
Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District

WHAT IS NENEDD?

The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) is a 16-county regional development organization that encourages cooperation between local government officials, community-based organizations and the private sector. The District provides the “link” between federal and state programs and the local level where development actually occurs.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF NENEDD?

The mission of NENEDD is “to address regional economic development opportunities and challenges identified through a Community Economic Development Strategy.”

HOW IS NENEDD GOVERNED?

NENEDD is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of private citizens and elected officials who represent various economic interests. Each NENEDD member community and county have representation to the Council of Officials. A 9-member Board of Directors is elected each year from the Council of Officials.

HOW IS NENEDD FUNDED?

NENEDD is supported by a combination of funds. A planning grant from the EDA provides \$51,000 each year which is matched by local membership dues. NENEDD derives most of its funding from local membership dues and special contracts.

WHAT COMMITMENT DOES A COMMUNITY/COUNTY MAKE WHEN IT JOINS NENEDD?

NENEDD MEMBERSHIP DUES

Communities	-\$1.24/capita (\$625 min.)
Counties	\$875
Associate	\$200 or more (private and non-profits; no services)

As a member of NENEDD, you are expected to support the goals and mission of the organization and be a part of the decision-making process by appointing a representative to the Council of Officials. This and payment of annual dues are the only commitments of NENEDD membership.

NENEDD Scope of Services

1. Conduct needs assessments and attitude surveys.
 2. Assist communities in developing action plans through strategic planning process.
 3. Identify available federal, state, local and private resources to address needs and goals.
 4. Assist in preparation of grant/loan applications for community and economic development projects/programs.
 5. Assist business/industry with financial packaging (additional fee).
 6. Administer grants, loans and revolving loan funds (additional fee).
 7. Assist communities in development of long-range plans, including comprehensive plans, housing studies, redevelopment plans and zoning ordinances (additional fee).
 8. Assist communities in marketing and recruitment of new business/industry.
 9. Coordinate entrepreneurial training programs for existing and new businesses.
 10. Provide market or below-market loans to new and existing businesses.
 11. Other special programs/projects at the local and regional level.
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Board of Directors

Chairman..... Jeff Scherer
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Vice-Chairman..... Kelvin Wurdeman
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Secretary/Treasurer..... Vicki Saunders
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