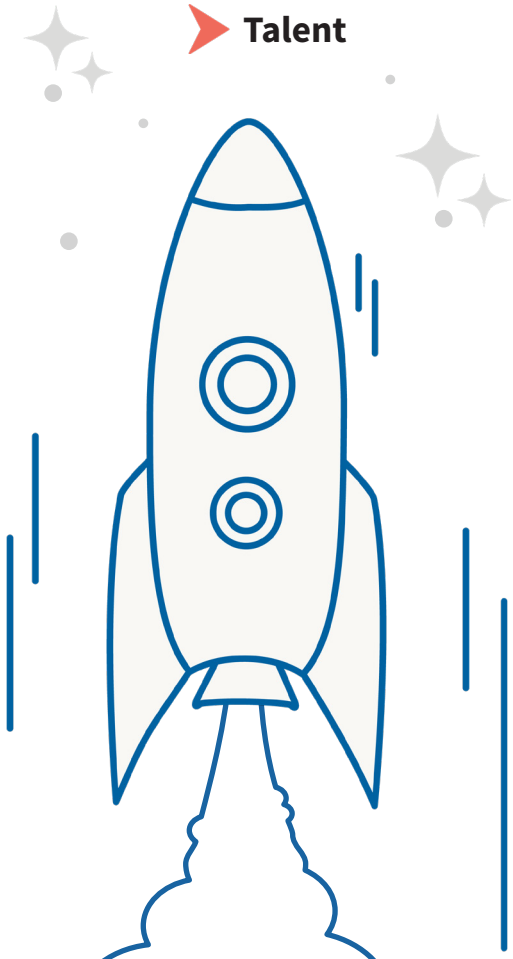
2022 Review of KEDCO's MISSION IN MOTION

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Our economic development efforts focus on three pillars that build on the strengths of our local community and propel the growth of our local economy: **entrepreneurship**, **housing**, and **talent**. We work with a broad network of partners to develop and encourage entrepreneurs to build the future of our agribusiness and medical device sectors, to create workforce housing that leverages the exceptional education options and quality of life amenities available throughout our county, and to come alongside local employers to amplify their talent recruitment and retention efforts.

- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Housing**
- **Talent**



ON A MISSION

KEDCO's mission is to **convene**, **build**, and **show** Kosciusko County's talent, ideas, and capital.

CEO PERSPECTIVE

Do the work. *Trust the process*. *Be the change*. Grounding reminders like these provide focus and direction. They also summarize our experiences during 2022 and our approach as we move forward in 2023. We continue shaping our strategic vision including building our team, engaging with our board of directors, cultivating investors and stakeholders, and serving our business clients and communities. At times, you'll hear us say, "We will become known for the problems we solve." Let's solve problems **together**. And I encourage you to lean into this as you journey on your own mission.

-Alan Tio, CEO

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BY THE NUMBERS

Projects that KEDCO worked on directly with local communities and economic development partners helped generate the following impacts.

1,350+
New jobs committed in 2022

$30.20
Avg. wage of new jobs pledged by projects

$148M+
Committed investments by local companies

3,2,1...PROGRAM LAUNCHES

ENTREPRENEUR SOCIALS

KEDCO partnered with entrepreneur support organization, Fortitude Fund, to offer "Entrepreneur Social" meetups to support and connect our local entrepreneurial community.

MEDTECH ACCELERATOR STUDIO

KEDCO and venture studio firm, NEXT Studios launched a medical technology-focused business accelerator program to develop a pipeline of startup companies to complement and advance the local orthopedic sector. Eleven startup founders have participated to-date.

REMOTE WORKER RECRUITMENT

KEDCO led an effort for Kosciusko County to join with Indiana-based MakeMyMove to recruit remote workers from out-of-state to our community. KEDCO and MakeMyMove launched the program in late 2022 with a goal of relocating 20 households to Kosciusko County during 2023.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS & STORIES

KEDCO offers skillsets with shovel-ready sites to promote housing development across **12 communities**, and our pipeline now includes **16 active projects** in various stages of development. Examples of our work in 2022 with local partners includes planning for construction of 50+ single-family homes in Milford and redevelopment of multiple sites in Warsaw projected to add 150+ apartments.

KEDCO partnered with the Kosciusko County Convention & Visitors Bureau to launch the Kosciusko "All Things Art" asset map, an interactive digital map highlighting public art and art-related spaces in the community. The "All Things Art" Fund was then created as an opportunity for private contributors to support new & existing public art in Kosciusko County.

The City of Warsaw was selected to participate in a pilot program led by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Brookings Institute, and LISC to co-create a "community-centered economic inclusion" plan to address economic stagnation and inequity by coordinating and concentrating workforce, small business, real estate development, and placemaking efforts.

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