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Engaging the University for Economic Development



Who We Are:

The EDA Center at the University of Minnesota, Crookston is one of more than 40 university centers nationwide, supported by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. The EDA Center conducts applied research, provides direct technical assistance and delivers educational programs to economic development agencies that support the economy of economically-distressed rural communities throughout Minnesota.



Our Mission:

Our mission is to engage university faculty, staff and students with local, county and regional economic development agencies in support of our rural economy. Our focus is to utilize the capacity of the University of Minnesota, Crookston in partnership with economic development agencies to support job creation, capital investment, business recruitment and job retention.



What We Do:

The EDA Center supports rural economic developers through direct technical assistance, applied research and the delivery of educational programs.



Technical Assistance – Bring the capacity of the University to your organization by partnering with The EDA Center. Each year we disseminate a “Request of Assistance” seeking opportunities to conduct projects with rural economic development agencies that support local economies.

Applied Research – The EDA Center’s research is focused on studies that directly impact the rural economy. Whether it’s the impact of broadband deployment on rural development, the impact of tax policies, or a study of rural industry clusters, our research is designed to help developers better understand the dynamics of a changing rural economy.

Educational Programs – The EDA Center works closely with our U of M, Crookston business programs to provide valuable business and entrepreneurship training online.

The EDA Center Web Portal – Look to www.umcEDACenter.org as your one stop for all we have to offer. Our web Portal is designed to allow you to access all of our resources from your desktop. Download our latest Request for Assistance, learn about our current technical assistance and research projects, or explore online learning opportunities.



Learn how The EDA Center can assist you in your economic development efforts

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