

- A 2008 amendment to Minn. Stat. §116J.993 to §116J.995 adjusted the level of what constitutes a business subsidy. The new threshold is \$150,000 for either a grant or loan, and raises the threshold for a public hearing requirement also to \$150,000. However, reports of public financial participation are still required for 1 year periods under the old threshold level for grants and 2 year periods for loans. (See §116J.993, Section 2, Subpart 1, available on the DEED website.)
- Please use this form to report on all **through 2022** that fall under the old threshold. This form will be used to help the legislative body determine the status of the project to be used to help the legislative body determine development activities and where additional reports are required.
- Questions?** Call (651) 259-7179. **Please mail completed form before April 1** to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Economic Analysis Unit, First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul MN 55101-1351; or **fax to:** (651) 215-3841

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Section 1: (Grantor Information)

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| 1. Name of grantor (funding entity): Traverse County | | 2. Name of person completing this form: Kit Johnson | |
| 3. Street address: 702 2nd Ave N, PO Box 428 | | 4. City: Wheaton | 5. ZIP Code: 56296 |
| 6. County: Traverse | 7. Phone number: 320-422-7740 | 8. Fax number: | 9. Email address: kit.johnson@co.traverse.mn.us |
| 10. Classification of grantor (Mark one. If grantor is entity created by government agency, please indicate affiliation. For example, a city EDA would check "City government.") | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County government <input type="checkbox"/> Regional government <input type="checkbox"/> State government <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify): | | | |

Section 2: Recipient Information

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| 11. Name of business or organization receiving financial assistance: Wheaton Dumont Coop Elevator - Fertilizer Plant | 12. Address where financial assistance will be used: Street address: 6587 US Hwy 75 City/State/ZIP Code: Wheaton, MN 56296 |
| 13. Type of organizational structure of recipient receiving financial assistance (Mark one) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company (LLC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify): Cooperative | |
| 14. Does the recipient have a parent corporation? (Mark one.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Indicate name and address of the parent corporation below. If more than one, indicate ultimate owner.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Name of parent corporation: Street address: City/State/ZIP Code: | |
| 15. Recipient's primary industry (Mark one.): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Services <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Insurance, Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Trade <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale Trade <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Agricultural Cooperative | |

Section 3: Agreement Information

16. Project Start Date: **2016** 17. Expected Project Completion Date: **2025**

18. Please specify all funding sources for project (*attach sources/use statement if available*). The table should include all funding sources used by the recipient to fund the project:

| Identify Private or Public Participant | (\$ Value) | Type of Assistance (grant, loan, TIF, TAF, etc.) | Use of Funds (i.e., infrastructure, cleanup, capital improvement) |
|--|-------------|--|---|
| Traverse County 2016-2022 | \$ 21538.72 | Economic Abatement | construction of fertilizer plant |
| Estimated 2023 - 2025 | \$ 12231.45 | estimated economic abatement | |
| Ends in 2025 | \$ | | |
| | \$ | | |
| | \$ | | |

Total Project Budget (all sources):

Your public participation percentage of total budget:

19. Minn. Stat. §116J.994 requires that financial assistance meet a public purpose. Which of the following public purposes were used to determine your participation? (*Mark all that apply.*)

- Enhancing economic diversity
- Creating high-quality job growth
- Job retention
- Stabilizing the community
- Increasing tax base (cannot be only purpose)
- Other (*please specify*):

NOTE: If job creation or retention is not a goal then please skip to Question 21.

Section 4: Goals and Actual Performance

20. Job Creation and/or Retention Goals (first year report) and Actuals (second year report):

For each of the following categories if required, indicate the (new) job creation and/or retention goals stated in the financial assistance agreement and the number of actual (new) jobs created and/or retained since the benefit date including the average hourly value of any employer-provided benefits goals for those jobs.

(Full-time jobs are defined as new, permanent, non-seasonal positions created subsequent to the financial assistance agreement in which employees are scheduled to work on average at least a 40 hour work week. Part-time is defined as a new job in which an employee works for the recipient at a rate less than 40 hours per week within a recipient location). Job retention is defined as jobs at a specific wage level that exist prior to the signing of the financial assistance agreement. There must be evidence that the retained jobs will be lost without financial assistance or where job loss is specific and demonstrable.

| | Total Number of Employees | Average Hourly Wage Level | Average Hourly Value of Health Insurance |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| (New) Full-time Job Creation (Goals) | Not Available | | |
| (New) Part-time Job Creation (Goals) | | | |
| Job Retention (Goals) | | | |
| (New) Full-time Job Creation (Actuals) | | | |
| (New) Part-time Job Creation (Actuals) | | | |
| Job Retention (Actuals) | | | |

21. What is the status of the project and how successful have they been in meeting stated goals?
 The project was completed around 2016 and WDCE has added to the tax base of the county and continues to be a leading employer in Traverse County.