

2021 Report

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2021 MNEDF Sponsors

Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)	\$10,000
Bremer Bank	\$5,000
MBFC	\$2,500
Southwest Initiative Foundation	\$2,500
Iron Range Resources	\$2,000
Dakota Electric	\$2,000
Great River Energy	\$2,000
Ehlers	\$1,500
WSB	\$1,000
Connexus Energy	\$1,000
Xcel Energy	\$1,000
Minnesota Power	\$1,000
Kraus Anderson	\$1,000

Accomplishments

Community Internship Grants

Eleven communities / organizations received \$1,000 grants to support an intern focused primarily on economic development related tasks.

- City of Isanti
- City of Roseville EDA
- City of Maple Grove
- Benton Economic Partnership (BEP)
- APEX
- Barnesville EDA
- City of Golden Valley
- Itasca EDC
- City of Hastings
- Brainerd Lakes EDC
- Albert Lea EDC

Leading Intern's Network and Knowledge (LINK)

The LINK program was developed to offer interns supported by MNEDF's Community Internship Grant with information, connections, and a support system as they enter the profession.

- 3 sessions held in 2021
- 10 interns participated

MNEDF Website Enhancements / Interactive Map

MNEDF invested in website upgrades to better inform economic development students and professionals of MNEDF investments and education opportunities available.

Upper Midwest Basic Economic Development Course (BEDC)

Since 2019, MNEDF has coordinated the BEDC, an International Economic Development Council (IEDC) certified course.

- 4-day course offering 36 sessions on economic development relevant topics
- 48 students in 2021
- 32 received scholarships
- 30 speakers/ instructors

Terrell Towers Memorial Professional Development Support

In 2021, MNEDF Board approved the Terrell Towers Memorial, a multi-year professional development support program tailored to an individual.

- \$1,500 per year for 3 years will be offered an individual to support professional development opportunities including International Economic Development Council (IEDC) courses, Hamline University economic development and housing courses, IEDC conferences, leadership development, and other opportunities that align with their professional development plan

2021 MNEDF Funding

Community Internship Grants	\$14,000
Upper Midwest BEDC Scholarships	\$9,250
IEDC Course Scholarships	\$6,302