

Membership match offered to Cass County EDC

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The Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is looking for 16 new members to join this summer.

The Minnesota Business Finance Corporation (MBFC) has offered to help the EDC by matching any new membership investments received this summer.

The MBFC is a certified development organization that provides SBA loans. They know the value of professional business counseling provided by the EDC, such as business planning, cash flow projections and loan packaging. This gets businesses ready for SBA financing. MBFC has been originating SBA 504 loans for small businesses across Minnesota since 1983.

“We are pleased and excited to partner with [the EDC] on this endeavor. We appreciate the businesses that we have worked on with you and look forward to many more deals,” stated Tom Saehr, president and CEO of Minnesota Business Finance Corporation.

Membership involvement is the key to a successful economic development organization. As the “eyes and ears” of their communities, many new project leads are referred from EDC members. Members provide leadership on the Board of Directors, which will sustain the organization into the future.

If you want to be one of the 16 new members the EDC is looking for, contact a board member, www.casscountyedc.com/board-directors-staff or call the office at (218) 947.7522. EDC memberships last 12 months and start at \$110 per year. New members will be recognized at the next annual meeting.

The Cass County EDC is a local non-profit corporation with the mission to “Improve the business environment of Cass County by encouraging a strong, diverse and sustainable economy and to build better relationships between business, government agencies and local communities.”