



Advocacy Committee Legislative Agenda

The mission of the EGF Advocacy Committee is to involve our members in helping to advocate for economic opportunity and workforce development in Fond du Lac County and the State of Wisconsin.

To accomplish this, the Advocacy Committee will:

- Educate and inform the business community about relevant county, state and federal policy issues.
- Review county, state and federal legislation and regulations to assess potential impacts on the business community.
- Serve as a resource for information and clearinghouse for the business community and governmental leaders.
- Leverage public policy issues and legislation to promote business growth and support the competitive business environment.
- Recommend positions on certain policy matters pertinent to Envision's mission and vision to the Envision Board of Directors for review and ultimate decision.

In addition, the Advocacy Committee will *not*:

- Endorse either individual candidates for public office or the platforms of political parties.

Our Legislative Priorities:

Quality of Life

- Focus on providing first-class customer service to be a business-friendly community, worthy of business investment.
- Investing in daycare systems to provide reliable, affordable and high-quality early childhood education.
- Support affordable housing initiatives such as WHEDA's rural affordable workforce housing initiative.
- Support the enhancement of public safety and security of constituents.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Support and encourage state and local policy to promote additional broadband expansion by providers across our region.
- Continued improvement of the region's transportation system, the ability to transport people and goods safely and efficiently is vitally important.
- Enhance Fond du Lac County's rail network.

Local Government

- In order to remain competitive, the responsible use of incentive programs like tax incremental financing will encourage investment and development.
- Support local decision making and protect municipalities from unfunded mandates and preemption of local authority.

Health Care

- Support the growth of telehealth medicine throughout the County.
- Support initiatives that make employee-sponsored health care more affordable for small businesses.

Cultivating Talent Through Higher Education/Public Education

- Support programs and initiatives that invest in keeping talent in Wisconsin.
- Support the continuation of and growth of the Youth Apprenticeship Program, a known tool for developing careers and retaining youth in our community.
- Continue upskilling our current workforce through partnerships such as MPTC's job trainer program.
- Support the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship program through DWD.
- Prepare high school students for work upon graduation. For those 50% of graduating seniors not pursuing higher education, military or the trades. Provide a collaborative program and resources to match students with existing careers in Fond du Lac County.

Business Competitiveness

- Support the continuation of funding for economic development incentive programs such as WEDC and WHEDA.
- Support local responsibility for property taxation decisions.
- Oppose legislation that impairs the flexibility of local government to utilize all economic development tools currently available.