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Community Development Programming Report, Fond du Lac County: July to December 2025

Meet your Educator



Extension Community Development Educator Noah Reif (she/her/hers) supports community organizations through facilitation, program design, and strategic planning.

Completed Projects

Facilitation for United Way Board Retreat*

- Facilitated a board retreat on August 12, 2025 where participants learned about fundraising strategies and clarified 2025 campaign goals.
- Participant evaluation shows they learned new knowledge and skills (4 out of 5), and that the knowledge gained was very useful (4.2 out of 5). The educator's facilitation as a 4.5 out of 5.

Strategic Planning for Fond du Lac Festivals Inc*

- Facilitated a series of strategic planning sessions for the Fond du Lac Festivals board of directors to review their existing strategic planning process and update their plan.
- Across all sessions, participant evaluation shows that board members feel their voices were heard (4.8 out of 5), and that the sessions were a very good use of time (4.8 out of 5). The educators facilitation was rated highly as a 4.8 out of 5.

Ongoing Fond du Lac County Projects

Nonprofit Financial Development Workshop Series*

- The workshop held on November 13 was attended by nonprofit leaders from Habitat for Humanity and the Fond du Lac Area Women's Fund.
- Participant evaluation shows that nonprofit leaders learned new fundraising skills (4 of 5), and the workshop was exceptionally useful (5 out of 5). The educator's facilitation was rated as a 4.7 out of 5.

Virtual Community Org "Resource Library"

- Reviewing existing materials and resources used by the educator for organizational development programming.
- The goal is to have a virtual resource library on the county extension website by the end of January 2026 that provides quick access to helpful information like nonprofit formation, fundraising basics, and other organizational development resources.

Program Design for Area Nonprofits Coalition

- Serving on a coalition of community nonprofit and private organizations working to build the capacity of local volunteer boards and build collaboration between nonprofit organizations.
- The coalition includes representatives from the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, SOPHIA, Marian University, the Fond du Lac United Way, and, United for Diversity.

Testimonials from Community Partners

"She (the educator) did a wonderful job facilitating our session. Very impactful with great guidance.."

Excellent job meeting all participants at their level regarding experience/comfort with the strategic planning process."

"It was great learning from you yesterday. I truly appreciate your expertise in nonprofits, and the seminar was incredibly valuable for me as someone who is new to nonprofit leadership that is also during this transitional time."

*All evaluations given on a 5 point scale, (1=poor, 5=excellent)