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## UEDA Community News

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**Outreach Season is coming!** We are seeking **bilingual volunteers** to help us speak to community members about Take Root housing resources and the Bank On "Your Smart Money" Resource Guide at upcoming events. We start May 24 at the [VIA CDC Housing Resource Fair](#) with more events to follow on May 31 and June 14.

Reach out to Adam Bridges ([adam@uedawi.org](mailto:adam@uedawi.org)) if you are interested in joining us!

This week is [National Community Development Week](#)! Held April 21-25, this effort helps bring awareness to **the impact of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships programs**. UEDA serves as a technical assistance provider via City of Milwaukee CDBG funds. A recent example of how CDBG impacts the community is our work on the HUD Consolidated Plan and training support for the City's NSP Community Organizers:

- **After years of advocating for policy to prevent and enforce against illegal dumping, Milwaukee's NSP organizers made headway with local officials this month.**
- Convening with Alderpeople Jose Perez, Sharlen Moore, Andrea Pratt, Larresa Taylor, Mayor Johnson, and employees from DNS and DPW, these organizers discussed policy solutions including making legal dump access easier and putting hidden trail cameras at common dumping locations. [See the news coverage here.](#)

**Bank On Greater Milwaukee** was recently featured in a nationwide discussion on **banking access**. Director Constance Alberts spoke with other financial access professionals in St. Louis this past fall about how being unbanked affects individuals and how Bank On programs across the country are making a measurable impact on communities. [Read the story here.](#)

**Be on the lookout!** Our first session for the **2025 Emerging Topics in Economic Development Series** is being planned for the end of May or early June. We will focus on small business assistance, in honor of **National Small Business Week** (May 4-10). Member **WEDC** is hosting the [Lt. Governor's Small Business Academy May 6-9](#), which offers FREE education & networks sessions.

## UEDA Member Highlights

**WEDC and Gov. Evers** have announced \$3.2 million in **grants to support small business**. Recipients include **Northwest Side CDC** and Milwaukee County. [Check out the full list.](#)

**Jobs That Help** released their **2024 community impact report**. It includes information on what the nonprofit job landscape has looked like over the last here. [Read more here.](#)

There is no denying that the nonprofit and public landscapes are changing. Many Milwaukee **community organizations are adjusting**. [Read about it here.](#)

**MCTS** has a new merch store. They launched with a fashion show at 3rd Street Market Hall on 414 Day. [Check it out here.](#)

**Menomonee Valley Partners' STEM Internship** was featured recently by TMJ4. [Check it out here.](#)

**Community Advocates** is continuing to **provide energy assistance**. They remain dedicated to keeping households' essential utilities despite the dismantling of the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. [The deadline for applying for assistance is May 15.](#)

**MCTS** is looking for teens to help shape the future of public transit for their **2025 Transit Teen Advocate program**. This summer opportunity is open to youth ages 14-18, who will engage in civic leadership, education & peer outreach. It includes a stipend, mentorship, and more. [Applications are due May 23. Learn more.](#)

## Member & Partner Job Openings

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). There are many opportunities in community development and local government so be sure to take a look! Contact [adam@uedawi.org](mailto:adam@uedawi.org) if you are a member and have an opening to add.

And, be sure to check out the **Jobs That Help website** to find or list a nonprofit job opportunities!

## UEDA Community

The next **"Curds of Wisdom" session** by the **Badger State Housing Alliance** will be

## Member Spotlight



April is Financial Literacy Month! **SecureFutures** provides financial literacy programs and resources that empower students to make sound financial decisions.

[Hear from alumni of the Money Coach program](#) about how mentorship and financial education changed their lives.

## Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

AARP Wisconsin  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services  
of Greater Milwaukee (CCCS)  
Erie Insurance  
Goyke & Associates  
Kurt Paulsen  
Milwaukee County Transit System

## Current Members

*\*Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!*

### Nonprofit & Governmental

AARP Wisconsin  
Acts Housing  
ArtWorks for Milwaukee  
Burleigh Street CDC  
Cinnaire  
City of Milwaukee DCD  
CLIMB USA  
Community Advocates  
Community Development Alliance  
Community First  
Consumer Credit Counseling Services  
Data You Can Use  
Ezekiel Community Dev. Corp.  
Granville BID  
Greater Milwaukee Association of  
REALTORS  
Helen Bader Institute of Nonprofit  
Management\*  
Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of  
Commerce  
Independence First  
Lad Lake  
Landmark Credit Union  
Latino Chamber of Commerce  
LISC Milwaukee

**Wed, May 14 at noon** and be a debrief of the Badger State Housing Alliance's April advocacy day at the state capitol. We'll recap connections made, lessons learned, and identify concrete steps to build on our advocacy for better housing policy. [Register for the meeting link here.](#)

**[Enterprise Community Partners](#) and [LISC](#) both had their HUD Section 4 grants reinstated.** This is a victory for moving forward in affordable housing nationally, but it is still unknown how other potential cuts to HUD could unfold.

**Reclaiming Our Neighborhoods (R.O.N.) has found that a large number of Milwaukee homes need critical repairs.** A large portion of these properties are owned by out-of-town investors. [Read more here.](#)

**ADUs are finding difficulty in the Common Council.** The legalization of these units was almost brought for a vote, but was sent back to committee by a last minute amendment. [Read about it here.](#)

City of Milwaukee **2025 Earn & Learn summer internship program** application is now open! The program will take place June 23-August 10 for youth ages 14-24. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

**African American Roundtable has successfully advocated for participatory budgeting.** The Milwaukee Common Council has set aside \$600,000 for this purpose. [Learn more.](#)

## Small Business & Nonprofits

**WHEDA's affordable housing loans are accepting applications!** Applications for the Infrastructure Access, Restore Main Street, and Vacancy-to-Vitality Loans are due **May 16**. [Learn more here.](#)

**Check out this opportunity from the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce! LGBTBE Matchmaker:** This event for certified Diverse Owned Businesses will connect you to major corporations and procurement leaders seeking diverse suppliers. It is taking place on **May 22**. [Register here.](#)

The **National Council of Nonprofits** has a checklist of steps that nonprofits can take for **risk assessment** as the federal government and the funding landscape continue to shift. [Take a look here.](#)

**The Wisconsin Basic Economic Development Course (BEDC)** provides professionals with the

Menomonee Valley Partners  
Metropolitan Milw Fair Housing Council  
Milwaukee Christian Center  
Milwaukee Community Land Trust  
Milwaukee County Economic Development  
Milwaukee County Transit System  
Milwaukee Development Corp.  
Milwaukee Economic Development Corp. (WEDC)  
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
Milwaukee Public Library  
My Choice Wisconsin  
Near West Side Partners  
Northwest Side CDC  
Prime Financial Credit Union  
Revitalize Milwaukee  
Riverworks Development Corp.  
Rooted & Rising-Washington Park  
Safe & Sound  
SecureFutures  
Self-Help Credit Union  
Sherman Park Community Assoc.  
Sojourner Family Peace Center  
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
Southside Organizing Center  
The Business Council (TBC)  
The Difference Principle, Inc.  
The Gateway to Milwaukee  
TMG Wisconsin  
United Community Center  
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County  
UW Credit Union  
VIA CDC  
WHEDA  
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection  
WI Economic Development Association  
WI Economic Development Corp.  
WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
WI Partnership for Housing Dev.  
WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce  
WWBIC

### **Small Businesses**

Bright Horizons Real Estate\*  
Community Insurance Info Center  
Contexture  
Dolomite Marketing  
Good Flow Enterprises  
Homeworks Bronzeville LLC  
Jobs That Help  
Lloyd Consulting, Inc.  
Mueller Communications  
Narvarte Development  
ZDH Holdings LLC\*

### **Corporations & Funders**

Associated Bank, NA

foundational knowledge and skills necessary to **build a career in the economic development field**. This course hosted by WEDA runs from June 3 to June 5 in Stevens Point. Scholarships are available for a broad range of people. [Learn more and register here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Social Security Listening Session

**April 30 | 4 - 5:30 PM | 4420 W Vliet St, MKE**

Join AARP Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for a discussion on possible policy changes to Social Security.

[Register here.](#)

### Training for the Future: Tools of the Trades 2.0

**May 7 | 8 AM - 12 PM | The Trade Hotel**

Join Ezekiel HOPE in celebrating community builders at the Fire Department and LISC at this awards breakfast. [Register here.](#)

### WEDA 50th Anniversary Golf Outing

**June 16 | 10 AM | Pleasant View Golf Course**

Celebrate WEDA's 50th Anniversary with golf, bags, and dinner at The Hilltop. Reconnect with colleagues in economic development while looking back on WEDA's history. [Register here.](#)

### Milwaukee Women's Center 45th Anniversary

**July 10 | 4:30-7:30 PM | 1020 N Broadway, MKE**

Join Community Advocates to celebrate 45 years of live-saving and life-changing services. [Register here.](#)

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BMO Bank

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Johnson Financial Group

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Mortgage Guaranty Ins. Corp.

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U.S. Bank

Zilber Family Foundation

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