

**First Grant Community Meetings Summary  
June 24, 2008**

**Strategies identified more than once in all community meetings**

1. Economic Gardening Concept
2. Workforce Education Development, P- 16
3. Transportation Improvements

**Strategies Identified in 3 out of 4 meetings**

1. Every Community has a Go-To person or Organization for Economic Development.
2. Quality of Life Improvements, community amenities
3. Alumni Recruiting

**Chisago County economic development goals that may be compatible with the above**

1. Educating local businesses on available programs
2. Business Retention and Expansion
3. Update and expand economic development marketing efforts
4. Educating public on benefits of economic development
5. Create partnerships with businesses for job training
6. Recruit satellite Technical College Courses to be offered within the county

**Other strategies that came up more than once but not in 3 or more communities**

- (5) Connect Business /Leadership community with youth
- (3) Van carpooling – public transportation/easier commuting/regional airport
- (3) Tourism/long weekend office – seasonal strategy – how to turn seasonal economy to a full time economy?
- (3) More Hi-tech manufacturing
- (2) Develop Health Care here, grow nurses
- (2) Early Childhood emphasis
- (2) Commuting population
- (2) Need more larger businesses
- (2) Why aren't we growing home grown businesses?
- (2) Affordable IT/broadband
- (2) More trade/tech school in high school
- (2) Retail center/outlet mall – increase competition
- (2) Regional 4 year college satellites – specialty of 5-20,000 city population focusing on high tech, medical, environmental science and alternate energy