

Helping our communities grow

Guiding our communities toward economic development

Western Bank believes economic development is the lifeblood of business. A healthy economy can increase business profits, attract investment capital, spur technological development, and create a larger, better educated, and more skilled work force. A robust economy also benefits the entire community by improving the overall standard of living. An improved standard of living increases consumer and business purchasing power and fuels tax revenues for increased spending in education, health care and social programs. This, in turn, results in a well cared for and healthy society which is attractive to venture capitalists and other business investors.

Since 1915 Western Bank has been dedicated to economic development. By lending back into our communities and through contributions, volunteerism, education and promoting sound economic policy, we do whatever we can. The bank's efforts have resulted in consecutive "Outstanding" ratings under the Community Reinvestment Act. Western Bank is proud to offer business development grants that help improve and grow communities. Following are some of the organizations that have received our support:

- African Development Center
- AIN DAH YUNG Our Home Center
- American Indians in Unity
- Big Brother and Big Sisters
- Center for Asian and Pacific Islanders
- Center for Victims of Torture
- CommonBond Communities
- Community Health Charities
- Community Reinvestment Fund
- Cornerstone Advocacy Services
- East Side Neighborhood Services
- Friends of St. Paul Public Library
- Friends School of Minnesota
- Givens Foundation for American Literature
- Greater Frogtown Community Development Corp.
- Greater Metropolitan Housing Corp.
- Hope Community
- Jeremiah Program
- Jewish Community Action
- Local Initiatives Support Group (LISC)
- Metropolitan Economic Development Assoc.
- Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce
- Neighborhood Development Center
- Neighborhood House
- SPARC
- Support Our Schools
- Twin Cities Metro Community Development Corp.
- United Way
- University United
- WomenVenture

Volunteerism is also very important and the following are some organizations where employees have volunteered their time:

- Big Brother and Big Sisters
- City of St. Paul Central Corridor
- Cornerstone Advocacy Services
- East Side Neighborhood Services
- Family Housing Fund
- Feed My Starving Children
- Givens Foundation for American American Lit.
- Greater Frogtown CDC
- Guthrie Theater
- Hennepin-Carver Workforce Investment Board
- Hmong Academy
- Jeremiah Program
- Jewish Community Action
- Local Initiatives Support Group (LISC)
- Midway YMCA
- Metropolitan Consortium of Community Dev.
- Minnesota Bankers Association
- Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce
- Model Cities
- Mounds View Economic Dev. Commission
- Neighborhood Development Center
- New Brighton - Mounds View Rotary Club
- Oakdale Business and Professional Assoc.
- People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM)
- SPEDCO
- Twin Cities Metro CDC
- Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce
- TwinWest Chamber of Commerce
- U of M Alumni Association
- University United