Find support for economic development projects through Minnesota's EDA University Center

What is the EDA University Center?

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides funding for the University of Minnesota to research and support economic development projects across the state. Cities, counties, and regional entities can contact us to explore how your EDA University Center can support your economic development ideas.

Since 2008, **University of Minnesota Extension** and **University of Minnesota Crookston** have partnered to deliver a variety of services across the state, including:

- Conducting applied research that looks at critical questions and local concerns
- Providing technical assistance to community leaders as they lead and decide
- Delivering educational presentations and facilitating community conversations about economic development
- Disseminating what we learn to those who can use the information to lead and decide





2021-2026 priorities

Expert faculty and staff from each campus are frequently engaging with key stakeholders, including local government staff and regional development organizations, to address their on-the-ground questions and concerns. During the next five years, the Center's program will build on and expand its past work in entrepreneurship and workforce development by focusing on projects that:

- 1) Increase the resiliency of an area
- 2) Advance high-growth entrepreneurship
- 3) Attract or develop a high-skilled regional workforce

Questions?

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