

Greater Minnesota Partnership

The leading advocate for economic development in Greater Minnesota since 2014.
With your help, we can achieve even more!

CHILD CARE

- GMNP works closely with other stakeholders to bring attention to Greater Minnesota's child care crisis and its impact on economic development.
- In 2019, GMNP helped secure \$750,000 in new funding for child care grants distributed to the Minnesota Initiative Foundations, as well as \$750,000 (a 50% increase!) for DEED child care grants, of which at least 60% must go to Greater Minnesota.



BROADBAND

- GMNP was instrumental in the creation of the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program, which helps bring high-quality, high-speed broadband to businesses and households in Greater Minnesota.
- The grant program has received \$125.6M since it was established in 2014.



HOUSING

- GMNP leads the push for funding for programs that address the housing shortage that hampers economic growth in many communities.
- These programs have created more than 325 units with approx. \$5M in funding - a huge return on investment!
- GMNP advocates for additional tools for cities to use to address housing, including other grants (funded at \$2M/year through 2021) and TIF districts (authorized by the Legislature in 2017).



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- GMNP advocated for the creation of the Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP), which provides grants to help Greater Minnesota businesses train workers quickly to fill open positions.
- JTIP has received more than \$7.2M since it was established in 2015.
- In 2019, GMNP stopped an attempt by some legislators to change the program from Greater Minnesota-only to a statewide program.



INFRASTRUCTURE

- GMNP is a key advocate for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program, which helps cities provide the basic infrastructure needed to accommodate business growth.
- The BDPI program has received more than \$35M in funding since the GMNP was formed in 2014.



BUSINESS PROPERTY TAXES

- 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 commercial/industrial levy starting at \$100,000.

