Economic Development Department Update



GMRC Council Meeting August 31, 2023

What Can We Do For You?

- Grant and Loan Writing
- Grant Administration
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)



What's Happening?

- 4 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Applications Submitted
- 1 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental Application Submitted
- 1 Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA) Application Submitted
- 1 OneGeorgia EDGE Application
 Submitted



Grant Administration

- 15 Projects Currently Being Administered
- \$17,912,513 in Total Grant Dollars
- Infrastructure Projects and Building Projects





What's Ahead?

- 2023 CEDS Annual Update
- Recreational Trails Program
 - Opens September 1, 2023
 - Nonmotorized and Motorized Trail Projects
- Appalachian Regional Commission
 - Rolling Application Period
 - Applications Reviewed Quarterly
 - Next Quarterly Deadline- October 13, 2023



Revolving Loan Fund

Portfolio Update

- \$2,236,366 GMRC Loan Portfolio Value
- 16 Active Loans
- \$1,602,321 Outstanding Balances
- \$2,136,815 Invested in the Region
 - \$589,500 of Owner Equity
 - \$1,454,000 Other Private Financing
 - \$0.96 of private investment for every \$1 loaned
- 552 jobs created or retained
 - \$12,166 per job
 - 1.55 jobs for every \$15,000 loaned







Revolving Loan Fund

Portfolio Update

- 16 Active Loans
 - 12 New Businesses
 - 4 Business Expansion
 - 4 Equipment
- 9 women owned





- 1 Banks
- 2 Dawson
- 3 Franklin
- 2 Hall
- 4 Hart

- 1 Lumpkin
- 1 Towns
- 1 Union
- 1 Forsyth



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