

MCDEVCO NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MCDEVCO continues to support Marathon County with resources such as municipality connection, entrepreneurial development and *GAP* financing to enhance the landscape of new and expanding businesses.

On behalf of MCDEVCO, thank you for your continued support and partnership in our organization. Whether you contribute your time, funds or support by reading this newsletter...we thank YOU!

2023 is off to a great start! MCDEVCO has new programming and initiatives to support business start up and expansion in Marathon County.

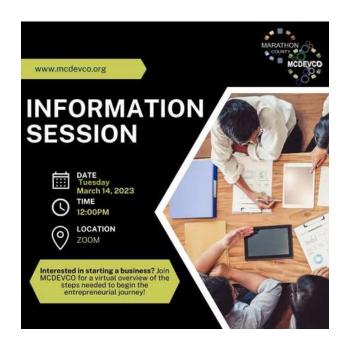
- Occupancy at the Entrepreneurial & Education Center (EEC): MCDEVCO assumed the management of the EEC in January 2021. To date, MCDEVCO is happy to report an increase of 25% in occupancy, with 86% of the EEC occupied.
- **GAP Financing:** MCDEVCO has successfully disbursed over \$300,000.00 in *GAP* financing funds to local business start-ups and expansions in 2022.
 - **NEW!** Based on the location of the business within Marathon County, MCDEVCO can fund up to 40% of total project uses!
 - **NEW!** MCDEVCO has a Micro Fund available for small and expanding businesses within Wausau City limits.
- Entrepreneurial Education: MCDEVCO is proud of the entrepreneurial programming it offers in partnership with its robust Mentor base. Thank you to our Mentors! We could not do it without your support! Check out page 2 of the newsletter for more information about upcoming workshops at MCDEVCO. For up to date information, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and on our website to learn about our up to date program offerings. GEARS Certificate of Entrepreneurial Excellence, MCDEVCO's foundational program geared towards entrepreneurs in need of comprehensive assistance, begins September 12th.
- **NEW!** Wausau CARES Covid Relief Funding: MCDEVCO has been administering COVID relief grants to businesses within Marathon County impacted by the pandemic since 2020. MCDEVCO is excited to announce a new component to its \$2500.00 Wausau CARES Grant. Recently, the grant became available to Family Child Care Providers within the City of Wausau. Want to learn more? Visit our website at www.mcdevco.org.

Thank YOU for the continued support and we look forward to providing you more exciting updates in 2023!

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS









....STAY TUNED FOR MORE PROGRAMMING IN 2023!

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