

Community and Economic Development AWARDS

- Nominations open on June 1, 2022
- Nominations close on July 15, 2022



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WEDA'S COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

ABOUT THE AWARDS:

This is your opportunity to recognize individuals, businesses, projects, and organizations that are making significant contributions to Wisconsin's economy, and it is also an excellent way to showcase best practices in Community & Economic Development and the important role each play in growing our economy. Awards winners will be featured in publications and press releases across Wisconsin and may serve as a high impact case study in industry best practices in future WEDA conferences.

SELECTION PROCESS:

An impartial panel of partners, sponsors and WEDA members will screen the nominations. The judges will independently score each nomination. The WEDA staff will tabulate the scores to determine the finalists and award-winning nominations. The judges scoring and rankings will determine the winners in each category.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Noon on July 15, 2022. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominators should electronically submit requested information and application question responses on plain paper to mperry@weda.org

AWARDS CEREMONY:

The ceremony will be held during the WEDA Best Practices Conference CEDA Awards Luncheon Ceremony on **September 29th, 2022, at The Radisson Hotel in LaCrosse**. All nominees and their nominators are encouraged to register and attend! Tickets are available for the conference as well as for simply the luncheon awards ceremony.

WEDA'S COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD - PARTNER:



Economic Development Initiative

This award recognizes innovation in community and economic development that promotes economic growth within communities and regions. Nominations should demonstrate how a program, project or initiative is meeting one of the following of the following: Development and support of the community's entrepreneurial ecosystem; Development or expansion of driver industry sector initiatives; Programs aimed at assisting businesses with adoption of technology, artificial intelligence, and business best practices; or Significant placemaking initiatives that drive the greater good of the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Perry:

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Final Nominations are to be submitted to: mperry@weda.org

Organization Nominated:

Organization Contact Name:

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Nominator Name:

Company Name:

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Please indicate which tools were used on the project:

CDBG
Historic Tax Credit
New Market Tax Credits
Opportunity Zone
Redevelopment Authority
Revolving Loan Fund
Tax Incremental Finance District
USDA
WDOT Transportation Economic Assistance
WDWD Fast Forward Training Grant
WEDC Tax Credits/Loans/Grants
WHEDA Loan
WEDC Technical Assistance

Description of Technical Assistance or Other Programs:

Summary:

Total Investment:

Jobs Created:

Jobs Retained:

Private Sector Investment:

Public Sector Investment:

Two Page Nomination Narrative

1. Describe the Economic Development Initiative; specifically detail the challenges and needs that led to the creation of this program.
2. Describe how the program assisted in advancing one of the following criteria:
 - a) Development and support of the community's entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - b) Development or expansion of driver industry sector initiatives.
 - c) Programs aimed at assisting businesses with adoption of technology, artificial intelligence, and business best practices.
 - d) Significant placemaking initiatives that drive the greater good of the community.
3. Define the quantitative and qualitative metrics set forth as part of this program. Describe the results to date from the program such as investment, jobs, participation, job training and other appropriate measurements.
4. Describe any cross-community collaboration that has occurred as part of this initiative.
5. Describe the impact of the project or program on the community (i.e., size of project, including jobs created and capital investment, compared to the population of the community).
6. Please submit any articles, awards, or photos in a pdf to support your nomination (not to exceed 5 pages).