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NENEDD Programs

Housing
Offering low interest and forgivable loans for down payment assistance, owner-occupied rehabilitation and new construction opportunities.

Community Planning
Serving as a guide to local governments seeking community planning and implementation services.

Business Loans
Offering competitive rates for gap financing for new business startups, transfers of ownership and business expansions.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District is to build communities, empower families and advance businesses through the use of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

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

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 nine-member Board of Directors is elected each year by the Council of Officials.

NENEDD is supported by a combination of funds. A yearly planning grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration (EDA) is matched by local membership dues. NENEDD derives most of its funding from local membership dues and special contracts.

Membership
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 memberships.

Investments
Communities $1.29/capita | Counties $900
($650 min.)

Associate Levels
Diamond $1,000 | Platinum $750 | Gold $500 | Silver $350 | Bronze $200

Private and non-profit organizations, no services.
See website for complete list of associate membership benefits.
www.nenedd.org/memberships.html

Scope of Services
- Conduct needs assessments, strategic plans, income & attitude surveys, and blight studies (additional fee).
- Identify available federal, state, local and private resources to address needs and goals.
- Assist in preparation of grant/loan applications for community and economic development projects/programs.
- Assist business/industry with financial packaging (additional fee).
- Administer grants, loans and revolving loan funds (additional fee).
- Assist communities in development of long-range plans, such as comprehensive plans, housing studies, redevelopment plans and zoning ordinances (additional fee).
- Assist communities in marketing and recruitment of new business/industry.
- Coordinate entrepreneurial training programs for existing and new businesses.
- Provide market or below-market loans to new and existing businesses.
- Provide loans for housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance and new construction.