



Building a Stronger Hastings.

HEDC

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Hastings Economic Development Corporation is thrilled to have been honored with three separate awards from the International Economic Development Corporation in 2025. Each award recognizes a different area in which HEDC has excelled in their field to work towards a bright future for the city of Hastings.



Neighborhood Development

In response to a growing affordable housing shortage, HEDC launched the Neighborhood Development Project. This initiative contained two main housing development areas: North Park Commons & the Theatre District.

This project, awarded a bronze medal by IEDC, will make a lasting impact on Hastings – revitalizing neighborhoods, supporting a growing workforce, and building a thriving future for all.



Multi-Year Collaborative Economic Development

Over the past decade, downtown Hastings has experienced a dramatic revitalization, led by the collaborative efforts of HEDC, the Community Redevelopment Authority, and Queen City Development. Through business and façade improvement loans, infrastructure upgrades, and over 100 new housing units, they helped attract 17 new businesses and more than \$13 million in local investment.

This revitalization has not only reshaped the downtown landscape but also renewed community pride, earning Hastings multiple honors, including the 2025 Nebraska Showcase Community award and a silver medal from IEDC.



Economic Development Organization of the Year

HEDC is actively driving meaningful change in the Hastings community. By joining forces with city leadership, developers, builders, and local service providers, HEDC has made significant progress towards solving the housing shortage. In just 5 years, we have seen 8 approved housing projects.

These projects haven’t gone unnoticed, either. Major employers like Noah’s Ark Processors and Heartwell Renewables are expanding and making Hastings home, bringing over 120 new jobs. Thanks to these combined efforts, Hastings is now projected to see a population increase of over 300 residents by 2029.

AT A GLANCE

CREATED

450

new homes and rental units within our community

ADDED

>22.3M

in property value through Neighborhood Development Project

SUPPORTED

17

businesses as they opened in downtown Hastings since 2019



“...Economic developers are at the forefront of an ever-changing landscape in their regions, with the opportunity to engage future generations in ensuring their economic vitality.”

Nathan Ohle, CEO of IEDC

International Economic Development Council

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the world’s largest non-profit, non-partisan organization for economic developers, with over 4,500 members representing public and private sectors on a global level.

The IEDC supports its members by providing cutting-edge resources, policy leadership, and professional development tools to promote economic growth, civic engagement, and an improved quality of life for communities around the globe.

Receiving an IEDC Excellence in Economic Development Award is a prestigious honor that recognizes organizations striving to make innovative, sustainable, and community-driven impacts within their communities.