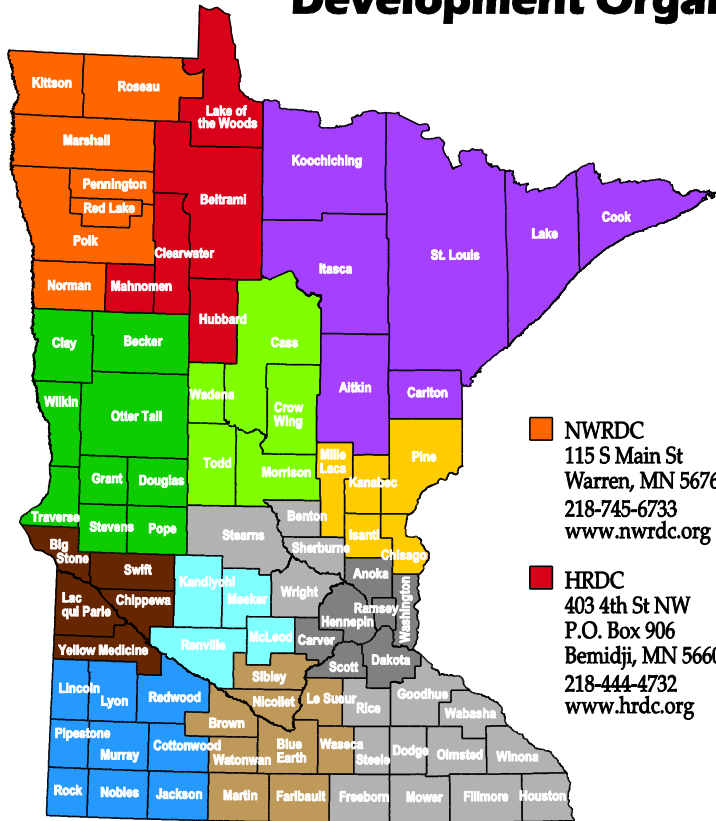


# Minnesota Association of Development Organizations



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**Non-RDC area**

## Establishment

Regional Development Commissions (RDCs) were organized by local elected officials as authorized by the Minnesota Regional Development Act of 1969 (MS Sections 462.381 to 462.398). The Act defines the boundaries, membership, operating principals and the specific duties and powers of a RDC. There are nine Regional Development Commissions in Minnesota covering 63 counties.

## Purpose

The purpose of a RDC is “to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens.....”. RDCs provide a variety of technical assistance services to the local units of government based on the individual needs of their region. They partner with numerous state and federal agencies, obtaining and administering grants for programs and projects at the local level, and are recognized for their fiscal responsibility and capabilities in professional program management.

## Governing Board

RDC board membership is comprised of elected officials from townships, cities, counties, school boards, and public interest groups per statute 462.388.

## Sample RDC Programs and Services

- Community Development
- Comprehensive Planning
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Economic Development Technical Services
- Environmental Services
- Transportation Planning
- Housing Services
- Business Loans
- Entrepreneurial Training Programs
- Business Marketing and Retention Planning
- Energy Efficiency Planning and Development
- Services for Seniors
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Tourism Planning