

CITY OF WASECA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The City of Waseca and other community and regional entities offer a variety of financing programs to qualifying businesses to assist them with their development needs. The majority of the programs are designed to provide assistance to industrial development activities, however, there are exceptions. The following are examples of some of the assistance that may be available to assist with the expansion or development of industrial facilities:

1. Waseca Programs

For information on the Waseca programs listed below please contact:

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City of Waseca
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Note: Not all of the programs may be used in conjunction with one another.

a. Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ)

This program allows up to 12 years of property tax exemptions on all new improvements, corporate state income tax, sales and use taxes and tax credits for qualifying businesses.

b. Waseca Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The City of Waseca offers loans for business expansion projects and the rehabilitation of certain downtown businesses through the Waseca Revolving Loan Fund. Loans are available with reduced interest rates on a matching funds basis. The loans are normally subordinated. Other requirements include assistance can not exceed \$3,000 for each FTE (full time equivalent) created. The interest rate and loan terms are negotiable within a general range.

c. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Tax increment financing programs are available for those businesses where the expansion of the physical plant will result in a significant increase in real estate taxes. The program is tightly regulated by the State.

d. Tax Abatement (Abatement)

Tax abatements of certain portions of the real estate taxes paid following the physical expansion of properties generating real estate taxes. Each taxing jurisdiction must abate their own portion of the taxes generated on their behalf.

2. Regional

a. Region 9 Revolving Loan Fund

The Regional Development Commission for this area operates a revolving loan program specializing in assisting certain types of development projects. For further information, please contact:

Region 9 Development Commission
410 South 5th Street
Mankato, MN 56001
507-387-5643

b. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF)

Executive Director
Southeastern Minnesota Initiative Fund
P.O. Box 570
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-455-3213.

3. State Programs

a. State of Minnesota

The State of Minnesota offers assistance through the state Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). These dollars are matching funds. Generally, the business loan program provides a grant to governmental units that are then loaned to a private business enterprise. Application is made through an individual city or county. For further information, contact the City of Waseca or Waseca County or DEED directly at:

Department of Employment & Economic Development
121 East 7th Place
500 Metro Square
St. Paul, MN 55101-1421
612-297-1844