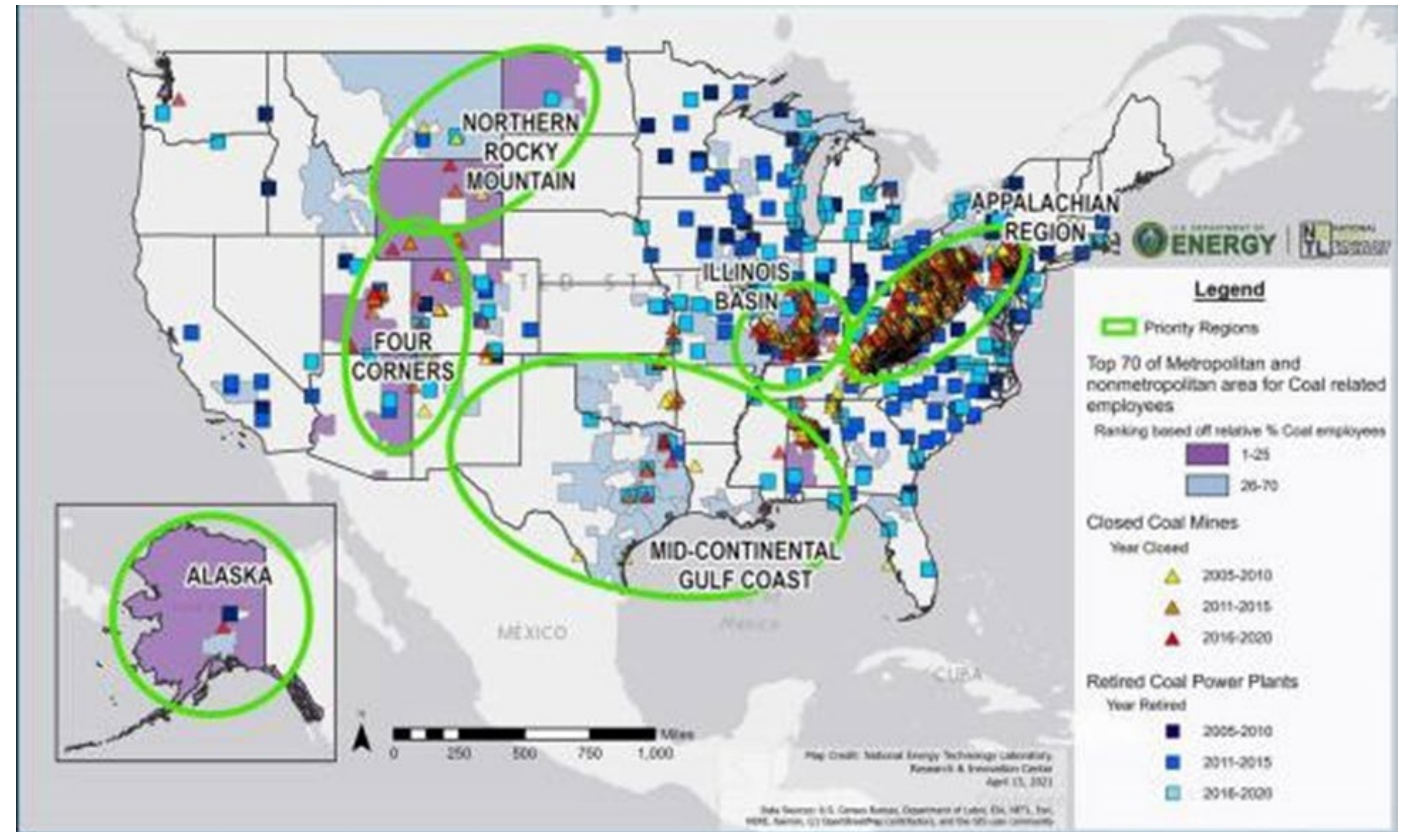


Priority Places: Energy Communities

“Mining and power plant workers drove the industrial revolution and the economic growth that followed and have been essential to the growth of the United States. As the Nation shifts to a clean energy economy, Federal leadership is essential to foster economic revitalization of and investment in these communities, ensure the creation of good jobs that provide a choice to join a union, and secure the benefits that have been earned by workers.”

- President Biden, E.O. 14008

Coal Plant & Mine Closures: 2005-2020



The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Tax Credits/Loan Guarantees

The Inflation Reduction Act authorizes more than \$250 billion for infrastructure and worker investments and helps revitalize economies of energy communities in areas such as:



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What LPO Does



There are many areas that are mature from a technology standpoint but not mature from an access to capital standpoint — **that's a nexus where there's a clear mandate for LPO to participate.**

LPO Director Jigar Shah



The **U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office (LPO)** works with the private sector to finance the deployment and scale-up of innovative clean energy technologies, build energy infrastructure and domestic supply chains, create jobs, and reduce emissions in communities across the United States.



Over a decade of success in building a bridge to clean energy commercialization

Critical Materials Supply Chain

Financed critical minerals processing and recycling projects, supporting battery cell manufacturing and bolstering domestic EV supply chains.

Utility-Scale Renewables Innovation

Financed large-scale, innovative solar, wind, geothermal, and transmission projects across the West.



Advanced Auto Manufacturing

Financed the upgrade of advanced auto manufacturing facilities across the Midwest, creating tens of thousands of jobs.

Advanced Nuclear Energy

Financed the construction of the first new nuclear reactor in the U.S. in 30 years.

What LPO Offers Borrowers

LPO loans and loan guarantees are differentiated in the clean energy debt capital marketplace in **three primary ways:**



Access to Patient Capital

that private lenders cannot or will not provide.



Flexible Financing

customized for the specific needs of individual borrowers.



Committed DOE Partnership

offering specialized expertise to borrowers for the lifetime of the project.

LPO Financing Programs



Title 17 Clean Energy (Title 17)

Loan guarantees for:

- Innovative Energy & Innovative Supply Chain (1703)
- State Energy Financing Institution (SEFI)-Supported (1703)
- Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment (EIR, 1706)



Tribal Energy (TELGP)

Direct loans & loan guarantees for:

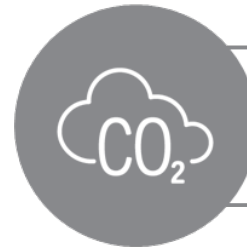
- Tribal energy development projects



Advanced Transportation (ATVM)

Direct loans for:

- Manufacturing of advanced technology vehicles, several modes of ATVs, components, and EV charging infrastructure



CO₂ Transportation Infrastructure (CIFIA)

Direct loans & loan guarantees for:

- Large-capacity, common carrier CO₂ transportation projects

Title 17 Program Eligibility

All Projects Must:

1. Be located in the United States, territories, or possessions.
- ★ 2. Be an energy-related project.
- ★ 3. Achieve significant and credible GHG or air pollution reductions.
4. Have a reasonable prospect of repayment.
5. Involve technically viable and commercially ready technology.
- ★ 6. Include a Community Benefits Plan.
7. Not benefit from prohibited federal support.

Category-Specific Requirements:

Projects must also meet additional requirements specific to their category:



Innovative Energy (1703)



Innovative Supply Chain (1703)



State Energy Financing Institutions (1703)



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment (1706)



State Energy Financing Institution

1703

Financing that aligns federal dollars with state clean energy priorities

Project Eligibility

In addition to meeting the common Title 17 eligibility requirements, SEFI projects must:

1. Involve at least one 1703 **Eligible Technology**
2. Receive **meaningful financial support** or credit enhancements from a SEFI.

Notes

- SEFI projects **DO NOT** have an innovation requirement.
- “Meaningful” support will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

What is a SEFI?

A State Energy Financing Institution (SEFI) is a quasi-independent entity or an entity within a state agency or financing authority established by a State to:

- Provide financing support or credit enhancements, including loan guarantees and loan loss reserves, for eligible projects under Title 17;

AND

- Create liquid markets for eligible projects, including warehousing, or taking other steps to reduce financial barriers to the deployment of existing and new eligible projects.



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment

1706

Financing to leverage existing U.S. energy infrastructure for the clean energy future

Project Eligibility

In addition to meeting the common Title 17 eligibility requirements, EIR projects must:

1. Retool, repower, repurpose, or replace energy infrastructure that has ceased operations, **OR**
2. Enable operating energy infrastructure to avoid, reduce, utilize, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases.

What is “Energy Infrastructure”?

A facility, and associated equipment, used for:

- The generation or transmission of electric energy;
- OR**
- The production, processing, and delivery of fossil fuels, fuels derived from petroleum, or petrochemical feedstocks.

Notes

- EIR projects **DO NOT** have an innovation requirement.
- Conditional commitments must be issued by **September 30, 2026**.
- **Environmental remediation costs and refinancing outstanding indebtedness directly relevant to the energy infrastructure** can be eligible for EIR financing as part of a larger reinvestment plan.



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Example Projects

Power plant (or associated infrastructure) retooled, repowered, repurposed or replaced with:

- Renewable energy (and storage)
- Distributed energy (e.g., VPPs)
- Transmission interconnection to off-site clean energy
- New manufacturing facilities for clean energy products or services
- Nuclear generation



- Reconductoring transmission lines and upgrading voltage
- Installing emissions control technologies, including carbon capture and sequestration (CCS)
- Repurposing oil and gas pipelines (e.g., for H₂, CO₂)
- Upgrading refineries for biofuels or hydrogen
- Upgrading or uprating existing generation facilities (with emissions control technologies for projects involving fossil generation)



Community Benefits Plans

A New Title 17 Project Application Requirement

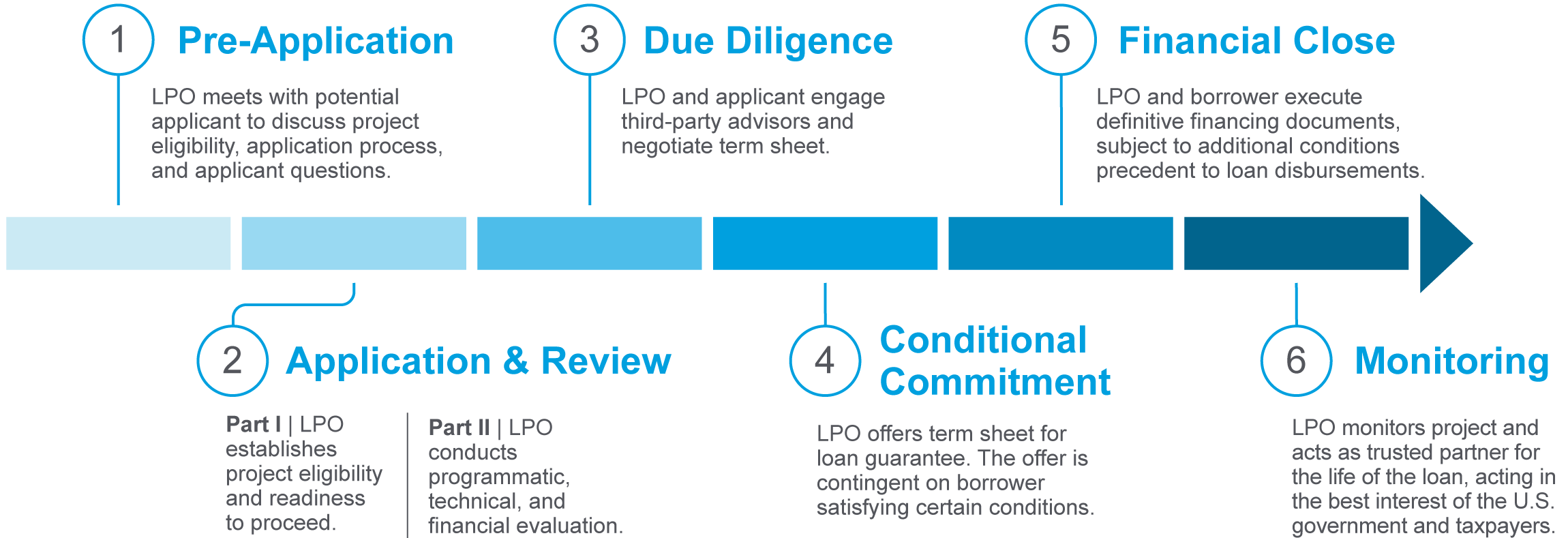
- ✓ **A Community Benefits Plan (CBP) is now considered in the evaluation of Title 17 project applications.**
 - LPO can discuss and provide feedback during pre-application consultations.
 - CBPs will be preliminarily evaluated during the Part II evaluation.
 - Applications with inadequate CBPs may not be invited to proceed to due diligence.
- ✓ **LPO considers the quality of a CBP among the factors that indicate the prospect of loan repayment.**
- ✓ **LPO is leveraging commitments made for state and city incentives, and IRA Incentives**
- ✓ **Borrowers will report on their fulfillment of goals and activities included in the CBP.**

CBP Four Priorities

- 1) Justice 40**
- 2) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility**
- 3) Good Jobs**
- 4) Workforce and Community Agreements**

Title 17 Loan Transaction Process

LPO engages early with applicants and remains a partner for the lifetime of the loan



Let's Talk About Your Project

Contact LPO to see what financing options may be available for your project

Questions?



To **schedule** a no-fee, pre-application consultation, go to:
[Energy.gov/LPO/Pre-App](https://www.energy.gov/LPO/Pre-App)

Call or **write** the LPO Team: **202-287-5900** | LPO@hq.doe.gov



Download the full Title 17 Guidance document at: [Energy.gov/LPO/Clean-Energy](https://www.energy.gov/LPO/Clean-Energy)

Learn more about LPO and all of its financing programs at: [Energy.gov/LPO](https://www.energy.gov/LPO)



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Overview of EDA Programs

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EDA OVERVIEW

MISSION

EDA's mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, and preparing and supporting American regions for growth and success in the global economy



EDA OVERVIEW

Investment Priorities

- Equity
- Recovery & Resilience
- Workforce Development
- Manufacturing
- Technology-Based Economic Development
- Environmentally-Sustainable Development
- Exports & FDI

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/investment-priorities>

FIRST STEPS

Information to Gather

Applicant Eligibility

- State, Tribal, Local and Special Purpose Units of Local Government
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Non-Profits (in cooperation with a unit of local government)
- EDA Economic Development Districts

Area Eligibility

- High Unemployment: 24-month unemployment rate for the region must be greater than 1% of the National Average
- Low Per Capita Income: The PCI for the region must be less than 80% of the National Average.
- Special Needs: Sudden and severe unemployment event or natural disaster
- CEDS consistency

Important Elements

- Source of local match
- Estimated job creation/retention
- Estimated private investment
- Site control
- Partnerships
- BABA

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Open Opportunities

- Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program
- Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance
- Economic Adjustment Assistance
- 2022 FEMA Disaster
- National Programs

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Implementation

Public Works (PW)

- “Implementation” only
- Construction of infrastructure and facilities, often associated with industrial and manufacturing developments that benefit multiple companies
- Average size of investment - \$1.4 million
- 50/50 match rate unless a Special Need exists
- Often include road, water sewer, rail, or port infrastructure projects.
- Can include construction of incubators, accelerators or workforce development facilities
- Project must meet EDA distress eligibility criteria

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Strategy

Short-Term Planning (STP) & Local Technical Assistance (LTA)

- “Strategy” only
- Helps identify and fill the knowledge and information gaps in distressed areas to create better regional decision-making
- Typically range between \$50,000 - \$100,000
- 50/50 match rate
- Projects can include: Economic cluster research, supply chain analysis, feasibility studies, manufacturing strategies, skill shed-analysis, gap analysis, economic impact studies, development or update of a Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS)
- Distress criteria does not apply to STP/LTA

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Implementation & Strategy

Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA)

- “Strategy” or “Implementation” projects are eligible
- Average size of investment - \$650,000
- Typically funded at a 50/50 rate
- Project must meet EDA distress eligibility criteria (Special Need)
- Includes Revolving Loan Fund Program
- **Includes Disaster Supplemental, Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC), Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC), Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) funding**

What is a coal related closure?

- Closure of a coal mine, coal-fired power plant, closure of various coal economy supply chain businesses
- Took place within 1-15 years prior to the application submission date

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

INFORMATION AND TOOLS

Websites and Resources

www.EDA.gov

- Sign up for EDA's newsletter
 - National Competitions
- Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
- Investment Priorities
- Press Releases
- CEDS information, videos, library
- [National Economic Resilience Data Explorer](#)
(tools for Calculating Distress Criteria)

Thank you!

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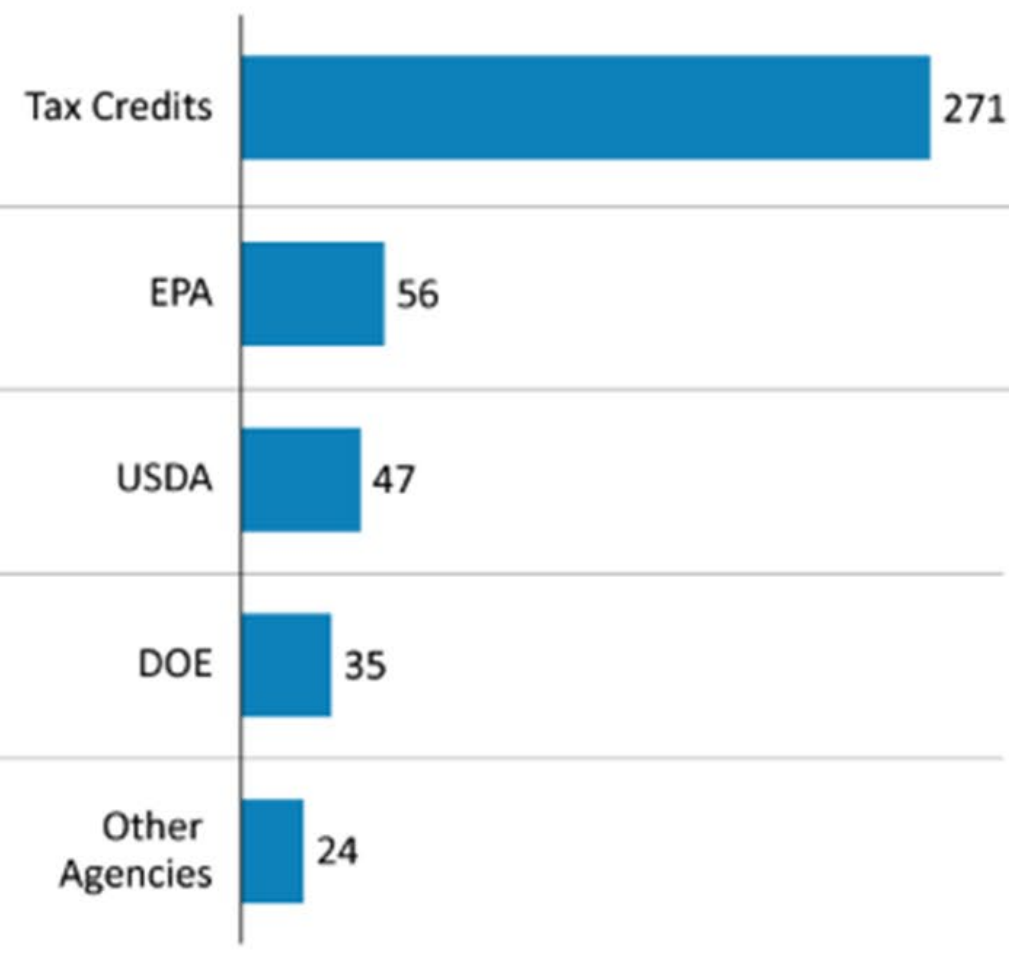


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BREAKDOWN OF CLIMATE & ENERGY FUNDING

Total Climate and Energy Funding (\$, billions)



Significant support for the electricity sector (PTC/ITC/45Q/45U), manufacturing, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, and low carbon

Includes \$41.5 billion in appropriated spending and \$11.7 billion in Superfund tax revenue.

At least 15 other agencies received appropriated funding in the law. USDA and DOE were the other two major recipients.

Other agencies that received over \$1B in appropriations include:

- Department of the Interior (\$6.7B)
- Department of Transportation (\$5.4B)
- General Services Administrator (\$3.4B)
- Department of Commerce (\$3.3B)
- U.S. Postal Service (\$3B) ← *Electric postal trucks!*
- Housing and Urban Development Agency (\$1B)

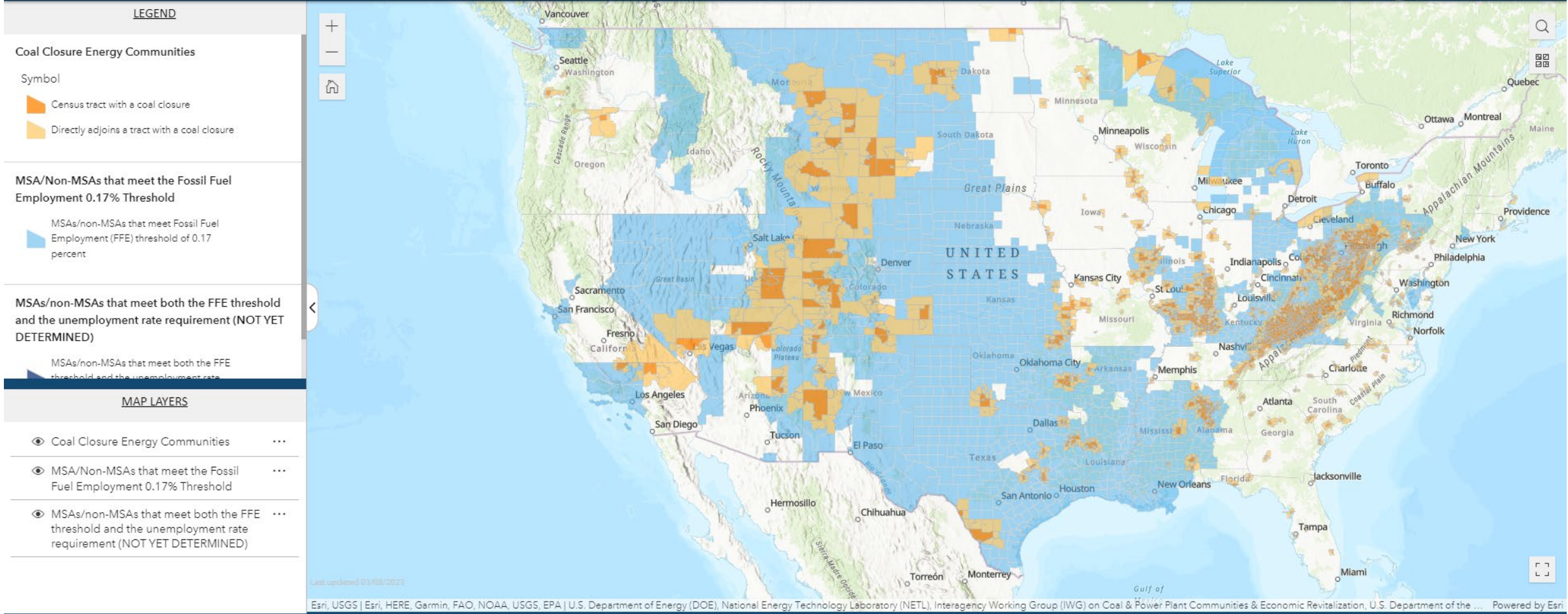
1. Preliminary Joint Committee on Taxation analysis. Further CBO projections pending.

Source: Senate Democrats, Joint Committee on Taxation, CBO

Energy Community Map for Bonus Tax Credit



Energy Community Tax Credit Bonus



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Overview of EPA IIJA Resources over the next 5 years

Water Investments

\$23.4 billion to traditional Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

\$15 billion dedicated to lead pipe replacement

\$10 billion to addressing emerging contaminants like PFAS

\$1.7 billion across 12 geographic water programs

\$267 M for other water quality programs

Environmental Cleanup

\$3.5 billion for the Superfund program

\$1.5 billion for the Brownfields program

\$375 M for solid waste infrastructure and battery recycling programs

\$100 M for Pollution Prevention (P2) grants

Clean School Buses

\$5 billion to replace diesel buses with electric and low emission alternatives

EPA PROGRAMS

EPA received \$41.5 billion in appropriations to support 24 new and existing programs. This makes EPA the second largest recipient of discretionary funding after USDA.

Six new EPA programs account for 98% of this total funding:

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$27 billion)** – Provide capital to greenhouse gas mitigation projects not currently able to access private capital, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.
- **Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (\$5 billion)** – Provide grants at the state, local, and Tribal level to develop plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement those plans. At least one grant will go to an eligible entity in every state.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants (\$3 billion)** – Fund community-based nonprofit organizations to support a wide range of climate and environmental justice activities.
- **Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports (\$3 billion)** – Award rebates and grants for ports to purchase and install zero-emission technology and develop climate action plans.
- **Methane Emissions Reduction Program (\$1.55 billion)** – Fund grants and technical assistance to accelerate emissions reduction from petroleum and natural gas systems. Also establish a methane waste emissions charge starting at \$900 per ton in 2024 and increasing to \$1,500 per ton by 2026.
- **Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (\$1 billion)** – Provide grants, rebates, and contract support to replace heavy duty vehicles with zero emission alternatives. \$400 million is specifically for nonattainment areas.

New Federal Funding Opportunities



General Approach

- Large Amounts of Federal Funding in Broad Categories
- Same Starting Point = Simultaneous Federal Funding Program Rollout
- Looking Forward, Not Backward: Federal Funding Tends to Focus on Upcoming Projects
- Funding flows in multiple pathways: Direct discretionary grants from federal government to grantees, state formula grants, tax credits, technical assistance
- Partnerships Necessary
- Planning usually precedes larger amounts of funding



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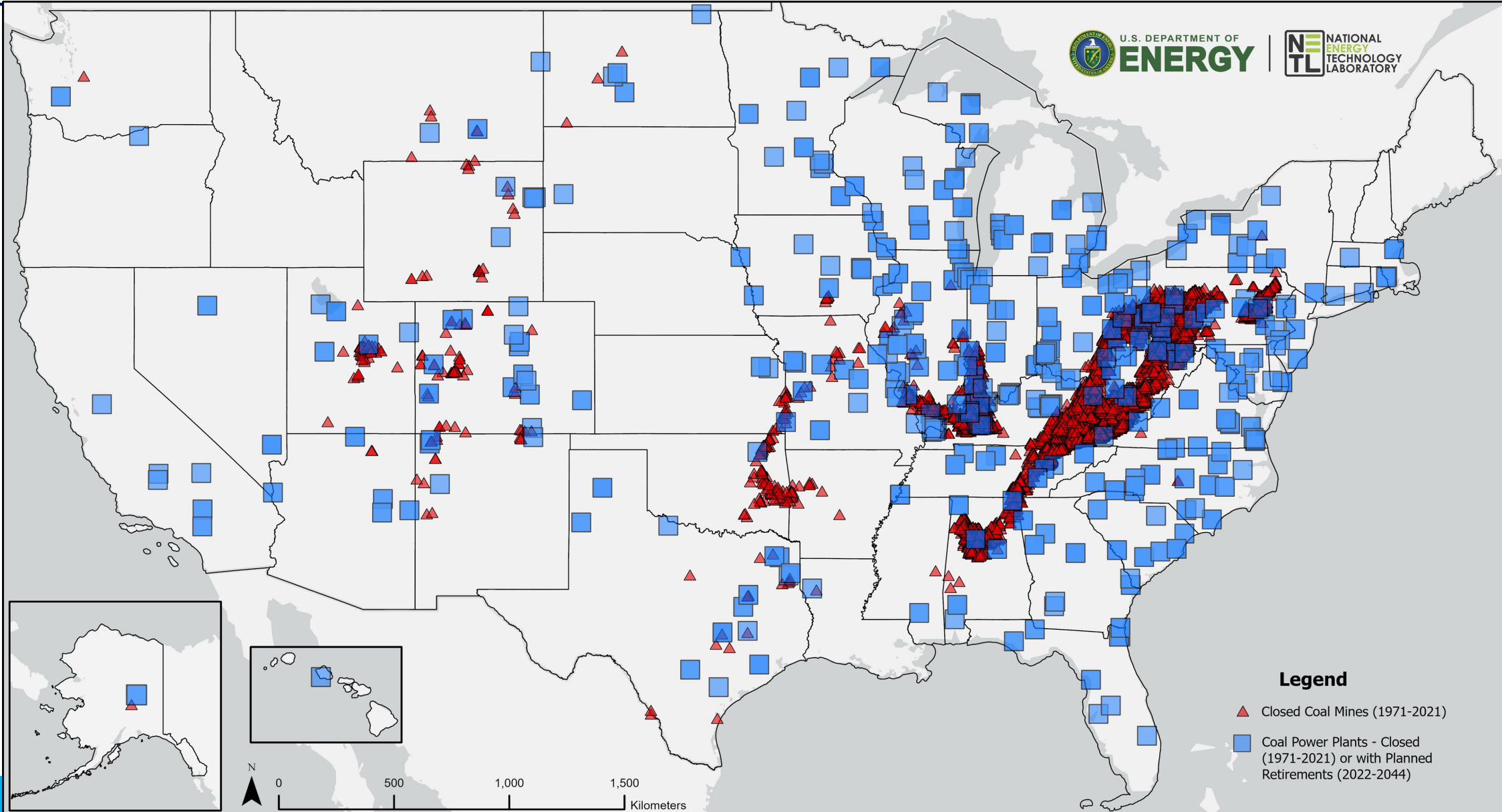
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Top Needs for Energy Communities



- Community Capacity and Technical Assistance
- Environmental Remediation
- Basic Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Displaced Worker Benefits and Workforce Development
- Affordable Housing
- Low-income Programs
- Health Care

“In order to attract new investment and expand businesses, our aging infrastructure must be prioritized and addressed.”

**Respondent from
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Advanced Energy Project Tax Credit (48C)



Section 48C Tax Credits - Designated Energy Communities



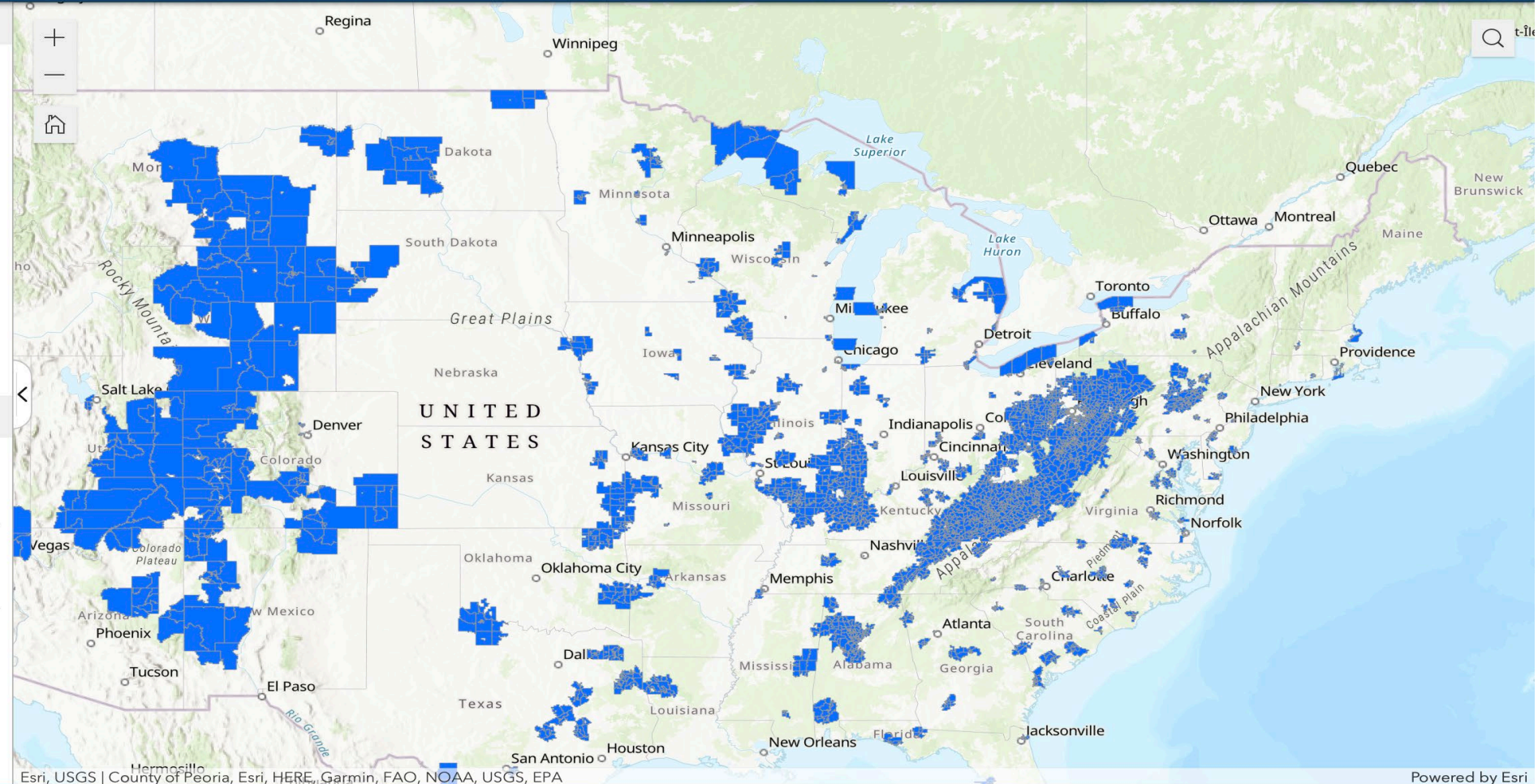
LEGEND

Eligible for 48C tax credit as a designated energy community



MAPLAYERS

- Eligible for 48C tax credit as a designated energy community ...
- Eligible for 48C tax credit but NOT as a designated energy community ...



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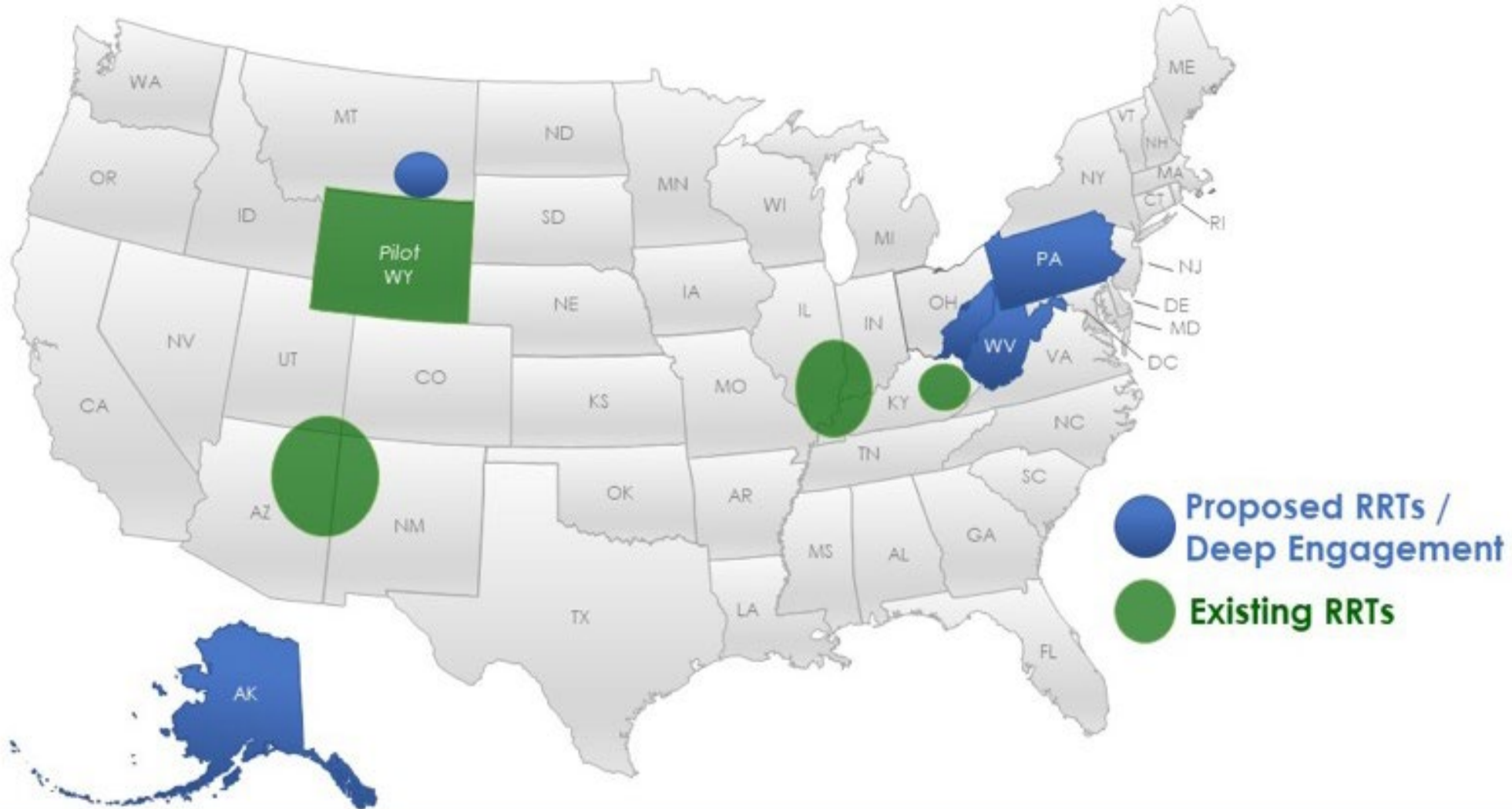
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Rapid Response Teams (RRTs)



Providing on-the-ground assistance to energy communities



Getting Involved: Calls to Action



✓ Stakeholder engagement opportunities

- ✓ Try out the funding clearinghouse
- ✓ Sign up at website/follow social media
- ✓ Attend webinars and workshops

✓ Act on BIL & IRA funding opportunities

- ✓ Learn about opportunities
- ✓ Cultivate coalitions
- ✓ Assemble resources for grant writing
- ✓ Secure matching funds, where necessary



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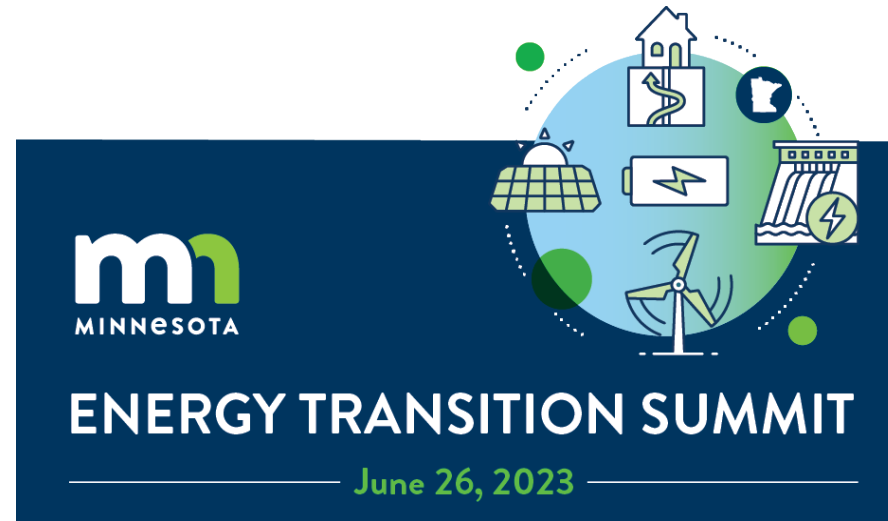
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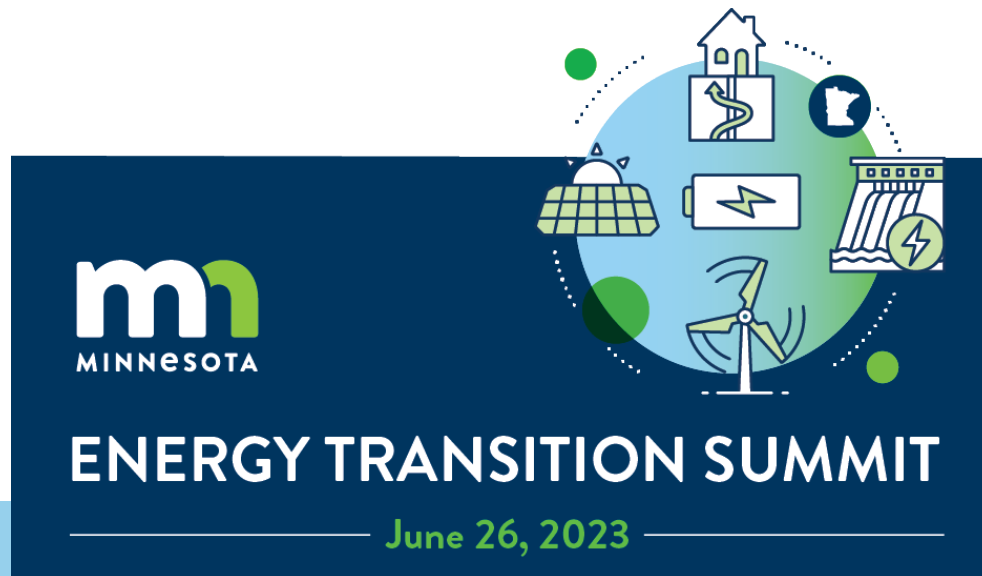
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BUILDING RESILIENT
ECONOMIES IN
COAL COMMUNITIES

- The BRECC National Network
- The Coal Communities Commitment Coalition
- The Coal Communities Action Challenge
- A National Storytelling Campaign

The BRECC Commitment Coalition

Empowering Local Leaders

ment Coalition



The BREC Commitment Coalition

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1. Stephen Alen, Liaison, South Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, Lincoln County, Wyo.
2. Marcie Barlow, Community Development Director, Scioto County, Ohio
3. Stuart Clason, Regional Growth Director, Utah Association of Counties, counties of Carbon and Emery, Utah
4. Dr. Sandy Curd, Promise Zone Coordinator, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporations, USDA Rural Partners
5. Jenna Draper, Economic Deployment Director, Six County Association of Governments, counties of Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne, Utah
6. Sharon Fain, Vice President, PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power, counties of Lincoln, Converse, Sweetwater and Campbell, Wyo. and Emery County Utah
7. Cora Gnegy, Tourism Director, Giles County, Va
8. Hon. Steve Henry, Judge/Executive, Webster County, Ky
9. Hon. Marc Kiehna, Commissioner Randolph County, Ill
10. Carolea Mills, Deputy Judge/Executive and Economic Development Director, Martin County, Ky
11. Hon. Dan Mosley, Judge/Executive, Harlan County, Ky
12. Will Payne, Managing Partner of Coalfield Strategies, counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smuth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe, Va.
13. Councilperson Gabe Pena, Fayetteville Town Council, Fayetteville County, W.Va
14. Hon, Greg Puckett, Commissioner, Mercer County, W.Va
15. Renee Regel, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Becker, Minn
16. Dr. Mark Sarver, Associate Professor of Business and Workforce Learning, Glenville State University, USDA Rural Partners Network, counties of Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Roane, Webster and Wirt, W.VA
17. Hon. Tammy Tincher, Commissioner, Greenbrier County, W.Va
18. Tina Toyne, Economic Development Director, Big Horn County, Mont
19. Hon. Melody Villard, Commissioner, Moffat County, Colo
20. Carla Vita, Director of Energy Transition, Minnesota Department of Economic Development, counties of Chippewa, Otter Trail, St. Louis, Cook, Sherburne, Itasca and Washington, Minn

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March 9th, 2023 Kick-Off Meeting



Areas of Experience

Tell us one learning or area of experience you could share with your peers.

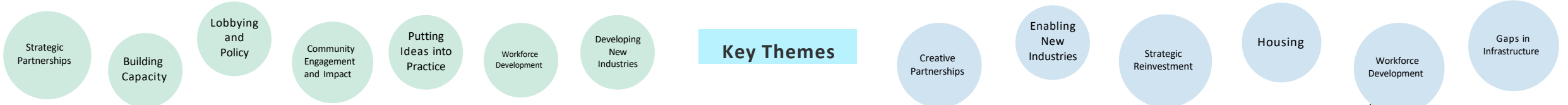
- Tourism Product Development (concept/community based) marketing/promotions of outdoor recreation assets -Cora Gnegy
- Utilizing mine sites for tourism development/recreational opportunities and miner employment transition successes. -Dan Mosley
- Impact of the arts, working with high schools on workforce issues, housing - all from my local gov't experience. State - bringing resources together. -Carla Vita
- Currently working on transitioning a nursing home/care center to a behavioral health center -Marc Kiehna
- Policy/bills to support energy development -Sharon Fain
- Building municipal capacity -Gabe Peña
- Lobbying efforts for coal communities -Steve Henry
- Public-private partnership strategies -Will Payne
- Public/Private partnerships to benefit community -Sharon Fain
- Building collective impact coalitions -Sandi Curd
- Bringing diverse groups together for common goals. -Stephen Allen
- County, Municipal, and State Partnerships for building stronger communities. -Greg Puckett
- Working with Family Service Centers -Greg Puckett
- Works on substance use disorder across WV and is continually working on community coalition building as well as developing quick response teams to address overdoses. -Greg Puckett
- Workforce strategies -Mark Sarver
- Provide blueprint on leading successful community/stakeholder buy-in of advanced nuclear (TerraPower), wind, solar and pumped hydro/storage. -Sharon Fain
- Out of the box creative thinking, strategic thinking, ideation -Melody Villard
- Desire for change in our communities -Tina Toyne
- Expanding impact with a demonstration farm!
- Social enterprise development -Gabe Peña
- Working with community to gain support for Alternative energy projects. Solar, wind etc. -Marc Kiehna
- Communication strategies with the transitioning workers -Melody Villard
- Workforce development to retrain local residents -Mark Sarver
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- What /how private industry can partner with communities in supporting a transitioning energy economy. Our role? How best to approach...without overstepping -Sharon Fain
- Fostering successful entrepreneurship ecosystems that can address our downtowns and communities/residents/ pride of place -Cora Gnegy
- Win Win relationship and partnership strategies with power companies -Renee Regal
- Creative private sector partnerships -Will Payne
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Desired Learnings

Tell us one topic or lesson you'd like to learn from your peers.

- A cornucopia of ideas that MN impacted communities might use to assist their transition - learn from each other. Be a group supporting each other. -Carla Vita
- Learning from others about their obstacles and how they have overcome them? -Tammy Tincher
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- Understanding how to overcome problems associated with substance use disorder, overdose prevention -Greg Puckett
- LBJ launched poverty programs from Kentucky but the indicators don't seem to improve, want to figure out how to do ED and really move the needle. -Sandi Curd
- Moving Population level indicators like poverty levels. Has hard has we work the big indicators don't move -Sandi Curd



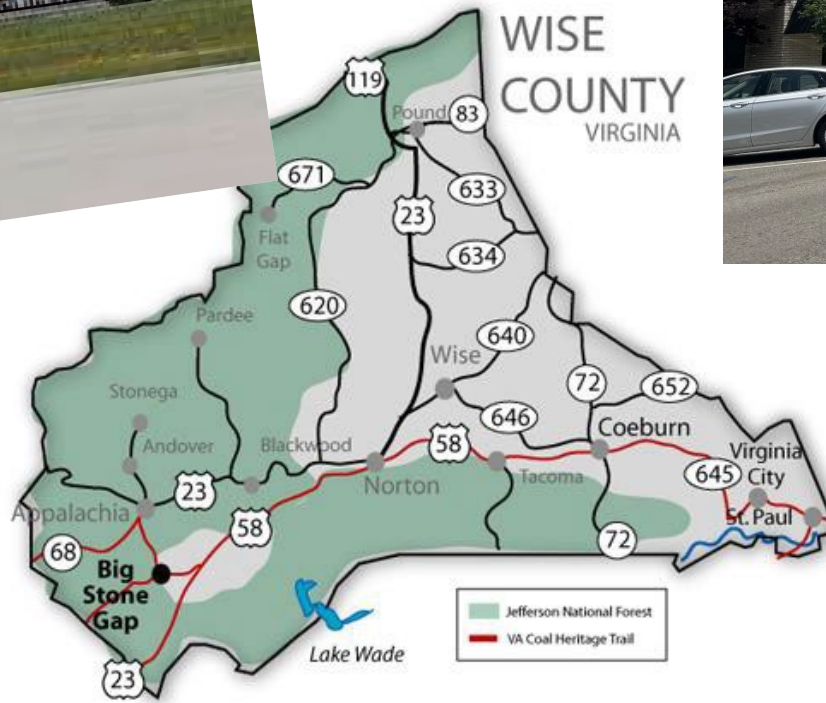
Key Themes



BUILDING RESILIENT ECONOMIES in COAL COMMUNITIES

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Empowering Local Leaders



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ECONOMIES *in*
COAL COMMUNITIES



The BRECC Action Challenge

Building Community Resilience

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Empowering Local Leaders

NACo proudly announces the following community teams participating in the first Cohort of BRECC's Action Challenge:

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, Va.: In southwestern Virginia, the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission is a regional Economic Development District serving the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell. With a regional approach, this team seeks to grow economic resilience through entrepreneurship and business development strategies.

City of Richwood, Nicolas County, W.Va.: In central West Virginia, the City of Richwood is experiencing population loss tied to the decline of the local coal industry. Building on natural assets, this team looks to expand its outdoor recreation economy with a special focus on a local trail network.

Counties of Apache, Coconino and Navajo, Ariz.: In Northern Arizona, the counties of Apache, Coconino and Navajo face the closure and decommissioning of several coal-fired power plants. Collaborating across county borders, this team will coordinate planning to create a complimentary, shared strategy for economic diversification.

Floyd County, Ky.: In eastern Kentucky, Floyd County has seen a decline in coal production over the past three decades and recent flooding has exacerbated economic hardships. Led by a newly created long-term recovery group, this team will pursue opportunities in outdoor and cultural tourism as well as residential attraction.

Pike County, Ind.: In southwestern Indiana, Pike County's employment and tax base are closely tied to a coal-fired plant slated to be decommissioned. This team will create a local strategy around business attraction and workforce retention goals.

Perry County, Ohio: Perry County is facing the impact of its last two mines closing. This team will advance planning for placemaking economic development strategies.

Northwest Colorado Development Council, Colo.: In Northwest Colorado, the Northwest Colorado Development Council serves the counties of Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt, which faces the impending closure of two coal-fired power plants. In partnership with a regional community college, this team will expand on strategies for advancing clean energy initiatives.

San Juan County, N.M.: In northwest New Mexico, San Juan County is experiencing the closure of one coal-fired power plant and faces the impending closure of another. In partnership with Four Corners Economic Development, this team will advance strategies for workforce redevelopment and business expansion.



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BRECC ACTION CHALLENGE

Community Coaching Process Overview

COHORT 1: March 2023 - February 2024

MARCH 2023

APR-MAY

JUN-AUG

SEP-NOV

DEC-JAN

FEB 2024

**PART 1:
GROUNDWORK**

**PART 2:
COMMUNITY
ASSESSMENT**

**PART 3:
OPPORTUNITIES
& GOALS**

**PART 4:
STRATEGIES
& PROJECTS**

**PART 5:
ACTION
STEPS**

**PART 6:
REPORT
RESULTS**

MAR 29:
KICKOFF/
SESSION 1

JUN 21:
SESSION 2

SEP 20:
SESSION 3

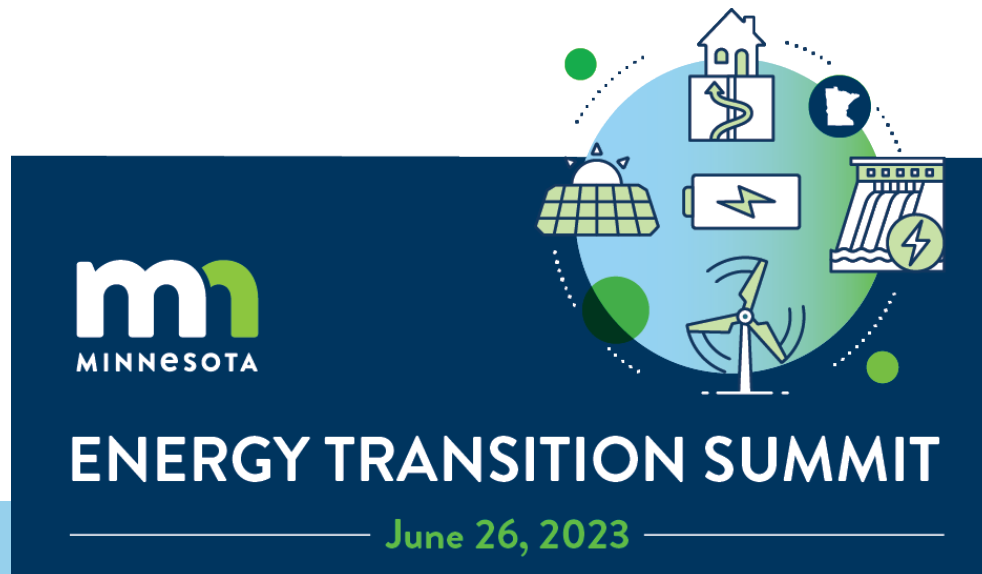
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SESSION 4

FEBRUARY NACO
LEGISLATIVE
CONFERENCE -
CAPSTONE
PRESENTATIONS

ONGOING QUARTERLY COHORT LEARNING SESSIONS

Applications for Cohort 2 will open in Fall 2023

- **Regionalism works**
- **Relationships → Friendships are gamechangers**
- **Reclamation is an opportunity for revitalization**
- **Innovation is within reach, even in rural and remote places!**
- **Find your community's rhythm. Build on your community's assets and cultural identity.**



Legislative Update, DEED

Deven Bowdry, Legislative Liaison



Deven Bowdry

Department of Employment &
Economic Development

Legislative Liaison



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Legislative Update

Deven Bowdry | Legislative Liaison

Energy Transition

Energy Transition Grant Program

- Funded at \$5 million/yr in FY 24-25
- Increased maximum grant award from \$500 thousand to \$1 million
- Allows DEED to transfer administrative funds to the EQB to assist with regulatory coordination
- Expanded eligible use of grant funds
- Expanded eligible grant recipient plant (whose current operating license expires within 15 years)

Energy Transition Advisory Council

- Renewed through June 30, 2027
- Must meet quarterly
- Updated energy transition plan due annually to the governor and legislature

Economic Expansion

- **Minnesota Forward Fund - \$400 million** to attract business, leverage federal funds, and deploy capital quickly.
- **Broadband - \$100 million**
- **Explore Minnesota for Business - \$11 million** to create the Office of Economic Promotion



Growing Small Businesses

- **PROMISE Act - \$125.25 million** for grants and loans for working capital and development.
- **Expanding Opportunity Fund - \$10 million** in capital for small businesses through partnerships with nonprofit lenders.
- **Small Business Assistance Partnership - \$12.85 million** for partners to provide business development and technical assistance services.
- **Small Business Development Center Support - \$1 million** for business assistance and counseling.
- **Launch Minnesota - \$5 million** to support the innovation ecosystem.



Invest in Talent

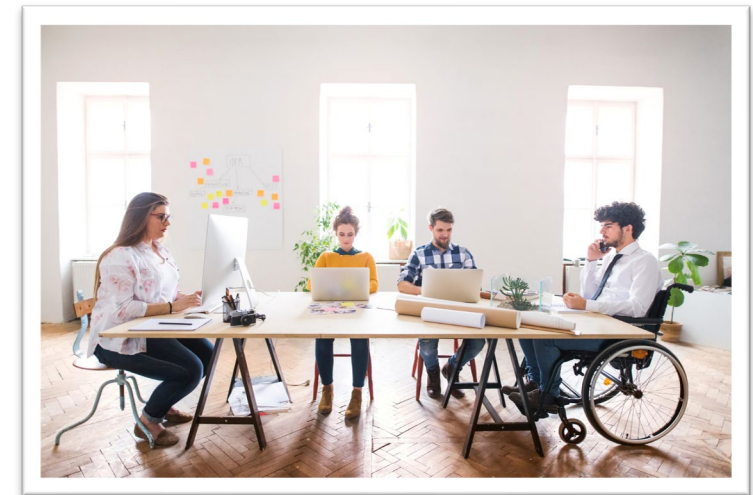
- **Drive for 5 Workforce Fund - \$20 million** to prepare the workforce to enter **five of the most critical occupational categories** in the state with high-growth jobs and family-sustaining wages.
- **Clean Economy Equitable Workforce - \$3 million** to prepare workers for high-demand fields of construction, clean energy and energy efficiency.
- **Targeted Population Workforce Programs - \$50 million** to bring workers who have been overlooked for employment - particularly people of color – into the workforce at family-sustaining wages.
- **Youth Workforce Development - \$20 million** in the FY24-25 biennium toward youth workforce development.





Invest in Talent

- **Minnesota Reasonable Accommodation Program - \$4 million** to reimburse small- to mid-sized Minnesota employers for expenses tied to **providing reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.**
- **Individual Placement and Supports (IPS) Program Increases - \$3.89 million** to provide specialized supports to people with serious mental illness so they can find and maintain steady employment.
- **State Services for the Blind - \$4 million** so the state can maximize federal funds to assist more individuals in this program.



- **Child Care Economic Development Grants - \$15 million** in the FY24-25 biennium and **\$3 million** in the FY26-27 biennium to support child care economic development.
- **Office of Child Care and Community Partnerships - \$1 million** to support this new office.



Capital Investment Bill

The Capital Investment bill made many investments in public infrastructure, including **funding for three of DEED's existing programs and one new program:**

- Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program - **\$10 million**
- Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program - **\$1.5 million**
- Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Grant Program - **\$1.5 million**
- Greater Minnesota Child Care Facilities - **\$900 thousand**

There are also several other GO bonding and cash provisions **totaling \$47.7 million in General Obligation bonds and \$395.567 million in cash** projects that DEED will administer.



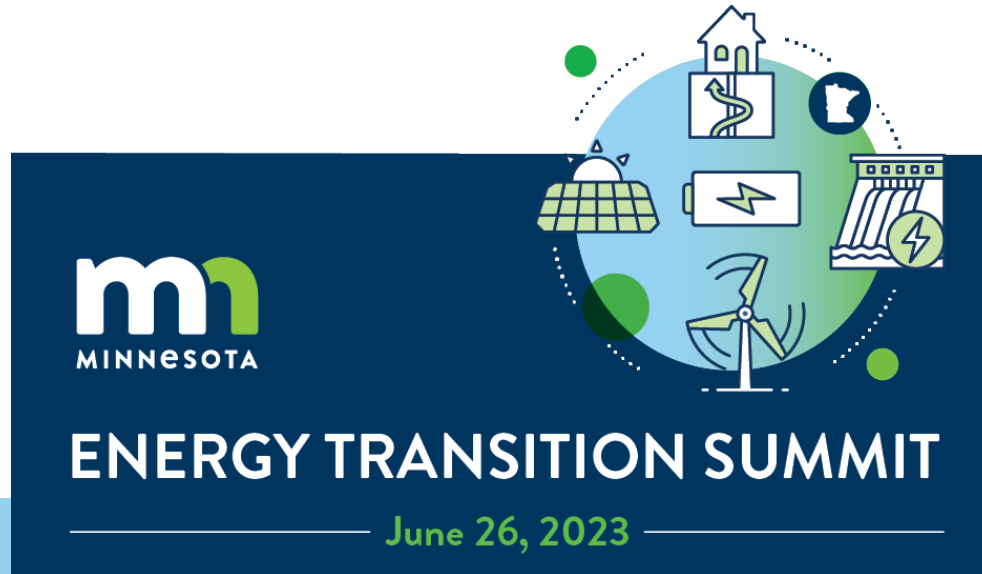


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Lunch

We will resume at 1pm



State Panel – Business Development

Moderator:

Don Hickman, Interim Co-President of the Initiative Foundation



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Business Location & Expansion Assistance for Energy Transition Communities

Catalina Valencia, Executive Director of Business Development
David Heyer, Business Development Manager West Central Region

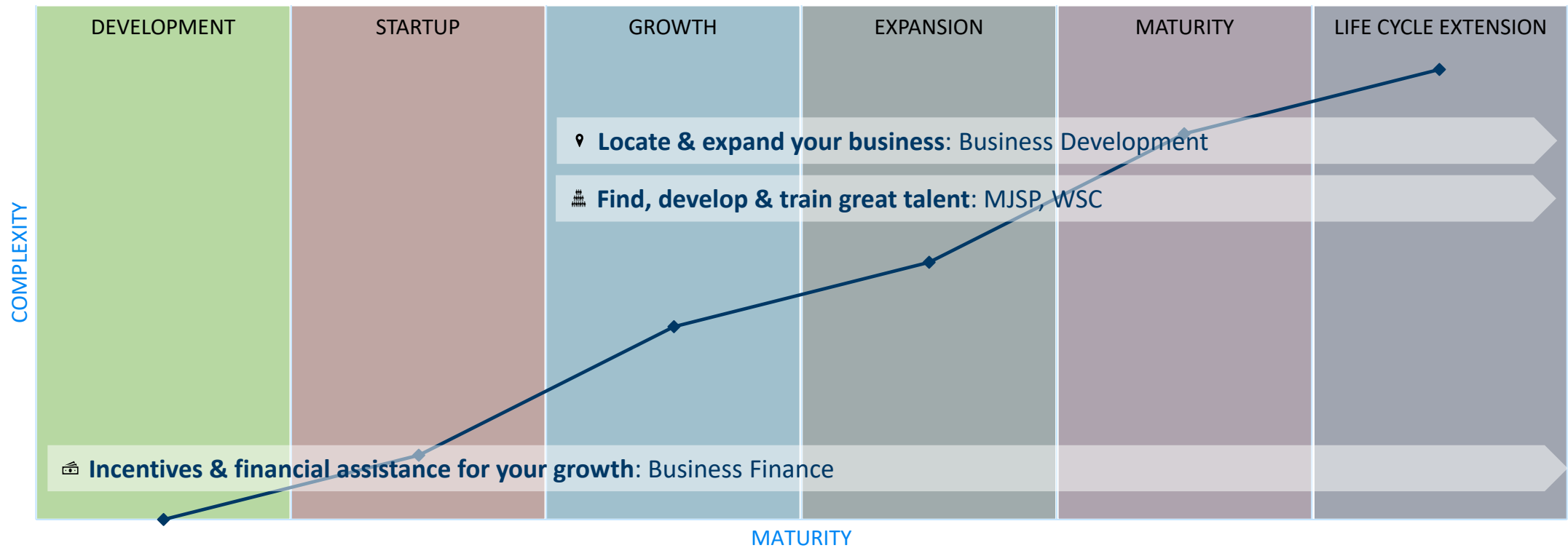
How will DEED's Business Development Office support energy transition communities?

- DEED's Business Development office will continue to support communities with ***Economic Diversification*** efforts.
- Efforts include leveraging and partnering with local resources (Chambers, community organizations and others) on facilitating business attraction, retention and expansion.
- How do we do that?



We help businesses locate and expand by leveraging workforce, business & community finance resources, and partnerships

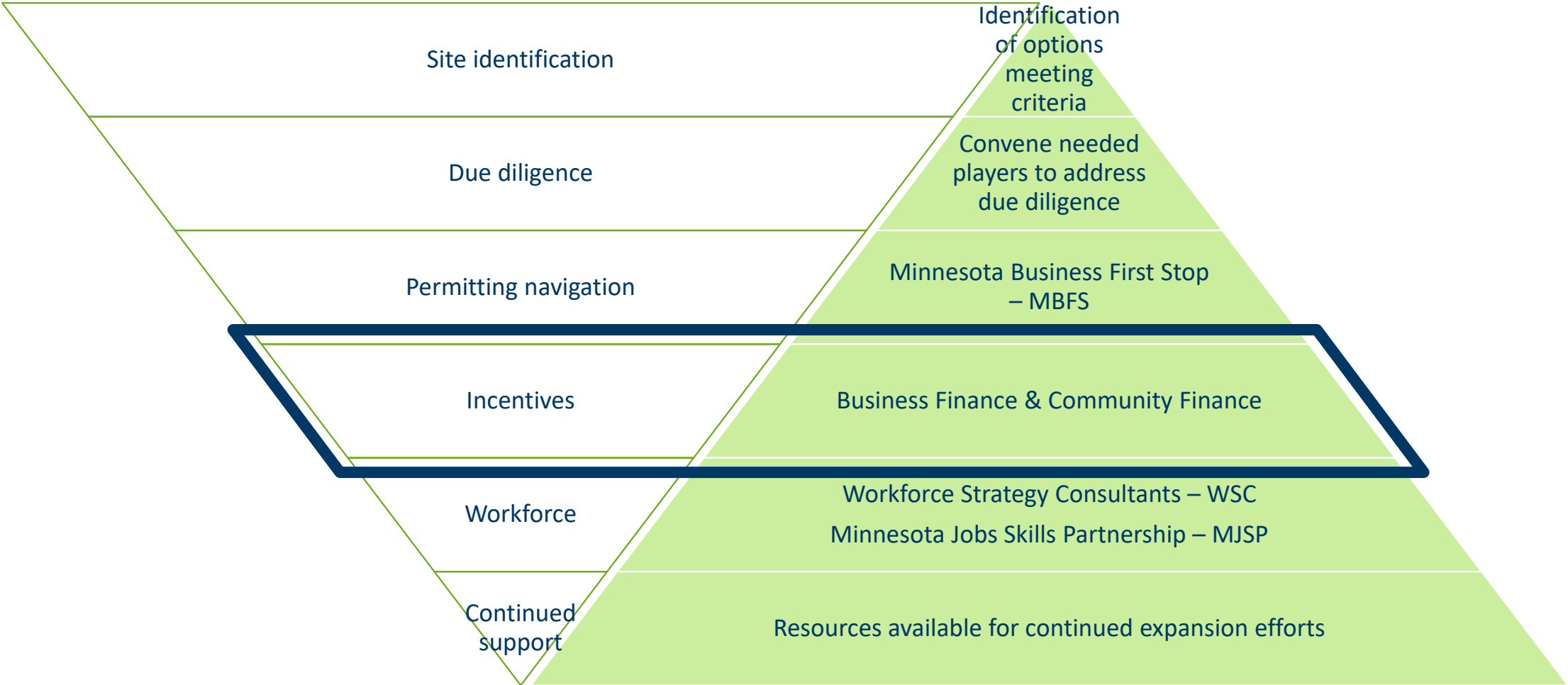
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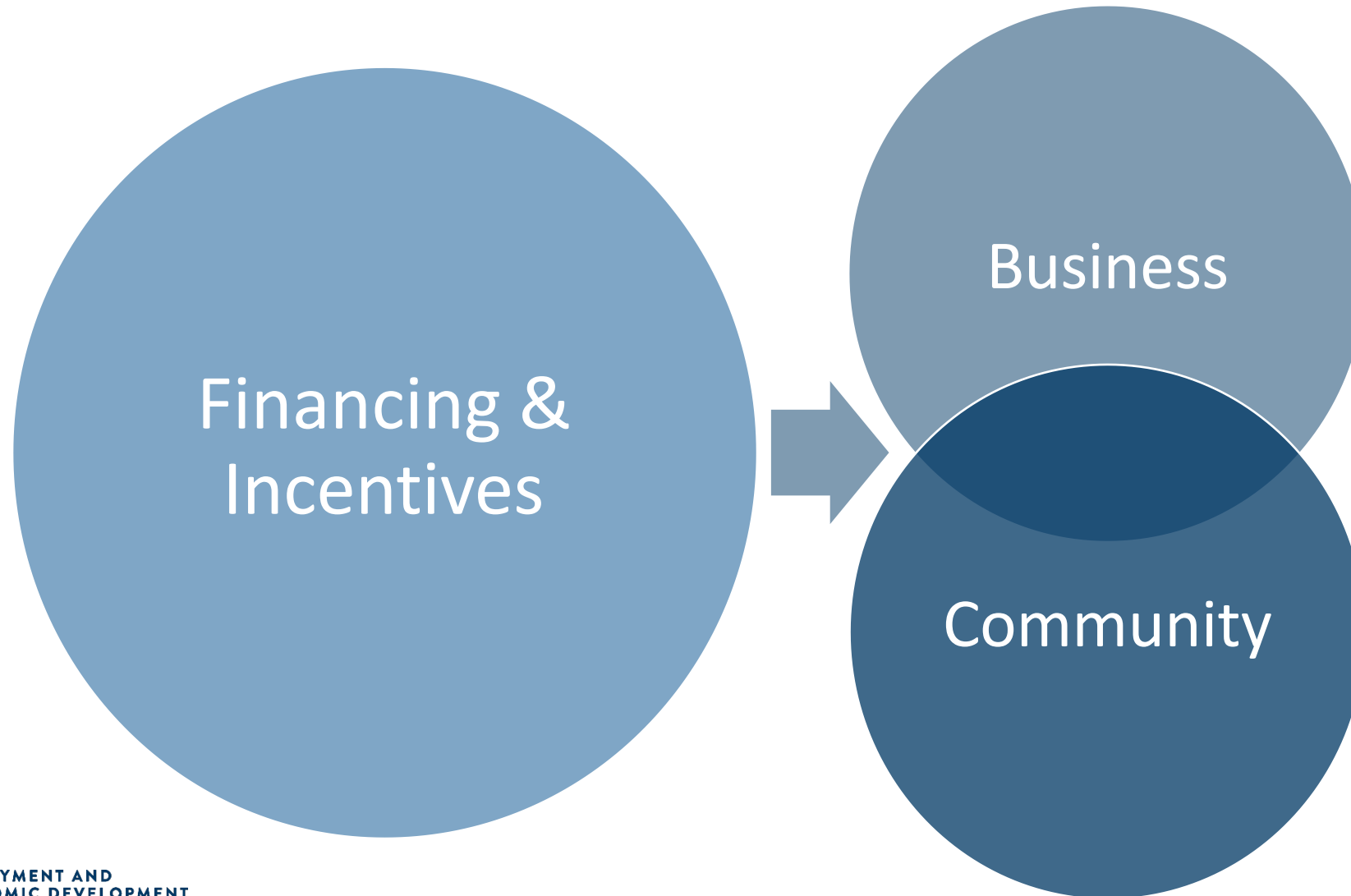
+ COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE – Support your community’s and businesses’ growth

 Community Finance Office

We support location & expansion projects throughout and at any step of the decision-making process



We offer financial and incentive assistance to help companies and communities realize these expansion plans



Our business finance tools support diverse needs, from real estate and M&E, to R&D and workforce training

- Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF)
- Job Creation Fund (JCF)
- Minnesota Forward Fund (MFF)
- Automated Loan Participation Program (ALP)

- Greater MN Job Expansion Program
- R&D Tax Credit
- Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Capital Equipment Exemption

- Partnership Program
- Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP)
- Automation Training Incentive Program (ATIP)

Business Loans & Grants

Tax Credits & Benefits

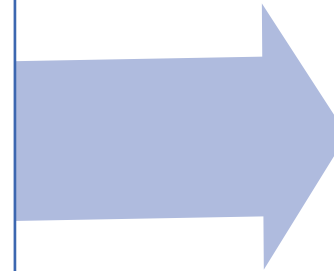
Workforce Development & Training Grants

Business

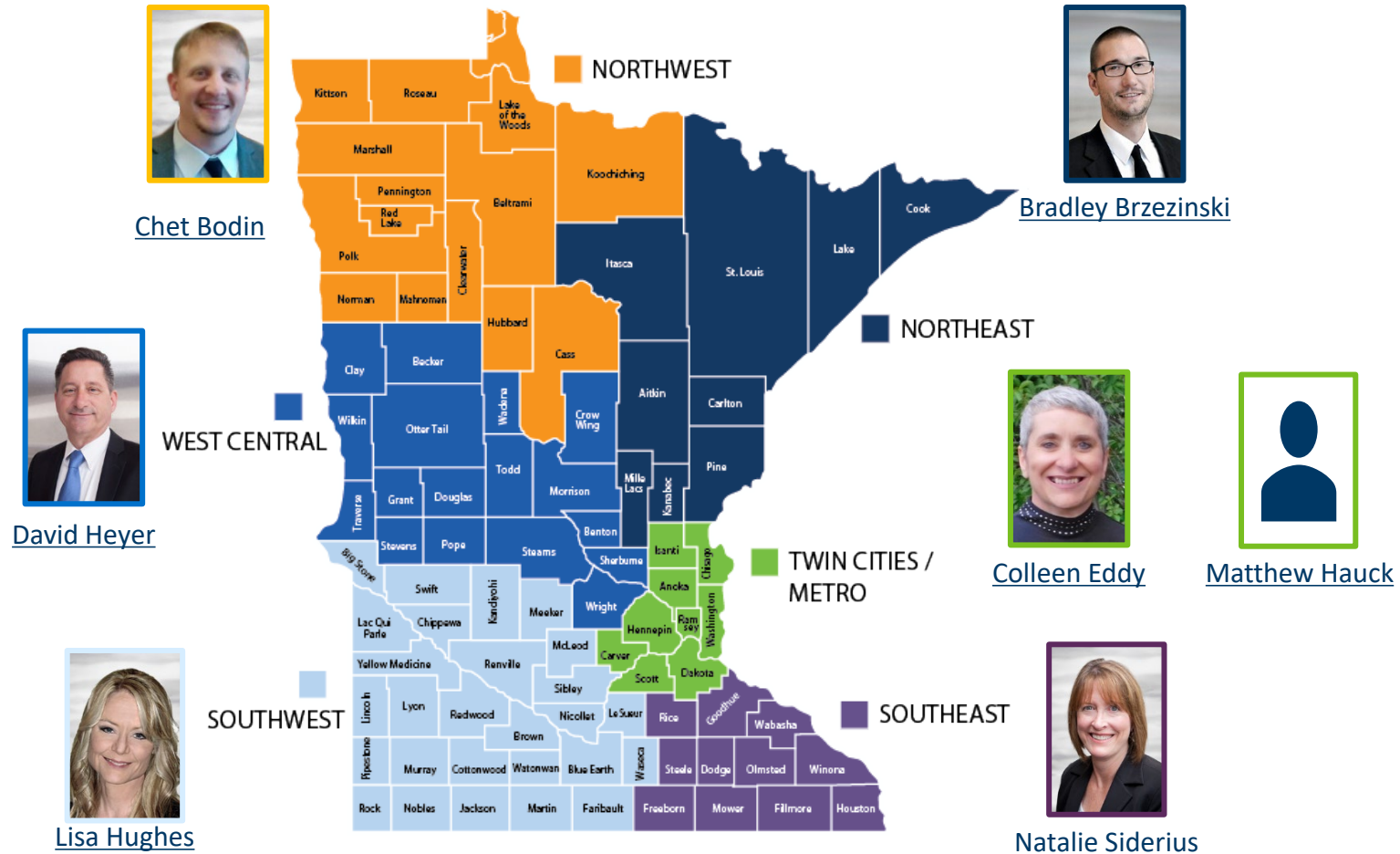


We additionally provide tools to support the community with public infrastructure improvements

- Greater Minnesota Public Infrastructure Grant Program
- Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure (IBDPI)
- Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) Program



Our team aligns resources and works with partners all over the state to support business location & expansion efforts in your communities



Thank You!

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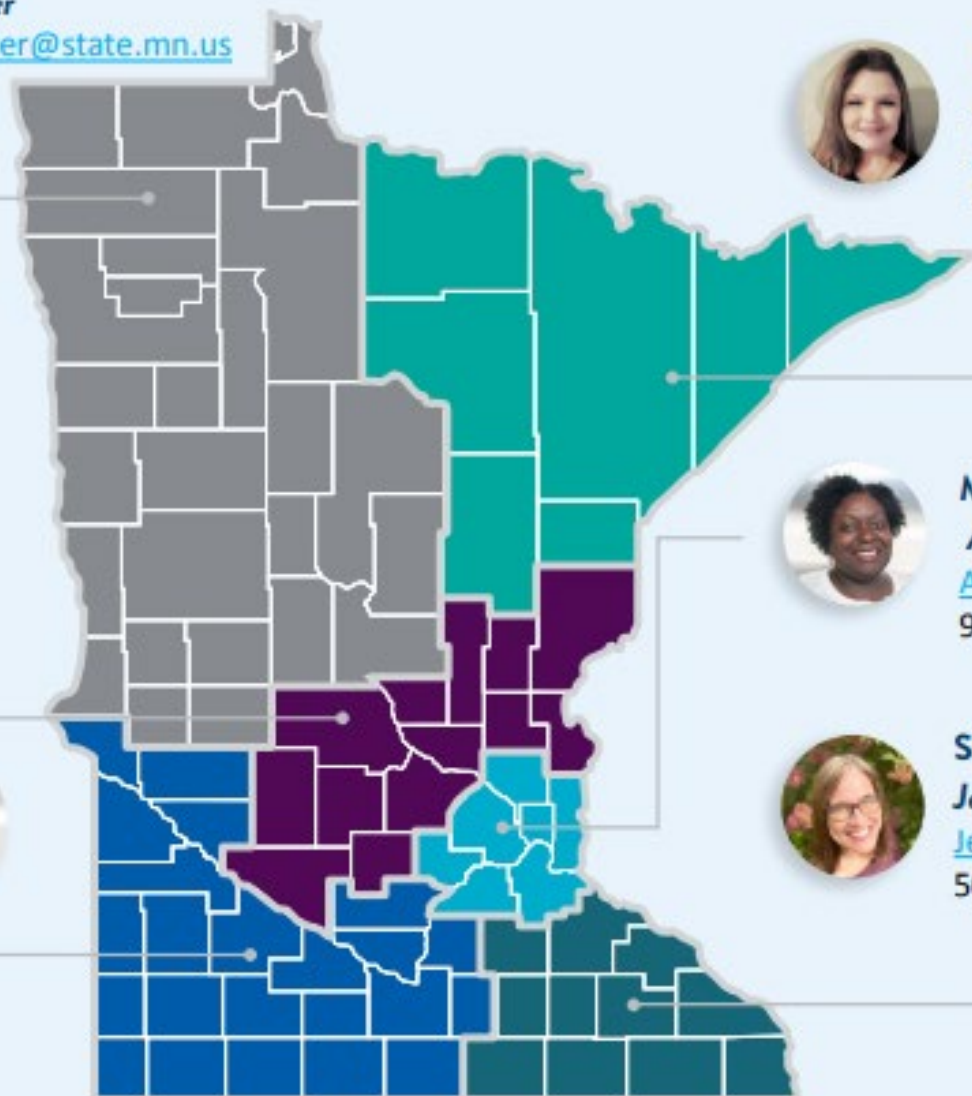


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MISSION

Develop innovative workforce solutions by aligning resources, facilitating collaboration, and leveraging expertise in targeted industry sectors to drive economic equity and growth.

THE VALUE WE BRING

- > Provide tools and resources to support businesses in developing strategic workforce strategies
- > Connect stakeholders to economic development and workforce development resources
- > Focus on workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- > Enhance Minnesota's economic prosperity through workforce and economic development partnerships
- > Work in partnership with our stakeholders to provide workforce training development solutions to meet your talent needs



Five Common Workforce Themes



Workforce Strategy Resources & Assistance

Regional Team: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/meet-your-regional-team>

Workforce Strategy Blogs: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/future-attracting-and-retaining-workforce>

Workforce Wednesday: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/WorkforceWednesday>

State of Minnesota Job Bank: [MinnesotaWorks.net](https://www.mn.gov/minnesota-works)



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BDPI (Business Development Public
Infrastructure)



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Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI)

BDPI Purpose & Goals

- Stimulate new economic development
- Public infrastructure project to create or retain full-time jobs in the community
- Increase a community's tax base
- Project will be used to attract public and private capital investment
- Provide economic development benefit to the community

BDPI Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants are cities and counties outside the 7-county metro area
- *Not* eligible counties/cities within:
 - Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Anoka, Washington, Scott, Carver

BDPI Eligible Industries

- Manufacturing
- Technology
- Warehousing and distributing
- Research and development;
- Agriculture processing
 - Transforming, packing, sorting, grading livestock
 - Includes goods for nonfood use
- Speculative Industrial Park development (which will include the above uses)

BDPI Ineligible Industries

- Retail development
- Housing
- Office space-unless incidental
- Up to 15% can be for a non-BDPI eligible use
- After 10 years use restrictions may be lifted

BDPI Funding

Provided through

- State General Obligation Bonds
- General Funds
- Current balance of funding is \$12 million

BDPI Funding-continued

- Grants will be 50% of the eligible capital costs of infrastructure



BDPI Applications

- Applications accepted on an on-going pipeline
- Up to \$2,000,000 per two-year period based on award date

BDPI Eligible Activities

Publicly owned infrastructure that supports economic development projects:

- Water supply systems
- Wastewater collection and treatment
- Sewers
- Drinking water
- Storm water systems
- Utility extensions
- Streets

Other DEED Public Infrastructure Programs

- Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Program (IBDPI)
- Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Program (TEDI)

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Business Engagement Process Development

Corporate location opportunities are growing in number, size and pace

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Hyundai Will Build First Fully-Dedicated EV

Hyundai Motor Group will invest more than \$5.5B in the electric vehicle which will be built at the Bryan County Megasite.

May 23, 2022

GM and LG Energy Solution Investing \$2.6B in Ultium Cells Manufacturing Plant in Lansing

2022-01-25

VinFast Picks North Carolina For \$2B Electric Vehicle Assembly Plant

Automotive

Vietnamese auto maker VinFast will create 7,500 jobs at its first North American electric vehicle manufacturing plant in Chatham County, N.C.

Stellantis, LG Energy Solution Invest \$4.1 Billion in Michigan Battery Plant

Jack Rogers

NC: Steel Company Nucor Corp. to Expand in North Carolina with \$350M Micro Mill, Creating 200 Jobs

TECH

Intel to invest up to \$100 billion in Ohio chip plants

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continue to drive data center site selection, with sustainability considerations and emerging technologies becoming increasingly important factors.

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IN: Largest U.S. Steel Producer Investing \$290M to Upgrade Indiana Operations

DEVELOPMENT NEWS Feb 07, 2022

Nucor Corporation announced an expansion and modernization of its sheet mill operations in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Auto Giant Invests \$2.6B in Michigan Battery Plant

More than \$20 billion worth of new EV battery assembly facilities are being built in the U.S., but 90 percent of battery components are imported, and Tesla is busy preparing for a global shortage of lithium battery cells

Assee, Ken Expansion of Semiconductor Research Campus

Assee, Ken announces plan for 'mega campus' for electric vehicle components in Tennessee, twin battery plants in Kentucky

'B In Michigan Expansion

Q1 2022 Michigan Expansion

LGES will expand its Holland, MI plant to produce components for electric vehicle batteries, resulting in the creation of 1,200 new jobs.

Southeast » Kentucky

Central Kentucky Announces Second Largest Electric Vehicle Megasite

CORPORATE

Toyota Charges into Electrified Future in the U.S. with 10-year, \$3.4 billion Investment

October 18, 2021

Toyota Selects North Carolina for New U.S. Automotive Battery Plant

Plant is first to produce automotive batteries for Toyota in North America, enough battery packs for 1.2 million electrified vehicles per year

News Release, Management, Innovation, CASE, Electric, Region, U.S. reports Chain Store Age.

Region » Pacific » Oregon

Intel Factory in Hillsboro, Ore., Opens \$3 Billion

Area Development News Desk 05/12/2022

A world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, Novelis plans to build a new low-carbon recycling and rolling plant at the 3,000-acre South Alabama Mega Site in Bay Minette, Alabama. The \$2.5 billion project is expected to create 1,000 jobs in Baldwin County.

Minnesota is receiving such opportunities

- \$2.5B CAPEX
- >1,000 FTEs
- 1M to 1.6M sq. ft. building; with potential to expand
- Utility needs – Electricity, 48 - 64 MW
- Infrastructure needs – onsite rail

Automotive battery facility



- \$4.2B CAPEX
- 3,500 FTEs
- >500-acre site; 7M sq. ft. building
- Utility needs – Electricity, 100 MW renewable; 2.2 MGPD water
- Infrastructure needs – onsite rail preferred, proximity to deep-water port

EV battery facility



- \$850M CAPEX
- 200 FTEs
- >100-acre site
- Utility needs – Electricity, 25MW renewable
- Infrastructure needs – onsite rail; barge, deep-water port access
- Attainment

Production of polymers from recycled plastics



Where does MBFS add the most value?

- \$2B CAPEX
- 2,000 FTEs
- >140-acre site; ~1.2M sq. ft. building
- Utility needs – Electricity, 30MW; >1.3 MGD water

Biopharmaceutical facility



- \$2B CAPEX (potential for \$2B more)
- 250 FTEs (potential for 250 more)
- 200-acre site
- Utility needs – Electricity, 150-300 MW; 31 – 105 MGD water (for cooling)
- Infrastructure needs – rail access; direct water withdrawal and discharge

Battery materials manufacturing



- ~\$630M CAPEX
- 1,500 FTEs (Phase I)
- 120-acre site
- Utility needs – Electricity, 10MW

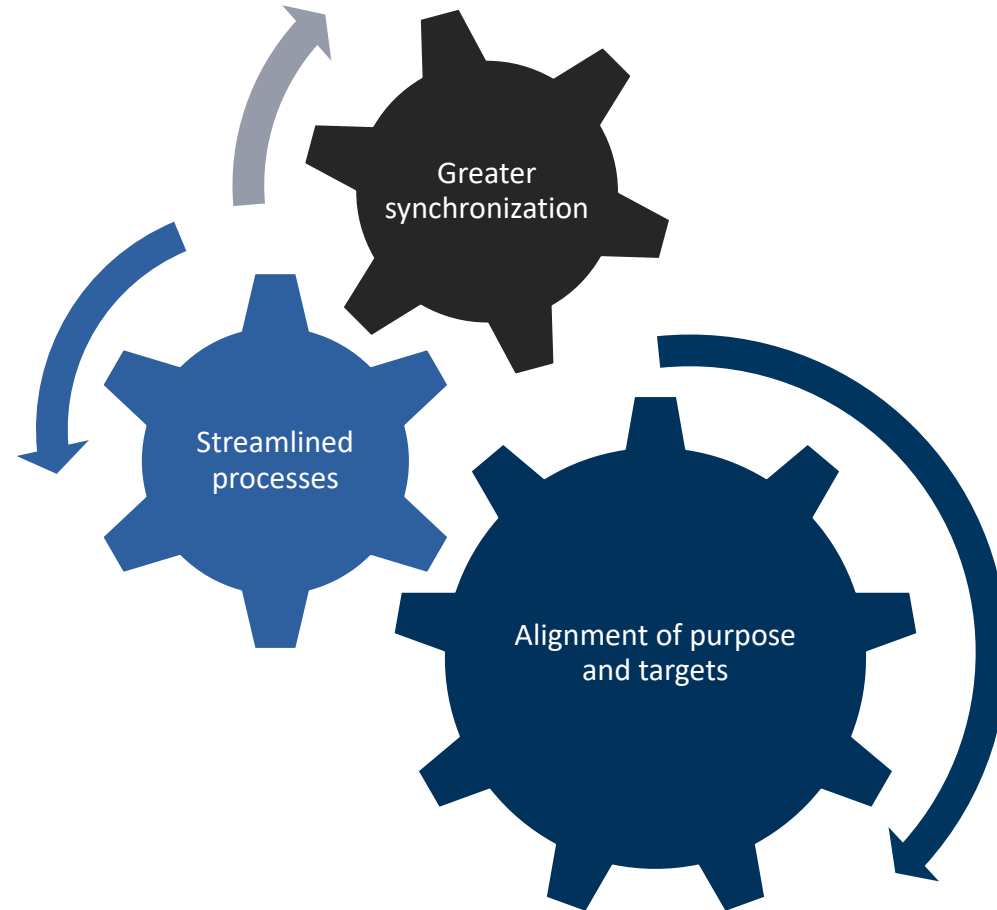
Solar module manufacturing



As projects grow in size, so does their complexity and the challenges to compete



Improving the MBFS Engagement Process



For further discussion...

Key Questions

- 1) Where does MBFS add the most value?
- 2) What projects should MBFS prioritize?
- 3) Should MBFS projects be expediated in any way?
- 4) What role is there for EQB?
- 5) What services should MBFS projects have available to them?

Interagency Roadmap



Themes

- Business Development Funds
 - Online Permitting / Public Engagement
 - Permitting Staff Levels
 - Tribal Engagement
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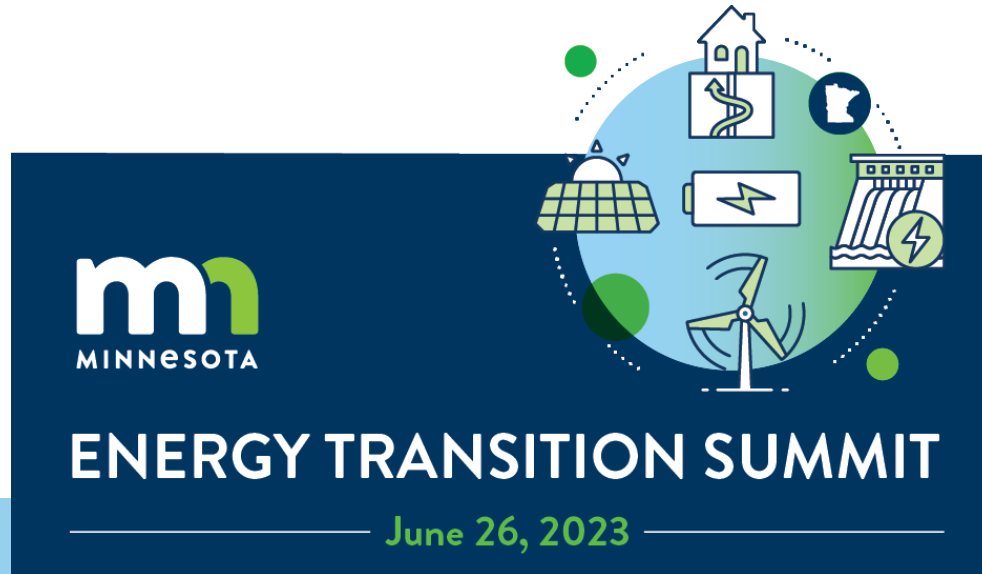
- Captures new agency resources for FY 24-25
- Allows MBFS to identify ongoing gaps
- Hard Copies available soon

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State Panel – Redevelopment

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Brownfields



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Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit

Erin Welle | Project Manager

Brownfields and Redevelopment Programs

- Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program
- Cleanup Revolving Loan Program (EPA)
- Redevelopment Grant Program
- Demolition Loan Program

Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants

- Investigation and RAP Development Grants
 - Phase I, Phase II, Vapor Assessments, etc. and RAP development costs
 - Max grant is \$50,000
- Cleanup Grants
 - MPCA approved RAP required
 - Known soil, soil vapor, groundwater contamination costs, environmental oversight and reporting costs
- Required match is 25%
 - 12% from unrestricted source
- Applications are competitive – May 1 and November 1 deadlines

Cleanup Revolving Loan Program

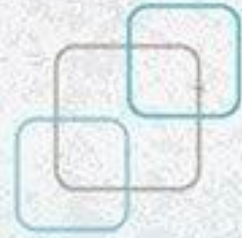
- Applications are accepted throughout the year
- Must own or have ownership interest
- 22% match requirement from a non-federal source
- Interest rate and term are negotiable
- Funds may be available as subgrants/forgivable loans for public entities or nonprofits

Redevelopment Grant Program

- Demolition, asbestos/lead abatement, geotechnical soil correction, public infrastructure improvements
- Required match is 50%, any source
- Applications are competitive – February 1 and August 1 deadlines
- Development and economic benefits must happen within five years
- Apply when ready to start work

Demolition Loan Program

- Same application deadlines as Redevelopment – February 1 and August 1
- Applicant must own property
- Expectation of potential future development with economic benefits
- Structures vacant at least one year, threat to public safety
- Not listed on National Register of Historic Places
- Acquisition, asbestos/lead abatement, and demolition
- Interest and payment free first 2 years, then 2%, max term of 15 years
- Up to 50% forgiveness if development occurs



BROWNFIELDS AND BEYOND:

2023 MINNESOTA REDEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 26 – Friday, October 27, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington

Registration opens Monday, August 21, 2023

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Brownfields and Beyond 2023!

Thank You!

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Environmental Review and Energy Transition

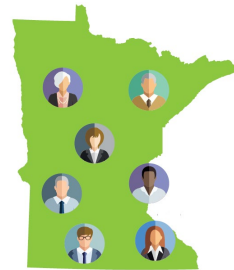
Catherine Neuschler | Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

Who is the Environmental Quality Board?

- EQB is an 18-member board made up of state agency commissioners and public members
- Staff provides coordination and support
- Key staff role: Technical assistance for environmental review



Promotes strategic interaction of multiple state agencies



Serves as forum for public to engage in environmental decision-making



Stewards Minnesota environmental review process

Environmental Review and Energy Transition

Environmental Review

- Provides information on potential environmental effects important for effective decision-making
- Considers diverse project types using a predictable process
- Requires consideration of public input

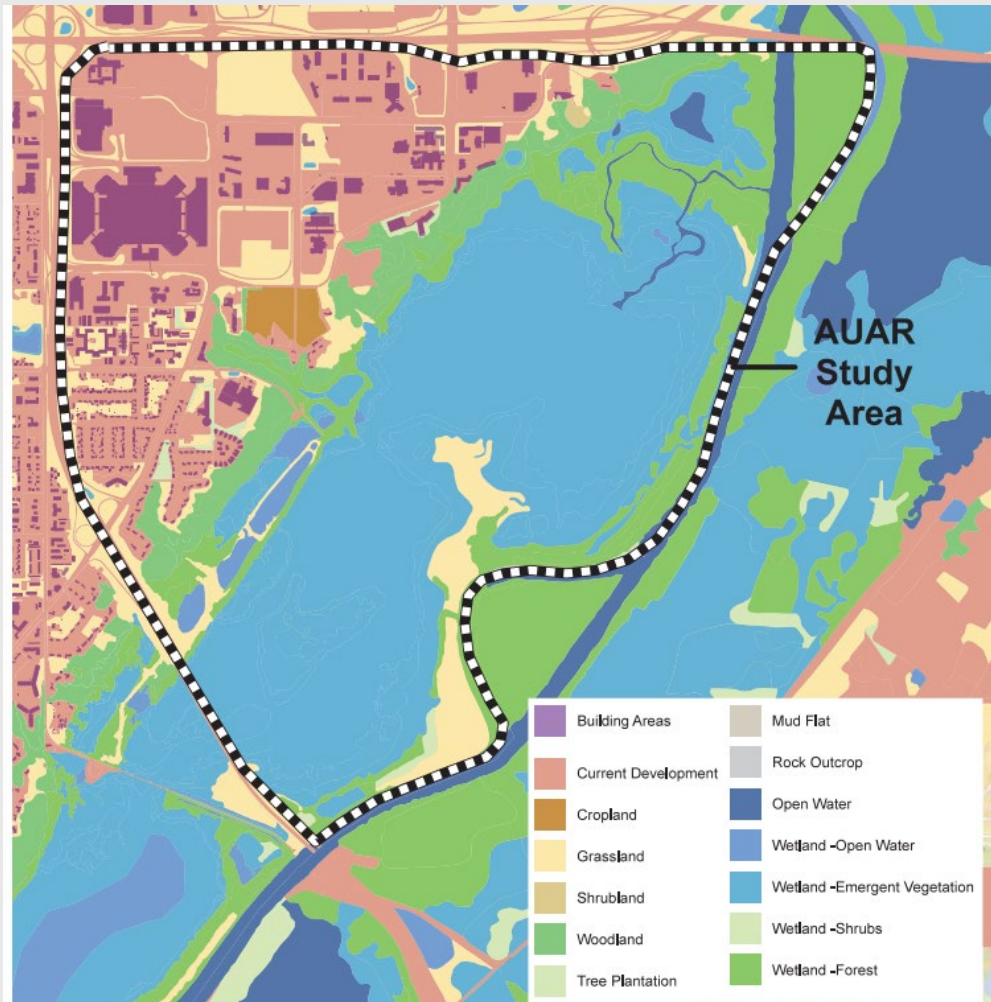
Energy Transition Areas

- Redevelopment opportunities that result in economic benefit to communities
- Large geographic areas previously used for industrial activities
- Consideration of future infrastructure needs

Environmental Review and Energy Transition

- Many new projects may need to undergo environmental review in order to become shovel- ready
- We will be working closely with DEED to support their goals for energy transition communities
 - From the 2023 grant legislation
 - “Environmental Quality Board to assist communities with regulatory coordination and dedicated technical assistance”
 - Can use the grant for “impact studies and other planning activities enabling communities to become shovel-ready”

Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)



AUAR process

- Used instead of an individual project EAW or EIS
- Defined geographic area
- 5-year expiration; can be updated
- Limited to residential, commercial, warehousing, and light industrial development and associated infrastructure

Eligibility and Examples

- Local unit of government
- Adopted comprehensive plan that includes at least:
 - A land use plan
 - A public facilities plan
 - An implementation program

AUAR project examples:

- Cottage Grove Business Park (City of Cottage Grove)
- South Loop District (City of Bloomington)
- Gonz Lake West (City of St. Michael)

AUAR process benefits

- Allows projects to be closer to “shovel ready”
- Better information from review of wider geographic area
- Better information about potential cumulative environmental impacts from different project types
- Local communities can see the “big picture”

Available support from EQB staff

- Provide coordination of state agency participation in AUAR process
- We hope to dedicate an EQB web page specifically for AUAR resources and guidance
- Provide technical assistance with understanding of applicable rules
 - Environmental review generally or AUAR procedures
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Thank You!

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Rapid Response



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Rapid Response Process

Liz Mcloone

Rapid Response Sr Specialist/Labor Liaison

What is Rapid Response?

- **Purpose:**

Rapid Response exists to assist workers and businesses through the inevitable periods of economic transitions that will occur throughout the business cycle. Fundamentally, its goal is straightforward: to prevent layoffs, when possible, limit their impact on workers should they occur, and help dislocated workers transition to new employment as quickly as possible.

- **TEN 3-10: The National Rapid Response Initiative**

Rapid Response is a primary gateway to the workforce system for both dislocated workers and employers. It provides immediate, on-site services for workers and employers, and works to minimize the impacts of those layoffs...as quickly as possible.

Layoff Aversion Techniques

Ongoing strategic activities

- Creating and sustaining effective partnerships with a wide range of organizations that contribute to layoff aversion strategies
- Gathering data and intelligence related to economic transition trends within industries, communities, or at specific employers, and planning strategies for intervention
- Developing early warning networks and systems utilizing data and intelligence gathered (not formalized to date)
- Identifying heavily concentrated industries and sectors and related training needs in the geographic area
- Connecting employers and workers with short-term, on-the-job, and customized training and apprenticeships before or after layoff and prior to new employment

Notification of Closing or Layoff

- Fed and state statutes:
 - Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act
- Rapid Response Coordinator sends out WARN email broadcast
 - Commissioner's office
 - Communications
 - ETP Director, Deputy Director and all ETP Directors.
 - Rapid Response supervisor and State Rapid Response Team (SRRT).
 - Service Providers, WSC's, Sr. LVER's, media etc.

Rapid Response Process

- Face-to-face meeting with employer
- Group information meetings with workers
- Committee meetings
- Service delivery

Rapid Response Process

1. Face-to-face meeting with employer

- Employer Handbook
 - What is the company's current situation?
 - What do you know about the Dislocated Worker Program?
 - Possibility of being Trade Affected?
 - Rapid Response Process
 - Group Info Meetings (UI and DW)
 - Rapid Response Competitive Process
 - Committee Meetings
 - Service Delivery
- Employer Layoff Questionnaire



3. Committee meetings

- Competitive Process
- 7-9 volunteers from affected workforce
- Facilitate the process
 - Assist with RFI process, read proposals,
 - Interview providers (if committee chooses),
 - Select a provider, plan services for group,
 - Quality assurance (follow-up survey)



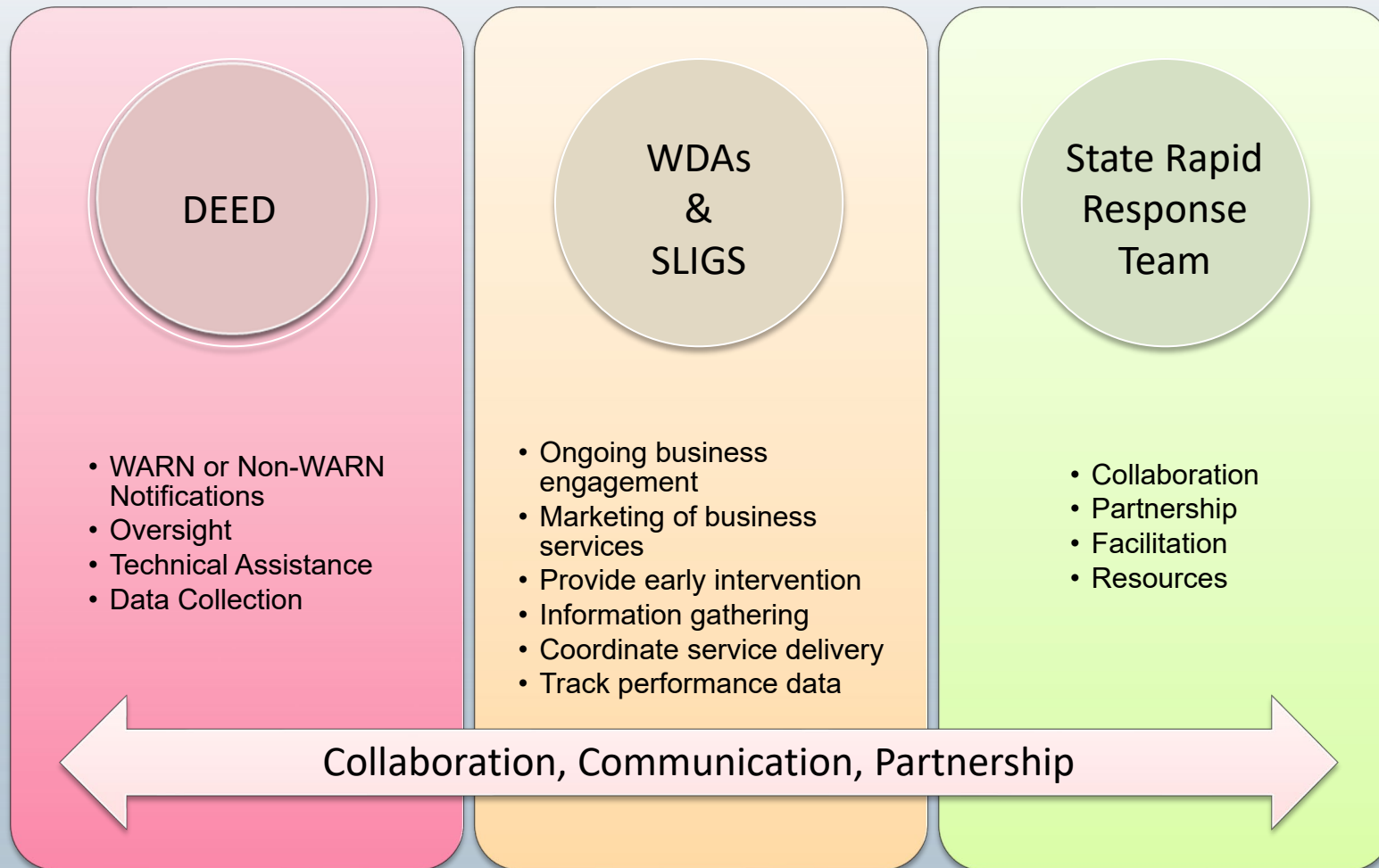
2. Group information meetings with workers

- Unemployment Insurance
- Dislocated Worker Program
 - Local provider is involved, if no competition
 - Dislocated Worker program
 - Rapid Response survey
 - Helpful Websites

4. Service delivery

- Services can start right away
- Coordinate with company
 - Group enrollment/orientation meetings onsite?
 - Meetings with counselors onsite?
 - Resource room onsite?
 - Workshops onsite?
 - Job Fair onsite?

Communication /Collaboration



- Email Distribution Lists –WARN
 - Email Broadcast
 - Service Provider Broadcast
 - WARN Broadcast
 - Individual Email
 - If requested
- Phone Calls & Emails

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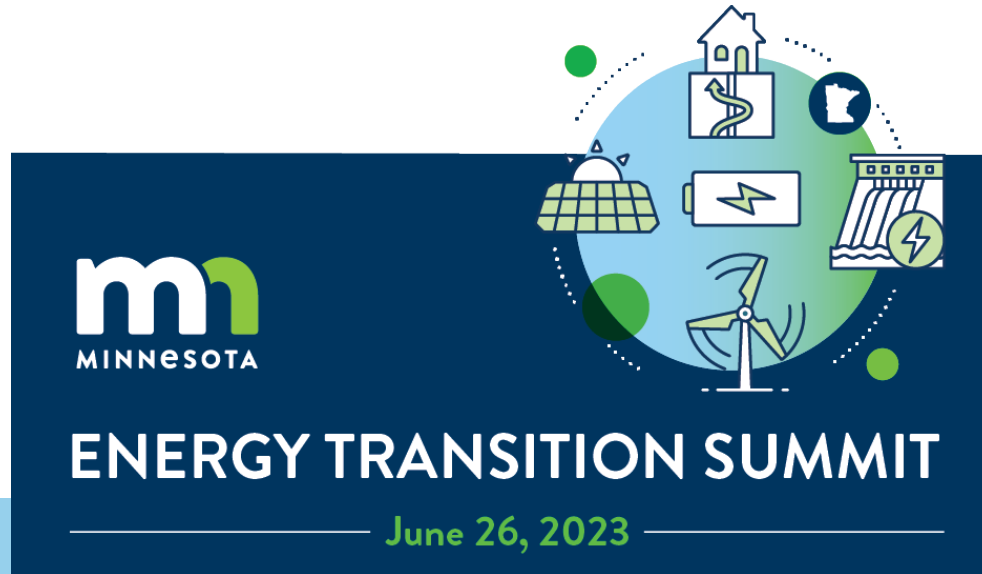
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State Panel – Community Development

Moderator:

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State Panel

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Assistant Commissioner of Federal and
State Initiatives



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Energy Transition Summit

Pete Wyckoff, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Energy Resources

Until recently, I had a different job

Dr. Pete Wyckoff

Senior Policy Advisor for Energy & Climate
Office of Senator Tina Smith



The IRA ...135 distinct programs and tax credits

Puts U.S. on a path to 40% greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2030
(2005 baseline)

Grants = \$110 billion (capped)

Clean energy loans ~ \$500 billion

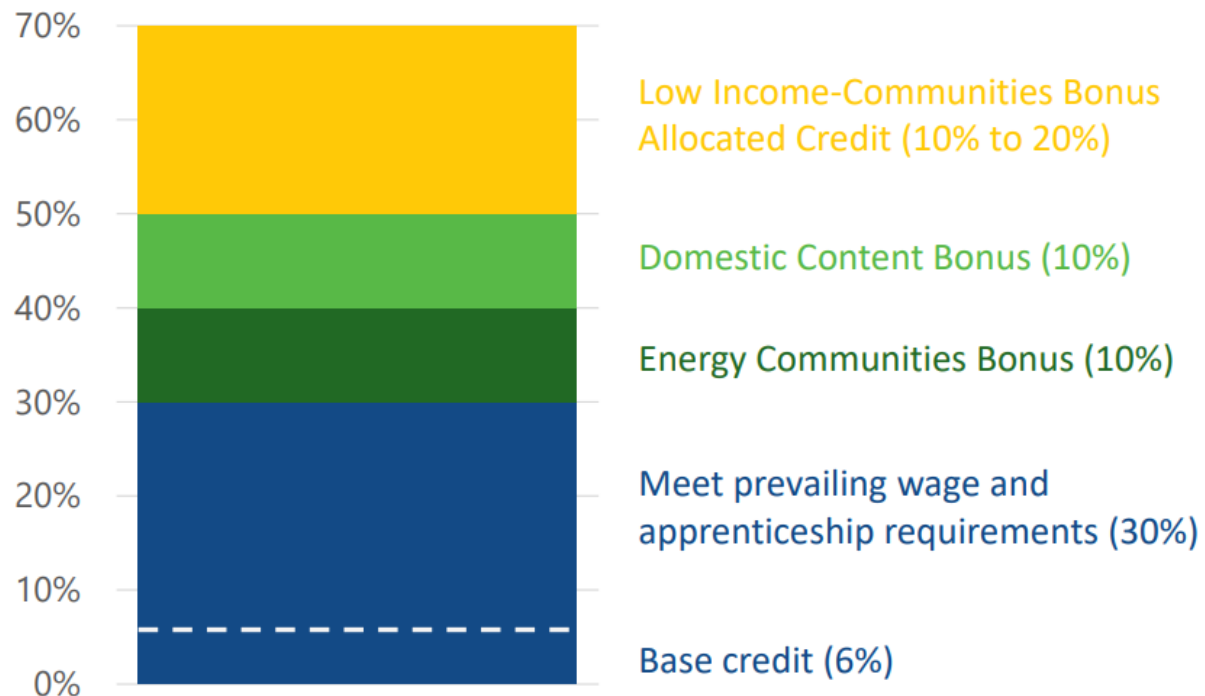
Tax Credits ~ \$700 billion to \$1.2 trillion (uncapped, estimated)

- “Direct Pay” for local governments, Tribal Nations, and non-profits

Tax Credit Adders & Stacking

Clean Energy Layer Cake

Total Investment Tax Credit



A hypothetical 1 MW community solar facility costing \$1 million could earn a **70% tax credit** worth \$700,000

If it is owned by a tax-exempt entity, this could be a **direct cash payment** from the IRS

Applies to clean electricity investment and production tax credits, available till at least 2032

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Tax Credits for domestic manufacturing



2023 MN ENERGY LEGISLATION

- Buy Clean, Buy Fair Minnesota
- 100% Carbon-Free Electricity by 2040
- Sustainable Building Guidelines Modifications
- Preference Order for Purchase of State Vehicles
- RDA Projects Subject to Prevailing Wage/Diversity Report
- Solar Reward Expansion
- Air Ventilation Program Act
- Auto dealers must employ personnel with knowledgeable of electric vehicles
- Utility Reporting Due Date Modification
- Repeal/Reinstatement of Intervenor Compensation Statute
- Electric Vehicle Deployment Program
- **Strengthen MN Homes**
- Customer's Access to Electricity Usage Data
- Transportation Electrification Plan
- Community Solar Garden Modifications
- Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plan Settlement Payments
- Distributed Solar Energy Standard
- Energy Storage Systems Deployment Target
- Utility Customer Dispute Resolution
- Definition of Low-Income Household
- Approval of Projects to Modernize Transmission and Distribution System
- Large Wind Energy Conversion System Certification of Need Exemption
- Modification of Threshold Requiring PUC Approval
- Commerce's Assessment Increase
- Compensation for Certain PUC Proceeding Participants
- **State Competitiveness Fund**
- State Competitiveness Fund 2.0
- **Climate Innovation Finance Authority**
- Commissioner authority to administrator Solar for Schools Program
- **Pre-weatherization and Workforce Training Program**
- Energy Benchmarking
- Electric School Bus Deployment Program
- Solar for School Modifications from Xcel to Commerce Department
- Solar on Public Building Program Establishment
- Energy Storage Incentive Program
- Distribute Energy Resources System Upgrade Program
- Electric Vehicle Rebates
- Dealers Grants to Cover cost manufacturer certification
- PACE Loan Program
- **Residential Electrical Panel Upgrade Grant Program**
- **Residential Heat Pump Rebate Program**
- Public Utility Diversity Reporting
- Energy Storage System Definition
- Conforming Changes to definition of large energy power facilities and site permit
- Gas and Hazardous Liquid Definitions Changes
- Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goal Modifications
- Modification to Annual Report on Telecommunications Access Program
- Restriction on single family solar installations prohibited
- Extension of Sunset on Gas Utility Recovery of Infrastructure Costs
- **Creation of a Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy**
- Electric Grid Resiliency Grants
- Community Solar Garden Study
- Local Climate Action Grant Program
- Transfer of Unencumbered Withheld RDA Funds
- Decommissioning of Allen S. King Coal Plant
- Utility Energy Storage System Capacity Study
- Investment in Green Fertilizer

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Minnesota Legislature passes energy bill with \$2,500 EV rebates, 'pre-weatherization'
The spending follows two other consequential energy bills adopted earlier in the legislative session: a law requiring a carbon-free electric grid by 2040 and a \$115 million fund to match federal dollars for climate and energy projects in Minnesota.
By Walker Orenstein | Staff Writer

3 ways Minnesota is crushing it on climate action
CANARY MEDIA



New Minnesota programs to leverage federal funds

State Competitiveness Fund	
Matching funds for Federal Grants	\$ 100,000,000
Technical Assistance Grants	\$ 6,000,000
Grants to leverage tax credits and loans	\$ 75,000,000
New Minnesota “Green Bank”	\$ 45,000,000



Minnesota Housing Overview

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Our Unique Role



Independent agency established
in 1971

Seven-member board

Annual independent financial
audit and rating agency reviews

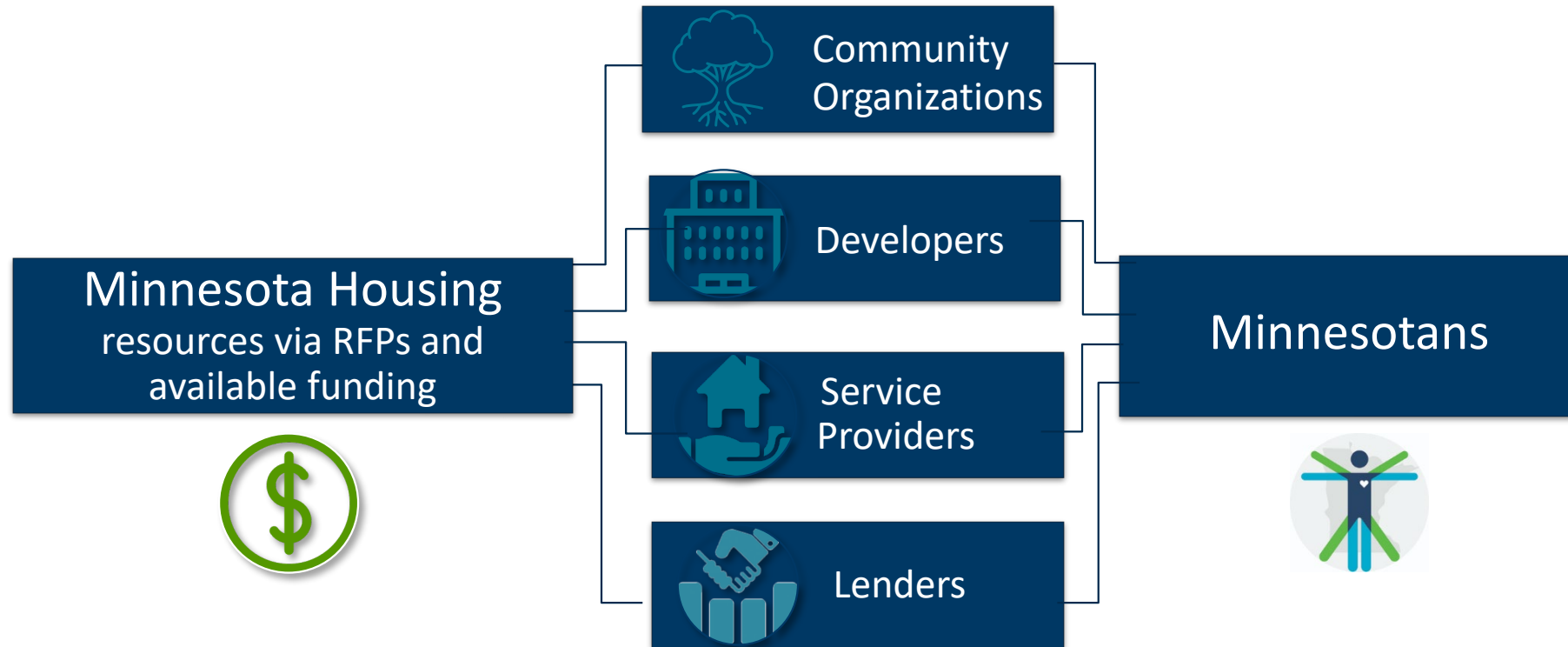
Annually serves about 90,000
Minnesota households

In Minnesota, 536,000
households are cost burdened
by their housing payment

Our Housing Continuum



Our Program Delivery Process



What Minnesota Housing Does

Homeownership	Rental
Finances mortgages and downpayment/closing cost loans	Finances the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing
Finances home improvement and rehabilitation loans	Funds rental assistance and operating subsidies
Funds homeowner counseling, education and training	Funds homelessness prevention and assistance
Funds intensive financial coaching (improving credits scores, savings, etc.)	Administers project-based Section 8 contracts in Minnesota on behalf of HUD
Finances the development of affordable single-family homes	
Temporarily administers COVID-19 housing assistance for past-due housing payments, including mortgage and rent	
Leads and takes action on critical housing issues, working with partners to advocate for solutions and leverage private and public resources	

What Minnesota Housing Doesn't Do

Build or develop housing

Own properties

Regulate housing or development

Mediate general landlord-tenant disputes

Help people find housing

Set/control local housing, zoning or land-use policies

Administer Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

Minnesota Housing Resources

Community Homeownership Impact Fund

Impact Fund RFP is open: Due Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 12:00pm

Uses: The Community Homeownership Impact Fund (Impact Fund) provides funding for developers and administrators of single family, owner-occupied affordable housing activity throughout the state

1. New construction, including demolition or removal of existing structures with rebuild
2. Acquisition (land or properties), rehabilitation and resale of existing housing
3. Construction Financing and Gap Financing
4. Lending products for individual homeowners

Questions about project or program: impact.fund.mhfa@state.mn.us

Greater Minnesota Workforce Homeownership

- Owner occupied rehab, acquisition, rehab
- Priority for newer construction, smaller communities, smaller developers for a larger scale application
- Price Range: No maximum dollar amounts or appraised value/purchase price, cost reasonableness & feasibility
- Down Payment Assistance
- Rehab program for existing homeowners
- Income Targeting for workforce: Maximum is 115% AMI (statutory)
 - Base on community need
 - Target towards households of greatest needs

Multifamily Development

- Annual Multifamily Consolidated RFP Consolidated RFP is open (Intent to Apply Due: 5/11, Application Due: 7/13, Noon CT)
- Primary mechanism that Minnesota Housing uses to award and allocate federal and state resources.
- Consolidates and coordinates multiple housing resources into one multifamily application process.
- Deploys significant capital funds and includes various multifamily programs.

- Low-income Housing Tax Credits (HTC)
- HOME
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- Economic Development and Housing Challenge (EDHC)
- Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund (PARIF)
- Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB)
- Low and Moderate Income Rental (LMIR)
- Flexible Financing for Capital Costs (FFCC)
- Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance (PRA)

Workforce Housing Development Program

- Market rate program that is available outside the metro area and prioritizes small communities and small projects
- Eligible applicants are small- to medium-sized cities or communities
- Maximum funding request is 25% of total development costs (TDC)
- Must include a local match of funds for half of the funding request
- Applicants choose between a grant or a deferred forgivable loan

Publicly-Owned Housing Rehabilitation Program

Uses:

- Rehabilitation of public housing that addresses health and life safety, accessibility, energy and water efficiency, and critical needs.
- Other improvements that add value to a building and are not of a recurring nature. These improvements must have an intended minimum life expectancy of ten years.
- Expenditures of a capital nature such as design, rehabilitation or major remodeling.

Purpose: Rehabilitate and preserve public housing properties that are operating under HUD's Public Housing Program.

Financing: 20-year forgivable loan

RFP: Depends on legislative approval (Governor's Request \$60 Million)

Example: 2017 Award to Cook County HRA for the Homestead and Pioneer project

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General Tips for Competitiveness

- Local contributions from the county, city, and/or employers
- Request Technical Assistance from the program you are applying for
 - 1:1 Meeting
 - Specific feedback on your project concept

Legislative Session Recap

Historic Investment in Housing

- Session ended on Monday, May 22
- Over \$1.3 billion for housing across the continuum: new construction, preservation, rental assistance, downpayment assistance.
 - Base budget is \$115 million
- Significant resources in existing programs and over 15 new programs/activities

Serving All of Minnesota

The budget responds to the range of housing needs felt by Minnesotans in all regions of the state, while focusing on closing disparities and assisting lowest-income Minnesotans and serving underserved geographies:

- Rental and homeownership
- New construction and preservation
- Deeply affordable housing and market-rate housing in Greater Minnesota
- Homelessness prevention and homeownership development
- Rental assistance and downpayment assistance

Housing Program Highlights

- **Challenge Program**
 - From \$25 million to \$120 million
- **Housing Infrastructure**
 - \$200 million
- **Workforce Homeownership Development**
 - From \$500,000 to \$60.5 million
- **Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing**
 - From \$4 million to \$39 million
- **Local Housing Trust Fund Match**
 - \$4.8 million
- **Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure**
 - \$8 million (new)

Agency Next Steps

- Resources in existing programs have already begun to be allocated through existing funding processes and staffing
- New staff need to be hired
- Program development
 - Stakeholder outreach
 - Program guides
 - Funding processes
 - Grant agreements and grants management

Let's Stay in Touch

- [Sign up for eNews](#) for Agency and program specific updates
- Website: www.mnhousing.gov
- Alyssa Wetzel-Moore, Community Development Director: Alyssa.Wetzel-Moore@state.mn.us

Thank you!



State Panel

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Energy Transition Office Grants Coordinator



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Community Energy Transition Grant Program Presentation

Presented by: Mike McCrownsey
Grants Specialist Coordinator, Energy Transition Office

Background

- The Community Energy Transition Grant Program was created by the Legislature to assist communities to address the economic dislocation associated with closing an electric generating plant.
Minnesota Statute 116J.55

Grant Eligibility/Eligible Communities

- For the purposes of the grant, "eligible community" means a county, municipality, or tribal government located in Minnesota in which an electric generating plant owned by a public utility, as defined in section [216B.02](#), that is powered by coal, nuclear energy, or natural gas:

Grant Eligibility/Eligible Communities

1. is currently operating and
 - I. is scheduled to cease operations,
 - II. whose cessation of operations has been proposed in an integrated resource plan filed with the commission under section [216B.2422](#), or
 - III. whose current operating license expires within 15 years of the effective date of this section; or
2. ceased operations or was removed from the local property tax base no earlier than five years before the date an application is made for a grant under this section.

Grant Awards; Limitations

- (a) A grant awarded to an eligible community must not exceed \$1,000,000 in a calendar year. Grant Applications will be accepted on an ongoing or rolling basis.
- (b) Grants funded with revenues from the renewable development account established in section [116C.779](#) must be awarded to an eligible community located within the retail electric service territory of the public utility that is subject to section [116C.779](#) or to an eligible community in which an electric generating plant owned by that public utility is located.

Eligible Expenditures/Projects

- Money can be used to plan for or address the economic and social impacts on the eligible community of the electric generating plant's cessation of operations including but not limited to
 - ***Land use studies***
 - ***Economic planning, researching, planning, and implementing activities***
 - ***Capital costs of public infrastructure necessary for economic development***
 - ***Impact studies and other planning activities enabling communities to become shovel-ready and support the transition from power plants to other economic activities to maximize the negative impacts of power plant closures on tax revenues and job***

Eligible Expenditures/Projects

- **All projects/plans must be designed to:**
 1. Assist workers at the plant find new employment, including worker retraining and developing small business start-up skills;
 2. Increase the eligible community's property tax base; and
 3. Develop alternative economic development strategies to attract new employers to the eligible community.

Appropriations: Community Energy Transition Grants

Total funds appropriated is \$10 million

- \$5 million – SFY 24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
- \$5 million – SFY 25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Total grant award amount

- \$1,000,000 max per eligible community per year.

Applications/Process

- Application forms will be placed on DEED website @ [Energy Transition Office / Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(mn.gov\)](https://www.energytransitionoffice.com/energy-transition-office/minnesota-department-of-employment-and-economic-development)
- The goal is to have the application out by July 2023
- The Notice of Grant Opportunity and application will be sent to all impacted communities and members on the ETAC. If you are not receiving information from Carla, or want to ensure that your name is on the list, please let Carla and I know.

Application Scoring Criteria

- **The total of 100 points possible**

Categories	Maximum Points
Project Scope	15
Timing	15
Financing	10
Economic Impacts	25
Community Impacts	25
Partnerships and Collaboration	10
Total	100

Application Scoring Criteria

- **Project Scope** – A clearly defined, relevant and attainable plan with measured outcomes correlating with the plant closure.
- **Timing** - The immediacy of the plant closure, the project start date, and the completion of the project. The timeline is logical, the project is ready to begin, and it will be completed within the grant term.
- **Financing** - The project budget is detailed, clear, and logical with all costs reasonable and necessary for implementation. With the addition of DEED money, the project is fully financed and ready for implementation.

Application Scoring Criteria

- **Economic Impacts** - The impact of the loss of property tax base and employment on the community and how the project addresses these losses to attain positive outcomes.
- **Community Impacts** - The impact to the community due to plant closure and how the project addresses this and other local challenges to attain positive outcomes.
- **Partnerships and collaboration** - The formal and informal partnerships between entities with similar strategies, linked to comprehensive plans, to address the impacts of plant closure in the community. Joint agreements and letters of support provide evidence of strong partnerships toward a common goal.

DEED Award Timeframe

- The goal is to have the grant application out July 2023.
- Within 30 days after applications are reviewed, grant contracts are sent to grantees.
- Funds can only be drawn/reimbursed when the contracts are signed by all parties and fully executed.
- Funds should be spent by June 30, 2025.



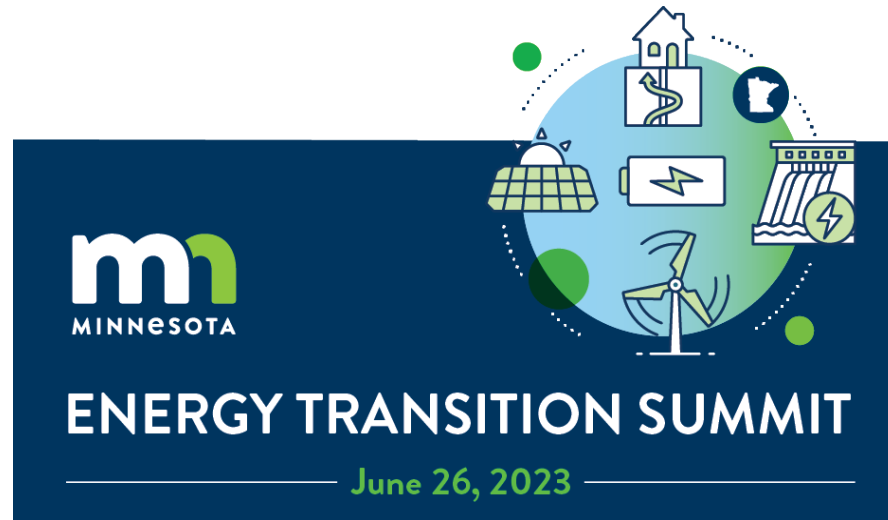
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Questions?

FAQ will be answered on the
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**Thank you for attending
... safe travels**

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