



The Greater Minnesota Partnership Gets Results

Since its creation in 2014, the Greater Minnesota Partnership (GMNP) has emerged as the leading voice for Greater Minnesota economic development. The accomplishments below show the impact the GMNP has made in just a few short years. With your help, we can accomplish even more!



BROADBAND

- The GMNP was instrumental in the creation of the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program, which helps bring high-quality, high-speed broadband to more businesses and homes in Greater Minnesota.
- The Broadband Development Grant Program has received \$85.6M since it was established in 2014.



CHILD CARE

- The GMNP worked with other stakeholders to bring attention to the growing child care shortage in Greater Minnesota and its impact on economic development.
- In 2018, the GMNP actively pursued several pieces of legislation that aim to fund child care facilities, train more child care providers and increase funding for existing child care grants. Child care will continue to be a top priority in 2019.



JOB TRAINING

- The GMNP advocated for the creation of the Job Training Incentive Program, a fast, flexible and employer-driven program that provides grants to help Greater Minnesota businesses train workers needed to fill open positions.
- Job Training Incentive Program has received more than \$3M since it was established in 2015.



WORKFORCE HOUSING

- The GMNP has pushed for funding for programs that aim to address the workforce housing shortage that hampers economic growth in many Greater Minnesota communities.
- These programs have created more than 325 units with approximately \$5M in funding — a huge return on investment.
- The GMNP has also advocated for additional tools for cities to use to address the housing shortage, including other grants (funded at \$2M a year through 2021) and TIF districts (authorized by the Legislature in 2017).



INFRASTRUCTURE

- The GMNP is one of the leading advocates for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program, which provides funding so cities can provide the basic infrastructure needed to accommodate private business growth.
- BDPI Grant Program has received \$31.7M since the GMNP was formed in 2014.



BUSINESS PROPERTY TAXES

- The GMNP has advocated for reducing property taxes for Main Street businesses by fighting for an exemption of up to the first \$150,000 in commercial/industrial property value.
- In 2017, the Legislature passed an exemption from the state C/I levy starting at \$100,000.