In 2016, EMDC worked with 164 companies adding more 130 jobs to the region's economy.

In 2016, EMDC provided \$6,798,600 in financing to 36 businesses in the State of Maine, leveraging an additional \$7, 720,509 investment to these companies. In 2016, EMDC worked with 34 communities providing guidance and support in development of economic development, community development, land use or transportation plans.

281

job seekers found employment

2016



Individuals received career counseling, skill development, and job placement services through EMDC's workforce programs. MAINE PTAC at EMDC BUSINESSES RECEIVED \$1,131,307,394 IN

> GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

EMDC's 21 AmeriCorp Volunteers provided 17,454 volunteer hours to more than 120 clients in the greater Bangor region.

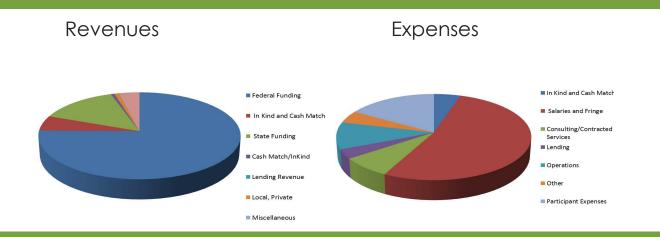
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Re-Inglicering the Region

Two years ago, residents of Eastern Maine have found themselves in an all too familiar situation as the forest-related economy continued to experience employment contraction driven, in part, by the loss of pulp and paper mills and jobs. In response, EMDC garnered an EDA grant to launch a collaborative project to Re-Engineer the Region. Key components were identified as emerging opportunities and critical to the success of transforming the regional economy:

- Capitalizing on Education Assets and Creating a Continuous Learning Region: Lifelong, Continuous Learning for an Adaptive Region
- Strengthening infrastructure and culture to create "A Digital Region for the Emerging Economy"
- Enhancing an Innovative and Entrepreneurial Region for Starting and Growing Businesses and an Entrepreneurial Workforce
- The Handshake: Woods Industry, Hospitality and Recreation

In late 2016, EMDC was awarded a \$500,000 EDA grant to implement these strategies and to continue to Re-Engineer our Region for FY2017.



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