



# BARAGA COUNTY EDC

WHERE OUR MISSION IS TO BE THE CONDUIT FOR COLLABORATION IN THE PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY IN BARAGA COUNTY.

## OUR ORGANIZATION

The Baraga County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) is a 501(c)6 non-profit organization housed under the County of Baraga. Those serving on the board of directors are appointees of the Baraga County Board of Commissioners.

## OUR LEADERSHIP

**Mark Massicotte** - *Chairman*

*L'Anse Manufacturing*

**Ethan Johnson** - *Treasurer*

*Superior National Bank*

**Koray Inal** - *Secretary*

*UP.Net - Baraga Telephone*

**Phil Acciacca** - *Director*

*Acciacca Forest Products*

**Roy Kempainen** - *Director*

*Retired*

**Robert LaFave** - *Director*

*Village of L'Anse*

**Bill Menge** - *Director*

*Retired*

**Jennifer Misegan** - *Director*

*Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*

**Bill Rolof** - *Director*

*Baraga County Commissioner*

**Rob Stowe** - *Director*

*Baraga Memorial Hospital*

## OUR FUNDING

As a private-public partnership, our funding comes from both government and private sector donors. Grant funding is pursued when appropriate.

## OUR STAFF

The BCEDC contracts with the Lake Superior Community Partnership for marketing, administrative and economic development services. Their staff of eight are very experienced in these specialty areas and the organization itself has been around since 1998.



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**Director of Business Development**

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## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

### HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE

- Completed Site Readiness grant which resulted in a \$75,000 grant for the industrial park to complete the gas line.
- Assisted a manufacturing company with an MEDC Grant to purchase equipment.
- Continue to partner with organizations like U.P. Michigan Works! and WUPPDR to provide services to Baraga County.
- Led the implementation of the MEDC's Restart Grant Program assisting 26 companies in Baraga County, with 20 receiving awards totaling \$120,753.
- Led the MEDC's Survival Grant Program assisting 18 companies, with 17 receiving awards totaling \$66,500 in Baraga County.
- Developed website content to assist businesses with COVID-19 resources and regulatory requirements.
- Participate in housing and childcare task forces to provide solutions for the business community.
- Support and assist businesses from start up to succession planning (as shown in the 'Number of Clients' chart on next page)

# WHY IS FUNDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CRITICAL TO A COMMUNITY'S SUCCESS?



## NUMBER OF CLIENTS

Below is a chart showing the number of client services provided by year.

	5-Year Total	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Retention Clients	332	65	91	66	59	51
Start-Up Clients	24	7	3	5	4	5
Attraction Clients	12	2	5	1	4	0
Jobs Projected	732	18	50	193	419	52
Jobs Impacted	2,678	623	302	691	558	504
Jobs Retained	37	0	35	0	0	2

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE BCEDC?

In order to continue our efforts, a solid financial foundation is critical. We are asking you to commit to a multi-year contribution and become an economic development supporter for Baraga County.