



Champion Report

Theme Area: Efficiency and Effectiveness

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Goals/Strategies or Action Steps:	What NEW success have you had in moving your theme goals forward over the reporting period?
	Regional collaborative effort around tax forfeiture properties in communities in Region Five – working with communities to sell the property and donate for \$1 to organizations that would build workforce housing (ie: Habitat for Humanity)
	Regional equipment sharing concept being discussed as a potential Innovation Funding application (equipment like mosquito sprayers, chip sealers, and a variety of water/wastewater machinery)
	Regional research around glitch in LGA calculation that is affecting some of our regional communities, resulting in a decrease in LGA instead of an increase
	<p>Thriving Communities Initiative – Economics - Offering FREE Entrepreneur Training sessions to anyone who would like to attend from across the region.</p> <p>Workforce – March 2017 will be holding a Skills/Job Fair for anyone interested in attending from across the region as well as including businesses from Staples AND Motley and surrounding areas.</p>
	Regional Safety Group was established to include cities of Upsala, Pierz, Little Falls, Randall, and Royalton. Worked with League of MN Cities and NJPA to establish the group.
	Talking with cities in Morrison County about equipment needs for our cities. Also talked with mayor/staff in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd and Wadena counties about equipment needs. Possible grant application to NJPA for Innovative Funding grant to help all cities in the five county region.
How are you working with any of the other RR Theme areas?	
List any Goals or Recommendations within the plan that your team of theme Champions are struggling to address?	

