The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) is designated by the Minnesota Board on Aging as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the Planning and Service Area of the Arrowhead Region under authority of Title III of the Older Americans Act. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were established under the Older Americans Act in 1973 to respond to the needs of Americans age 60 and over in every local community. By supporting a range of options that allow older adults to choose the home and community-based services and living arrangements that suit them best, the Arrowhead AAA helps make it possible for older adults to “age in place” in their homes and communities.

In 2018 the Arrowhead AAA focused planning efforts around; building community capacity to provide Evidence Based Health Promotion programs, developing relationships and referral protocols between medical communities and Home and Community Based Service Providers (HCBS), strengthening the infrastructure of aging service organizations, supporting the role of caregivers through training and advocacy and supporting ACT communities in the region. AAAA conducted MN2030 efforts throughout the region to gather local insight for the 2020 state plan.

As part of the Minnesota Help Network™ Arrowhead AAA helps to expand and improve the Senior LinkAge Line® Long Term Care Options Counseling service by providing a local contact center along with many partner sites in the Arrowhead region, making this high quality, unbiased, accurate, comprehensive service accessible to all populations by phone, on the web, in-person and through materials in order to meet the demands of our aging population. AAAA Senior Linkage Line served 12,104 unduplicated consumers, answered 24,829 unduplicated calls, reached 15,836 unduplicated people at outreach events and 345 total outreach events.

Finally, the Arrowhead AAA provided grants and contracts to community partners totaling over $2.2 million in Title III Federal Older Americans Act and other federal and state funds for services to assist older adults living independently at home and to support their family caregivers.

Please consult our website for additional materials: arrowheadaging.org/2018-annual-report

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The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan presents a connected network of proposed bicycle routes for people of all ages and abilities as a component of a multimodal urban transportation system. A blueprint for the development of the bikeways system for the next 25 years, it sets forth a community-supported vision for the region and guidance on how to get there. It builds on previous planning efforts completed by the MIC, surrounding jurisdictions, partner agencies and advocacy organizations and provides information for roadway decision-makers about designing bicycle facilities, developing programs and prioritizing improvement projects.

You can read the full plan at: https://dsmic.org/study/bsdkeways/

The Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Bikeways Plan provides a guide to advance the MIC’s long-range vision of a fully integrated, multimodal urban transportation system that provides convenient and desirable options to people of all ages and abilities.

Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study

This update to the MIC’s 2001 Duluth-Superior Area Truck Route Study incorporates changes in the local roadway system that have occurred over the past two decades, as well as input from trucking companies and roadway jurisdictions.

Its goal is to ensure that the designated truck route network is still serving its purpose, to provide for the safe and efficient movement of goods within and through the Duluth-Superior area, while maintaining compatibility with a variety of urban land uses.

The updated plan can be found at: http://dsmic.org/study/truckroute/

During 2018, MIC staff also:

- Worked with a subcommittee of the HTAC to gain approval for a new MN Dock Wall Maintenance General Permit to make projects easier in the port.
- Began the update of our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
- Sustainable Choices 2045, which is due to be completed in Sept 2019.
- Worked with a stakeholder group working towards solutions of issues and redesign of the Twin Ports Interchange.
- Completed the required update of the Duluth Public Involvement Plan.
- Completed work on the Canosia Trails Plan and was approved by the Township Board.
ARDC is governed by a Commission and Board, which respectively oversee and handle the business affairs of ARDC. Current Commission membership is listed below, with (*) denoting members of the Board. ARDC thanks our Board and Commission members for their service to our region.

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY — FY 2018**

The above charts reflect unaudited figures regarding ARDC’s FY 2018 expenditures and revenues. To view this information in greater detail, and other information pertaining to ARDC’s financial summary, please visit: ardc.org/finance

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

The ARDC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) supports business activities for which credit is not otherwise available. The objective of the program is to stimulate private investment in order to create and maintain productive, permanent employment through the establishment of new businesses or the expansion of existing businesses. Financing provided in conjunction with this program is intended to complement – not compete with – private lending institutions. As such, securing private sector involvement is a critical factor in qualifying for this program.

In 2018, ARDC’s Economic Development Administration’s Revolving Loan Fund approved and/or disbursed on 8 new loans totaling $1,028,030 to businesses in the seven county region of Northeast Minnesota.

To learn more about ARDC’s Revolving Loan Fund and view detailed 2018 data, please visit: ardc.org/rlf/