

Name of Community Partner:		
Type of Partner (<i>non-profit, economic development, city, county, other</i>):		
Contact Name:		
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Entrepreneurism Strategy		X Adopted
1.1	Seek opportunities for area high school students to interact with and learn from area entrepreneurs.	
1.2	Offer educational opportunities for interested individuals about what it takes to be an entrepreneur.	
1.3	Promote housing that will fit the needs of local permanent residents.	
1.4	Promote and encourage the development of recreational trails and other community beautification projects, including arts and cultural activities.	
1.5	Explore agribusiness and agritourism opportunities within the region with education, research and technical assistance.	
1.6	Encourage and seek funding for the expansion of broadband access within the region.	
1.7	Increase the community impact of the LOCLG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).	
1.8	Increase the availability of equity investors in the region.	
1.9	Improve the suitability of start-ups for equity investments.	
1.10	Develop a capital resource list to share with area businesses and potential entrepreneurs.	
Resiliency Strategy		X Adopted
2.1	Provide assistance and support where needed on the implementation of the Hazard Mitigation plans within the region.	
2.2	Educate local residents and businesses on resiliency planning.	
2.3	Encourage broadband access and redundancies in availability of internet access for businesses that rely on a cloud based work structure.	
2.4	Encourage business owners to provide a remote working environment in the event the standard office setting is not available.	
2.5	Foster business development, recruitment, and entrepreneurs that can provide year round employment opportunities.	
2.6	Working with local community groups and projects that support all seasons events throughout the year.	
2.7	Provide educational opportunities for businesses to learn more about preparation and impacts of natural disasters on business planning.	
2.8	In the event of a disaster seek financial support and services to help local businesses and residents finance the recovery.	
2.9	Encourage continual improvements to infrastructure that provides resiliency and sustainability to important roads, bridges and community facilities, including water, wastewater, utilities, and broadband.	
Workforce Strategy		X Adopted
3.1	Provide opportunities for area high school students to explore regional career opportunities through practical work experiences.	
3.2	Encourage workers to actively improve their own job marketability.	
3.3	Develop workforce training opportunities to enhance skills of existing workforce for retention and expansion of existing businesses.	
3.4	Educate local students on local career opportunities.	
3.5	Host workshops on customer service skills before the spring hiring season.	
3.6	Continue regional support for community sports programs.	
3.7	Partner with Central Region Workforce Investment Board on efforts to make the region more attractive to employers. (Example: Certified Work Ready Community program)	

3.8	Improve transportation opportunities for rural areas workforce.	
3.9	Promote housing targeted at permanent residences.	
3.10	Encourage the development of rural broadband services.	
3.11	Promote the creation, extension and connection of existing sidewalk networks.	
3.12	Use “Placemaking” as an opportunity to attract professionals to the region, with an emphasis on the Art and Culture that are rich to the region.	
3.13	Evaluate the workforce and the needs of employers within the region (Example: LOREDC Quality of Labor Study)	
Financial Capital Strategy		X Adopted
4.1	Engage SCORE and other economic development groups in educational activities and mentoring opportunities that share much needed information to start-up businesses.	
4.2	Work with educational and economic development groups to provide important regulatory updates that may impact small businesses.	
4.3	Support the local Certified Development Company in the promotion of available loan programs within the region.	
4.4	Support the local Community Development Company in providing housing assistance to low income families.	
4.5	Encourage community leaders to support affordable housing opportunities for both primary home purchases and rental units.	
4.6	Continue to seek financial assistance to replace, repair and develop new infrastructure including water, wastewater, utilities, broadband and transportation important to the region for continued growth.	
4.7	Provide technical assistance and project development assistance to communities in regard to public infrastructure, business financing, and other elements necessary to support new business development or business expansion.	
4.8	Identify needs for additional capital investments and seek additional funding sources to fill the gap in high risk investment areas.	
4.9	Continue to market and expand the LOCLG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) within the region.	
4.10	Promote opportunities for water preservation and conservation to protect our most valuable asset within the region.	
Social Capital Strategy		X Adopted
5.1	Establish annual joint Transportation Advisory Committee meeting with the CEDS Committee meeting, offering training opportunities for the crossover of transportation infrastructure needs and economic development needs for the region.	
5.2	Support and participate in meeting with local businesses to learn more about the needs and look for opportunities for providing support for local business retention and expansion.	
5.3	Foster working groups and business relationships with existing entrepreneurs, schools, and economic development groups to increase cross-business development and workforce support.	
5.4	Working with local business leaders and local schools to develop a robust internship program that will support local businesses with workforce needs.	
5.5	Create networking opportunities for all the regional organizations that have a strong interest in economic development, providing educational opportunities to foster growth and potential new projects within the region.	
5.6	Support networking opportunities for individuals, businesses, and other equity partners that are interested in providing business investment opportunities.	