



MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MISSION & VISION

MCEDD promotes the creation of family-wage jobs, the diversification of the economic base, and the growth, development and retention of business and industry within the five county district.

ROLE

- » Business assistance
- » Industry and infrastructure support
- » Regional economic development planning

IMPACT

Each program measurably enhances opportunities for residents of the region. For example, through our business financing assistance, MCEDD has made over 314 loans to businesses in the area, with over \$17.5 million loaned. These MCEDD loan client businesses have created or retained over 2,200 jobs.

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– PROGRAM OVERVIEW –

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In coordination with community partners, MCEDD develops and implements a regional economic development strategy. We provide specific focus on broadband, infrastructure and transportation initiatives.

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Activities include support for infrastructure development and efforts to establish and grow industry alliances including Gorge Cider Society, the Gorge Tech Alliance, Renewable Energy Zone and many others.

BUSINESS FINANCING

To help businesses create and retain jobs, MCEDD provides loans for business financing needs with favorable rates, terms and requirements. MCEDD is a gap funder, working in partnership with financial institutions or when they are unable to provide financing. MCEDD serves five counties in two states bordering the Columbia River.

TRANSPORTATION

MCEDD coordinates regional transportation through the Gorge TransLink Alliance which is a network of rural providers offering public transportation services throughout the Mid-Columbia River Gorge area of Oregon and Washington. MCEDD operates the LINK public transit in The Dalles and Wasco County, Oregon.

– GIVING OPPORTUNITIES –

Sponsorship

- » **Event sponsorships:** Sponsor our annual Gorge Economic Symposium or all or part of an affiliate event such as: Community Broadband Workshops.
- » **Printing sponsorships:** Sponsor printing costs of our brochure or annual report.
- » **Ride sponsorships:** Sponsor free rides to The Dalles Farmers Market on the LINK Public Transit.

Donations

- » Donate to support low income public transit in Wasco County.

Business Referrals

Help us get the word out and share information about our loan programs with a new or growing and expanding business!

Volunteer

- » **Committees:** Join one of the volunteer committees, or work with a MCEDD staff member to provide valuable project support.

Other Ways To Help

- » **Business Tours:** Provide meeting space or host a tour of your manufacturing business!



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