Community Development Program

The Community Development Program works collaboratively with communities to foster economic development and create capacity for sustainable communities and quality jobs through leadership development, community decision making, community emergency preparedness and focusing on inclusive communities.

MU Extension community development programs result in engaged citizens, expanded leadership, broader inclusion of community members, buy-in from the community, adoption of policies, implementation of plans, sound proposals put before voters, and increased economic activity. Communities benefit from wise use of public and private resources.

Results and impact reported in 2016 by program participants

- $2.9 million grants and other resources acquired by communities and organizations
- $87,520 in volunteer hours generated by CD Extension to conduct programs
- $118,143 in volunteer hours generated by communities and organizations as result of programs
- 168 participants took on new leadership roles
- 47 community and organizational plans developed
- 95 community/organizational programs and activities initiated or completed
- 26 community and organizational policies/plans adopted and/or implemented, 73 programs initiated/completed by communities
- 11 businesses created, 12 jobs created
- 44 new organizations created
- 1.03 change in learning on 5-point scale
- 93% would recommend our programs to others and value of the training rated at 4.29 on 5 pt. scale (with 5 as the highest)
- Participants included rural and urban, all levels of the socio-economic spectrum, youth and adults, and 6.6% minority races and 10.9%

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