

Central Nebraska Economic Development District/
Central Nebraska Housing Developers

Community Assets Checklist

(An information gathering tool to identify the status of a community.

Not required to have all Services listed to qualify for State, Federal or Foundation grant programs)

COMMUNITY/COUNTY NAME: _____

INFORMATION PREPARED BY: _____

TOPIC	COMMENTS
<p><u>POPULATION:</u> _____ Per 2000 Census _____ More recent population estimate</p>	<p>If so, date of estimate _____ and Method of estimate _____</p>
<p><u>LMI DETERMINATION:</u> _____% Per 2000 Census _____% Per Needs Assessment</p>	<p>Date of completion _____</p>
<p><u>NEEDS ASSESSMENTS/PLANS:</u> Yes No _____ _____ Comprehensive Plan _____ _____ Community Needs Assessment _____ _____ Full Housing Study</p>	<p>Date of Plan _____ Date of Assessment _____ Date of Study _____</p>
<p><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING/INVOLVEMENT:</u> Yes No _____ _____ Opportunities for citizen participation and involvement in planning (besides attendance at village board/city council meetings)? _____ _____ Leadership Programs available? _____ _____ Community Planning Process is Established and Operating _____ _____ Low-income Residents are a part Of the Community Planning Process?</p>	<p>Give examples:</p>

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<p><u>WEBSITES & MARKETING MATERIALS:</u></p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>_____ _____ County/Community</p> <p>_____ _____ Economic Development</p> <p>_____ _____ Local websites linked to: (LOIS) LocationOne Info System, (NEDI) NE Econ Dev Info</p> <p>_____ _____ Marketing brochures/CD's for economic development and/or county/community</p>	
<p><u>BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>_____ _____ BRE Program (Business Retention/Expansion</p> <p>_____ _____ Business Recognition Programs (i.e., annual dinner, newspaper articles, radio)</p>	
<p><u>COMMUNITY PARTNERS:</u></p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>_____ _____ Economic Development Org</p> <p>_____ _____ Housing Authority</p> <p>_____ _____ Utility Providers</p> <p>_____ _____ Citizen's Organizations (i.e., church, library, senior, park, cemetery, historical)</p> <p>_____ _____ Business Organizations (i.e., Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Convention and visitor's bureau)</p> <p>_____ _____ Government Committees (i.e., housing, marketing, LB840)</p> <p>_____ _____ Schools</p> <p>_____ _____ College</p> <p>_____ _____ Others</p>	<p>(please list) _____</p>
<p><u>CHILD CARE:</u></p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>_____ _____ In-Home Child Care Available?</p> <p>_____ _____ Commercial Child Care Center?</p> <p>_____ _____ More Child Care Availability a Need?</p>	<p># of In-Home _____</p> <p># of Commercial _____</p> <p># of Children Needing Day Care _____</p>

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<p><u>HOUSING:</u> Yes No _____ _____ Housing Inventory Conducted? (i.e., # of vacant homes, buildings and lots, vacant dilapidated units, occupied dilapidated units) _____ _____ Market Analysis of Current Rents and Housing Payments Conducted? _____ _____ Housing interviews conducted with Housing Authority, Realtors, Employers, Lenders, Utilities, Service Providers, Consumers, local Government? _____ _____ Documented housing needs, including income levels and willingness/ability to pay? (independent, or gathered through a needs assessment or housing study) _____ _____ Housing Town Hall meetings conducted? _____ _____ Housing Determined to be a Top Community Priority?</p>	
<p><u>ZONING/LAND USE:</u> Yes No _____ _____ Local zoning plan adopted? _____ _____ Zoning variance procedure identified in plan. _____ _____ County zoning plan available? _____ _____ Local building and housing codes have been adopted? _____ _____ County has Livestock Friendly County Designation from Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture</p>	<p>If yes, date last amended _____ Note section or page _____ Locations where plan can be viewed _____ If yes, are the codes enforced? _____ Date of Livestock Friendly Designation _____</p>
<p><u>TOURISM:</u> Yes No _____ _____ County has a Lodging Tax _____ _____ Local/County Tourism Staff? _____ _____ Annual tourism and marketing Activities?</p>	<p>Date Tax Enacted _____ Staff Name _____ List Activities _____ _____</p>
<p><u>NEBRASKA DIPLOMATS:</u> Yes No _____ _____ Local representative is a Nebraska Diplomat?</p>	<p>List Name(s) _____</p>

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<p><u>COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i></p> <p>_____ _____ Aging _____ _____ Health/Human Services _____ _____ Community Action Program _____ _____ Legal Aid _____ _____ Consumer Credit Counseling _____ _____ WIC/_____ _____ _____ Children's Programs</p>	
<p><u>COORDINATION BETWEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i></p> <p>_____ _____ Annual Coordination Meeting _____ _____ Joint Planning Meetings</p>	
<p><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i></p> <p>_____ _____ Community working on community development goals _____ _____ Work Plan Developed _____ _____ Strategic Planning _____ _____ Marketing Team _____ _____ Proposal Training _____ _____ Aggressive strategies to rehabilitate substandard properties _____ _____ Aggressive strategies to demolish dilapidated buildings? _____ _____ Are low-income citizens a part of the economic development process?</p>	
<p><u>INDUSTRY:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i></p> <p>_____ _____ Geographic Focus _____ _____ Unique Marketing Opportunities _____ _____ Market Plan _____ _____ Labor Survey Conducted _____ _____ NE Dept. of Labor Assistance _____ _____ Workforce Training and Continuing Education</p>	<p>Date Conducted _____ Date of Assistance _____ Dates _____</p>
<p><u>INFRASTRUCTURE:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i></p> <p>_____ _____ Any targeted development areas?</p>	<p>If yes, are there any known requirements, obstacles, and any plan to remedy deficiencies? _____</p>

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<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ Local Broadband _____ _____ Cell Phone Coverage _____ _____ Local Telephone Company</p>	
<p><u>LOCAL FINANCING:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ Local Option Sales Tax (LB840) _____ _____ CDBG Reuse Funds _____ _____ Private Investment Clubs _____ _____ Tax Increment Financing</p>	
<p><u>LOCAL INCENTIVES:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ Local or Regional Incentives</p>	
<p><u>BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ Local or Regional Business Assistance program _____ _____ Technical Support _____ _____ Management Support _____ _____ Entrepreneurial Support</p>	
<p><u>KEY INFLUENCERS/SPARKPLUGS IN THE COMMUNITY:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ Local Volunteers _____ _____ Seniors _____ _____ Low-Income Resident _____ _____ Youth _____ _____ Local Leaders</p>	List names: _____ _____ _____ _____
<p><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CERTIFIED COMMUNITY:</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ DED-Designated Community?</p>	Date of Designation _____
<p><u>NCIP (Nebraska Community Improvement Program):</u> <i>Yes</i> <i>No</i> _____ _____ DED-Designated Community?</p>	Date of Designation _____