CEDA’s Programs

- Regional and Community Planning
- Project and Program Development
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Business Development
- Small Business Financing

Overview:

The Clearwater Economic Development Association is a member driven, non-profit organization, incorporated in 1967 within the State of Idaho. It is structured to promote and assist economic and community development and to foster a stable and diversified economy within the five north central counties of Idaho (Idaho, Lewis, Latah, Clearwater and Nez Perce).

Region II is comprised of the five counties and twenty-nine incorporated cities, where nearly all are current members. Other members include private industry, Lewis Clark State College, Port of Lewiston, Nez Perce Tribe, North Central Idaho Travel Association, Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association, and local economic development partners.

As one of the five Economic Development Districts of Idaho (EDDI), CEDA serves with its counterparts as an essential catalyst for building regional partnerships and local capacity. Local governments, businesses, communities, and the workforce are competing in an increasingly complex economic environment. CEDA brings local government and industry together to accomplish what cannot be done individually.

Mission Statement:

To assist business and communities by acting as a conduit to needed resources.

Vision Statement:

As the collective voice for North Central Idaho, Clearwater Economic Development Association provides leadership and guidance in developing communities, diversifying the economy, and creating prosperity.
Business Development and Technical Assistance:

Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA) is the oldest continuously active Economic Development District west of the Mississippi and has been connecting businesses and communities to needed resources.

Technical Assistance

CEDA routinely provides direct technical assistance to members and businesses as well as referrals to organizations such as the Small Business Development Center for training and business plan development. CEDA’s Finance Department provides technical assistance for business start-up, expansion, and retention.

Financing

CEDA manages four funds that together total $3.2 million from which small business financing is offered in a variety of structures to aid with the funding of viable business development projects. To date CEDA has issued loans totaling over $10 million to aid with the financing of over 240 projects that without CEDA involvement would not have moved forward. Nearly 900 jobs were directly created and/or retained and $19 million of private investment has resulted from this activity.

Project Development, Grant Research, Writing, and Administration

CEDA provides assistance to members in project development, locating grants that assist in planning, research, and marketing. CEDA seeks and contracts for public funds on behalf of businesses in need of funds.

Equipment & Facility Leasing

CEDA owns and constructs facilities that can be leased back to businesses.

Business Resource Referrals

CEDA assists businesses in seeking needed services such as assistance with financing, business-plan development, relocation opportunities, work force training and funding, etc...

Collaboration with Local Economic Development Organizations

CEDA works with other Economic Development organizations when infrastructure is needed for business relocation or expansion.