
Be your own Boss!

We will help you start your own business or expand your current business.

Cafe - Accounting/bookkeeping

Computer courses

Lodging - Craft/Quilting courses

Landscaping/Nursery

Guided business for canoeing, fishing or hunting

Mini-theme park

Speciality store

Construction

Whatever you desire - we can help make your dream a reality!

Pick up an application at the Red Lake County Extension office in the lower level of the courthouse or call to have one mailed.

125 Langevine Ave
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
218-253-2897

Return your application to the Extension office or by mail to:

PO Box 279
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Applications are reviewed at the bi-monthly meetings of the EDC loan committee.

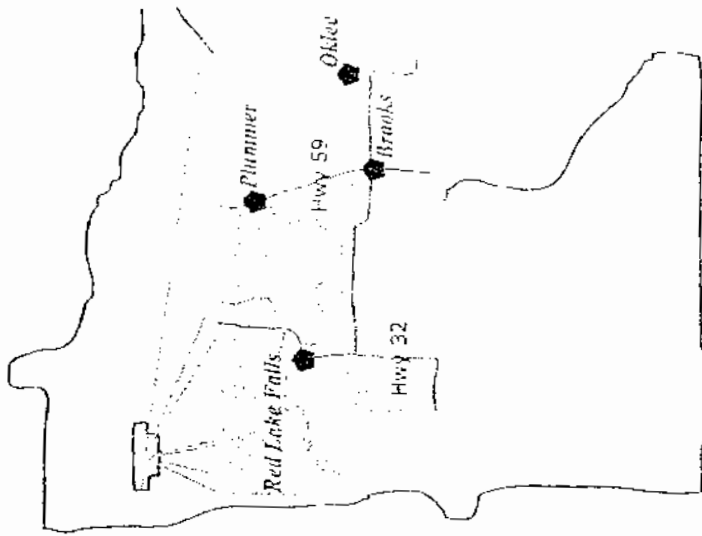
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Red Lake County

Economic Development Corporation



Serving new and current business owners in Red Lake County by providing financial loan funding to promote economic growth.

Would you like to open a new business or expand your current business? Do you have a project that would enhance your community? If so, the Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is here to help.

The EDC created a Revolving Loan Fund to provide new small business owners with start up funds or current business owners with expansion. The result is local jobs and local spending, which in turn creates a better economy.

Program Purpose

- All loans made will assist in the diversification of the local economy and will enhance the local tax base.
- To provide financing to a project where there is a funding gap between what the private lenders are willing to lend, the amount of equity which is available, and the total cost of the project.
- To have money available to loan at an interest rate lower than market rates (at date of approved loan).
- To mobilize public & private partnerships for economic development in Red Lake County.
- To assist new and expanding businesses (not to refinance a business)

Loan Procedures & Considerations

Loan Criteria

The criteria below must be met to qualify for the program. Meeting this criteria does not guarantee approval of the loan. Loans will only be approved based on sound business standards and practices.

- The project must be located within Red Lake County.
- The loan shall not exceed one-fourth (1/4) of the total project cost.
- The loan will not exceed the maximum of \$15,000.
- The revolving loan fund must be used for purchase of real assets, equipment, inventory and working capital.
- Jobs must be created or retained and must be viable in the future (not including the owner's position.)
- Personal equity & guarantees are required on all loans.
- Projected cash flow must be sufficient to survive debt.
- Owners/Investors not directly involved cannot take monetary compensation if it will put the company in a loss situation.

- The participant must submit a loan application & business plan to the loan committee.
- The loan committee will suggest changes or pass the loan application with the recommendations on to the full EDC for final action.

Due to limited funds available, the loan committee of the EDC will give additional consideration to applications that include specific details such as the examples that are outlined below. While they are not restrictions, they are example parameters that may be used when determining if the loan application meets the goals of the Revolving Loan Fund.

- Jobs would be created for the unemployed and/or underemployed.
 - This type of business would diversify the local economy.
 - The local tax base would be enhanced.
- The EDC will take into consideration the effect on existing businesses, which may be in direct competition before approving any loan applications.