

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development is a key emphasis of the Greater Des Moines Partnership's work. The Partnership promotes public policy that cultivates an environment for Greater Des Moines (DSM) to stay economically competitive with regions around the nation and around the world. Among the country's highest priorities should be scientific research, which generates the innovations and discoveries that can boost the economy. The Partnership encourages the federal government and agencies such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology to promote research and development.



The Partnership Supports:

- Continued funding for and flexible use of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and continued funding of Economic Development Administration (EDA) programs.
- Federally-funded fundamental research and the development and deployment of advanced technologies.
- Funding to carry out the grant program authorized in Section 71111 of the 2014 Farm Bill.
- The multidisciplinary cross-agency effort in the Administration's Budget request for U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Innovation Hubs.
- Continued investment of DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), specifically the Administration's request for increased funding in the Advanced Manufacturing and Vehicle Technologies Programs.
- Additional funding for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).
- Continued funding for the Department of Commerce NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP).
- Continuing support for the World Food Prize initiative.
- Legislation extending, or making permanent, the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program to spur new investment and economic development in disadvantaged communities.
- Continued HUD and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields funding.
- A reuse for the U.S. EPA Superfund site at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and Fleur Drive in Des Moines.
- The preservation of historic structures, which stimulate Downtown housing, business expansion and neighborhood revitalization.
- The continuing efforts of the EPA, HUD, and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Partnership for Sustainable Communities to support the implementation of The Tomorrow Plan.
- The extension of the Preferred Sustainability Status designation for the Des Moines region.
- Maintaining the ability of state and local governments to utilize tax-exempt bonds.
- The Ape Cognition and Conservation Initiative (ACCI) request to National Institutes of Health (NIH) that it be certified to allow chimpanzees to be retired at this facility.