

Rural Development in Minnesota



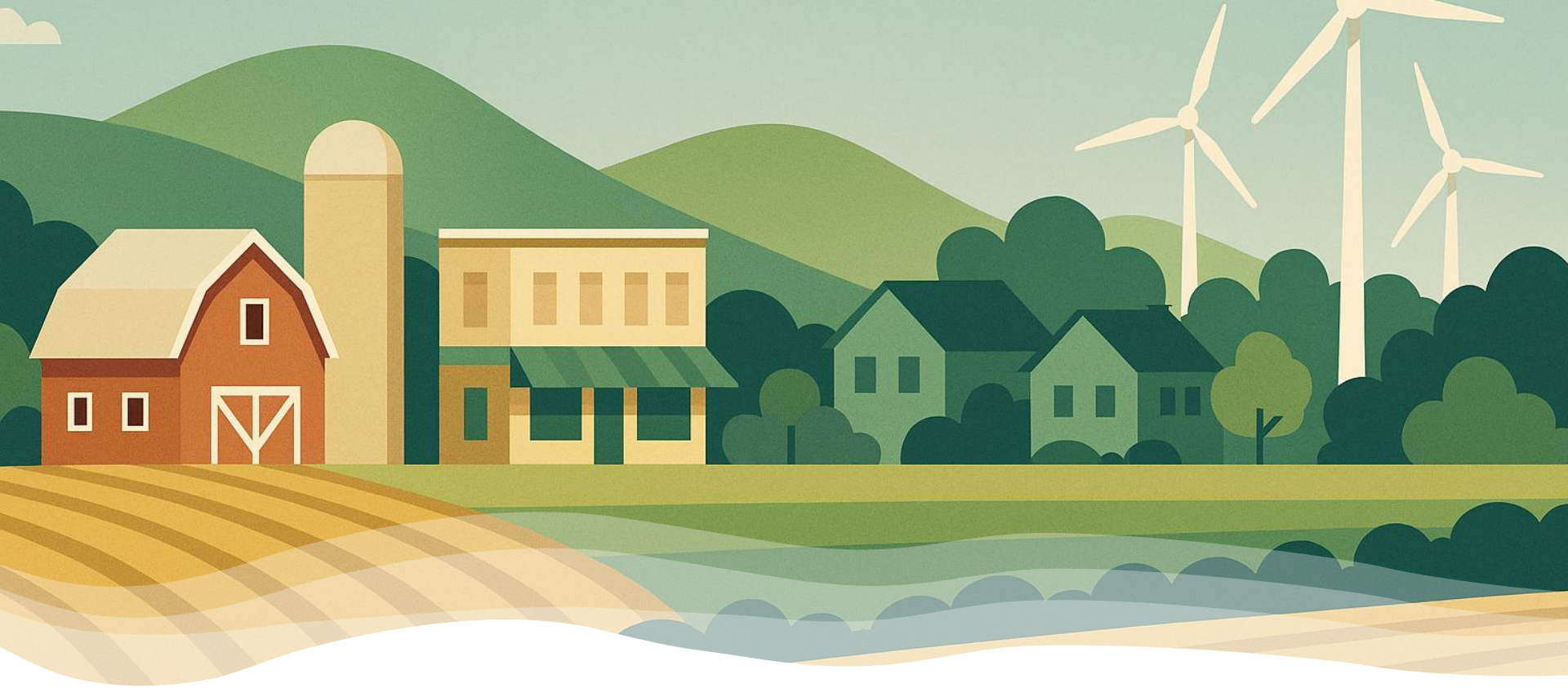
*Insight from Minnesota's Regional
Development Commissions*



MN Regional Development Act of 1969 (MS Sections 462.381 to 462.398)

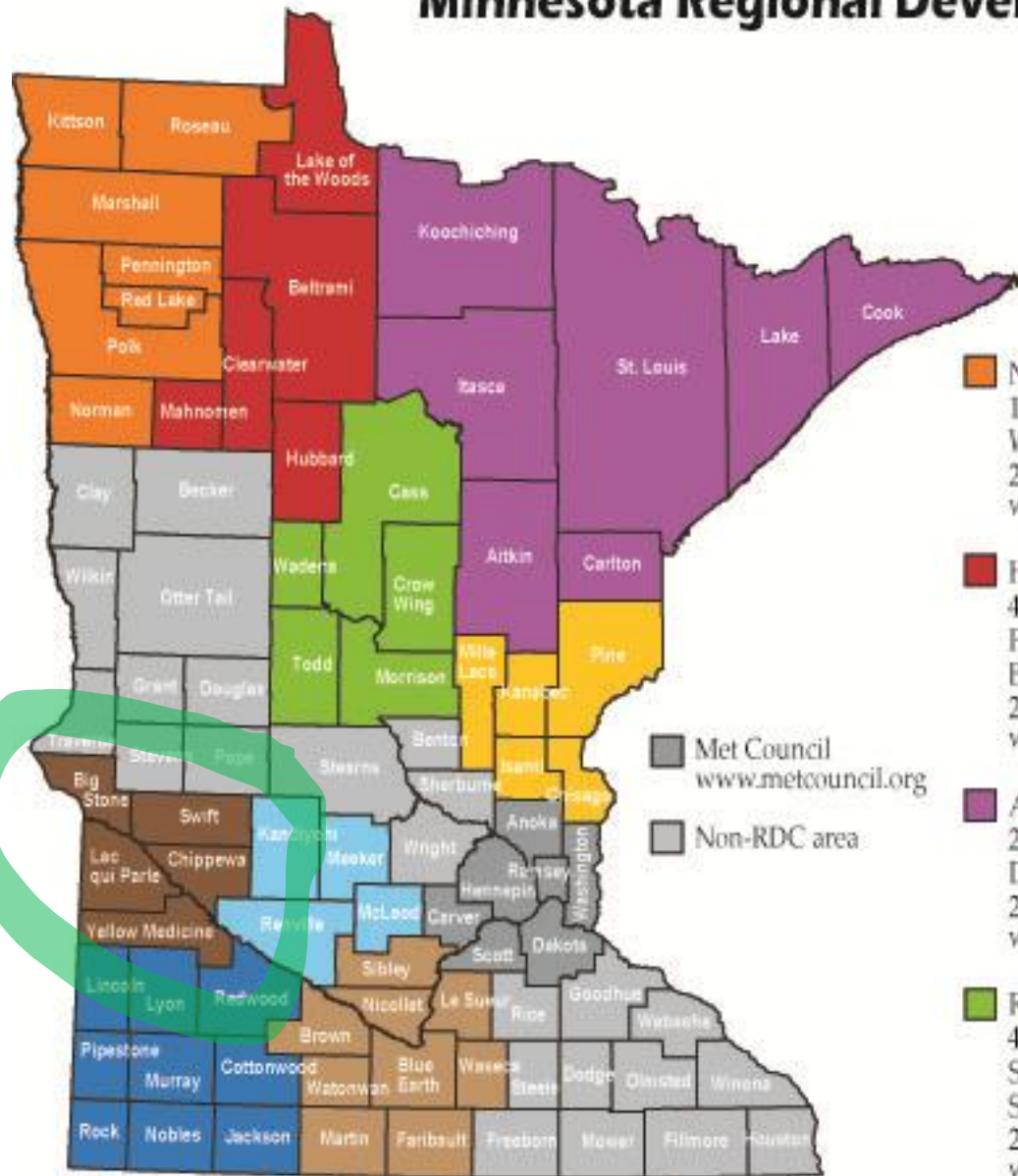
According to the RDC Act our purpose is:

“To facilitate **inter-governmental cooperation** and to **ensure the harmonious coordination of state, federal, and local comprehensive planning and development programs** for the solution of economic, social, physical, and governmental problems of the state and its citizens.”



- RDCs are local units of government
- Defined geography
- Defined board representation
- Levy Authority

Minnesota Regional Development Commissions



Met Council
www.metcouncil.org

Non-RDC area

NWRDC
115 S Main Ave
Warren, MN 56762
218-745-6733
www.nwrdc.org

HRDC
4th St West
P.O. Box 906
Bemidji, MN 56601
218-444-4732
www.hrdc.org

ARDC
221 West 1st St
Duluth, MN 55802
218-722-5545
www.ardc.org

R5DC
403 Prairie Ave NE
Suite 100
Staples, MN 56479
218-894-3233
www.regionfive.org

UMVRDC
323 W Schlieman Ave
Appleton, MN 56208
320-289-1981
www.umvrdc.org

MMDC
333 W 6th St
Willmar, MN 56201
320-235-8504
www.mmrdc.org

ECRDC
100 S Park St
Mora, MN 55051
320-679-4065
www.region7erdc.org

SRDC
1240 Broadway Ave
Suite 1
Slayton, MN 56172
507-836-8547
www.swrdc.org

Region 9
410 Jackson St
P.O. Box 3367
Mankato, MN 56002
507-387-5643
www.rndc.org

MEMBERSHIP

Statue 462.388 Subdivision 1. A Commission shall consist of the following members:

- one member from **each county** board of every county in the development region;
- one additional county board member from each county of over 100,000 population;
- the **town clerk, town treasurer, or one member of a town board of supervisors** from each county containing organized towns;
- one additional member selected by the county board of any county containing no townships;
- one **mayor or council member** from a municipality of under 10,000 population from each county, selected by the mayors of all such municipalities in the county;
- one mayor or council member from each municipality of over 10,000 in each county;
- two **school board members** elected by a majority of the chairs of school boards in the development region;
- one member from each **council of governments**;
- one member appointed by each **Native American tribal council** located in the region;
- citizens representing **public interests** within the region including members of minority groups to be selected after adoption of the bylaws of the Commission;



LEVY

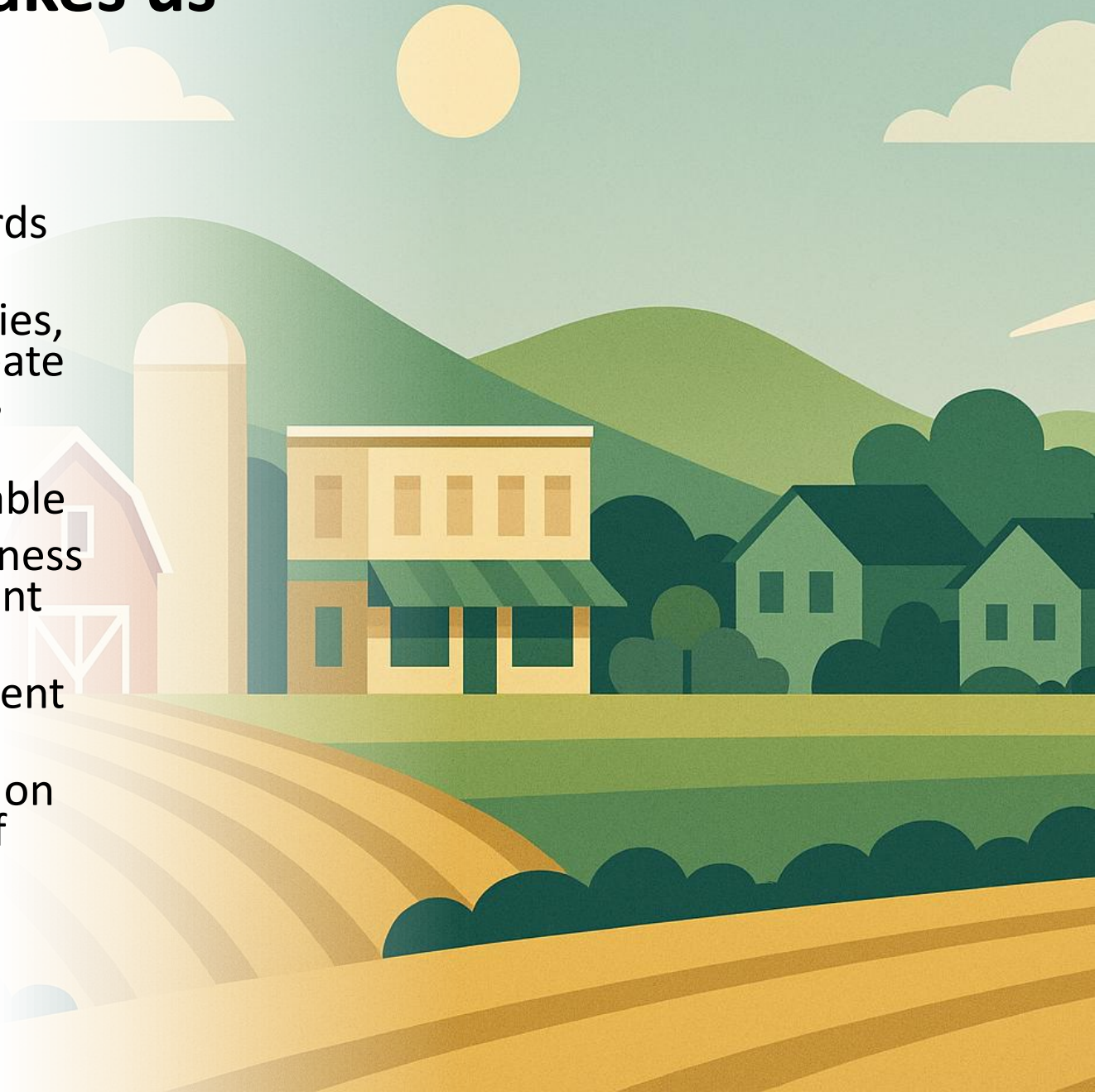
Authorized to impose a levy on all taxable property in region to pay staffing and operation costs.

- (1) for taxes levied in 1998, the maximum amounts of levies made for the purposes of sections 462.381 to 462.398 are the following amounts: for region 1, \$180,337; for region 2, \$180,000; for region 3, \$353,110; for region 5, \$195,865; for region 6E, \$197,177; for region 6W, \$180,000; for region 7E, \$180,000; for region 8, \$206,107; for region 9, \$343,572.
- (2) **for taxes levied in 1999 and thereafter, the maximum amount that may be levied by each commission shall be the amount authorized in clause (1), or 103 percent of the amount levied in the previous year, whichever is greater.** The auditor of each county in the region shall add the amount of any levy made by the commission within the limits imposed by this subdivision to other tax levies of the county for collection by the county treasurer with other taxes. When collected the county treasurer shall make settlement of the taxes with the commission in the same manner as other taxes are distributed to political subdivisions.



What else makes us different?

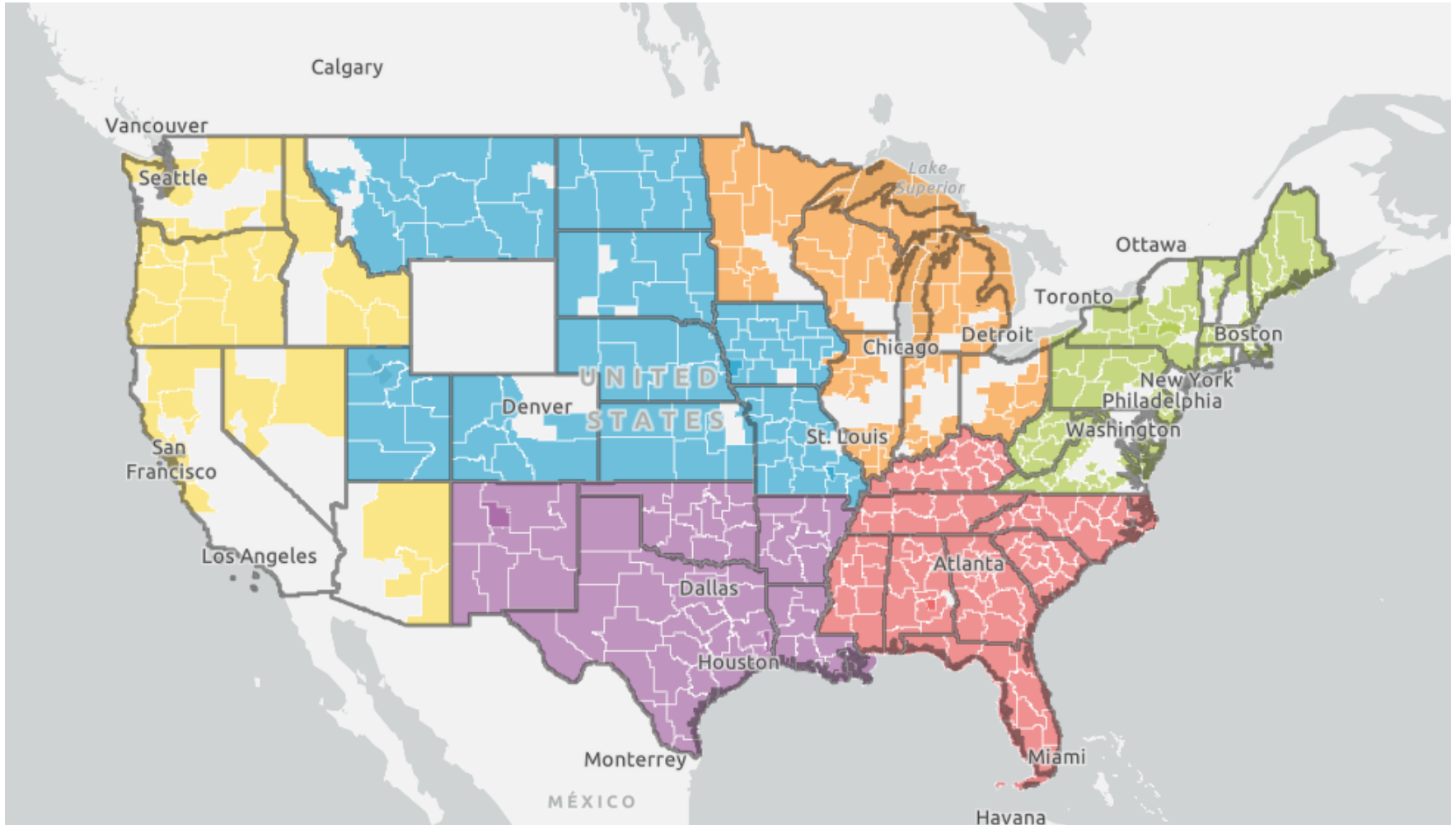
- Board members are appointed to our boards by local government
- Not mandated entities, local governments create and can dissolve RDCs
- Multiple local governments at the table
- Consultant-like business model vs tax dependent
- Wide variety of expertise that is different from region to region
- RDCs “work for and on behalf of local units of government”
- Not profit oriented





What about areas without an RDC?

- RDCS can do work in non-RDC areas
- RDCs work with other local regional partners in non-RDC areas



What about in other states?

- Council of Governments
- Development Districts
- Regional Commissions

So what do we DO?



WRITE AND
ADMINISTER
GRANTS



WRITE PLANS



CONVENE GROUPS
AND FACILITATE
MEETINGS



PROVIDE STAFF
SUPPORT TO
GOVERNMENTS

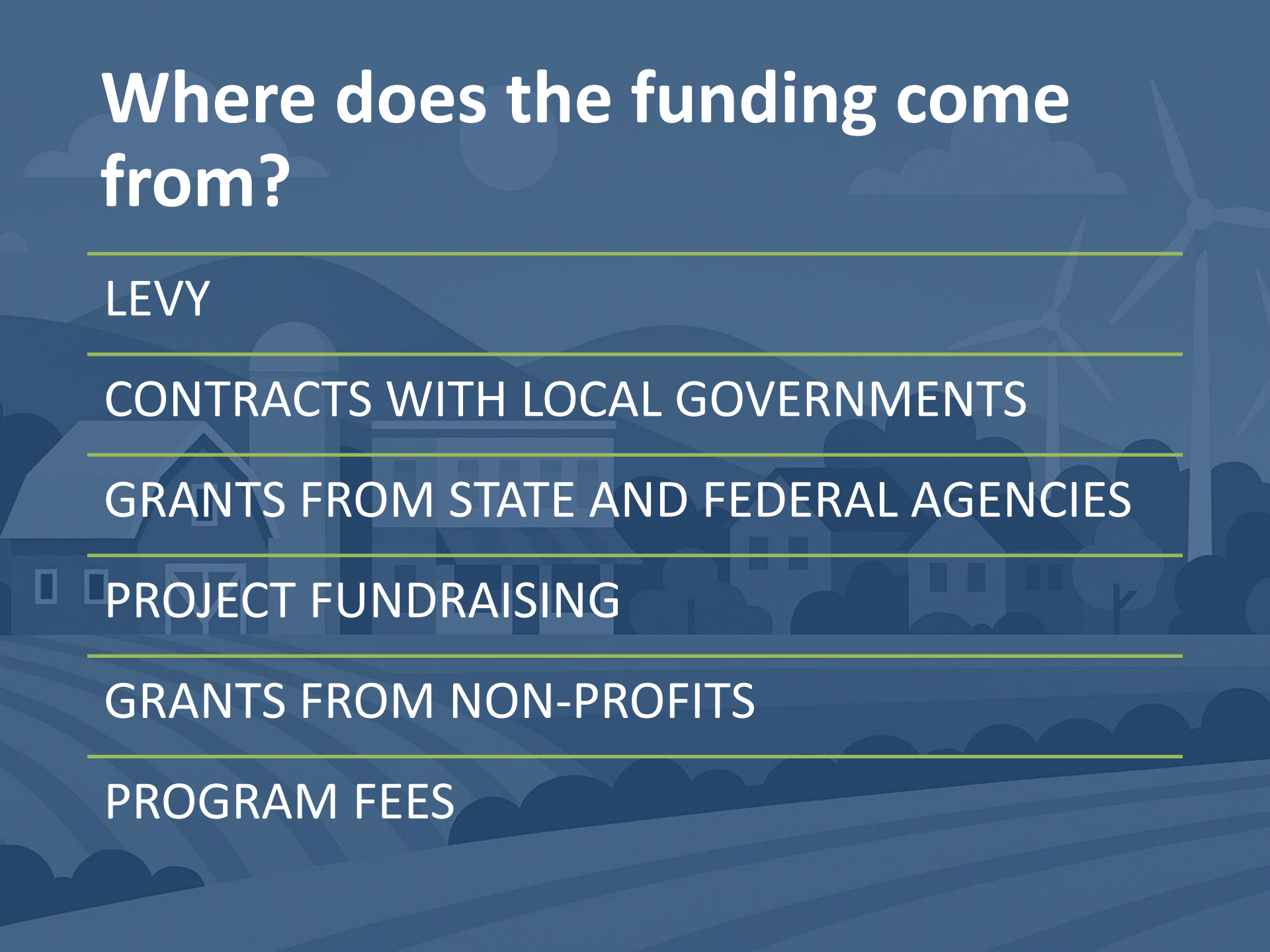


RUN LOCAL OR
REGIONAL
PROGRAMS



RESEARCH OR HELP
FIND THE RIGHT
CONTACTS, PEOPLE
OR PROGRAMS

Where does the funding come from?



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CONTRACTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

GRANTS FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

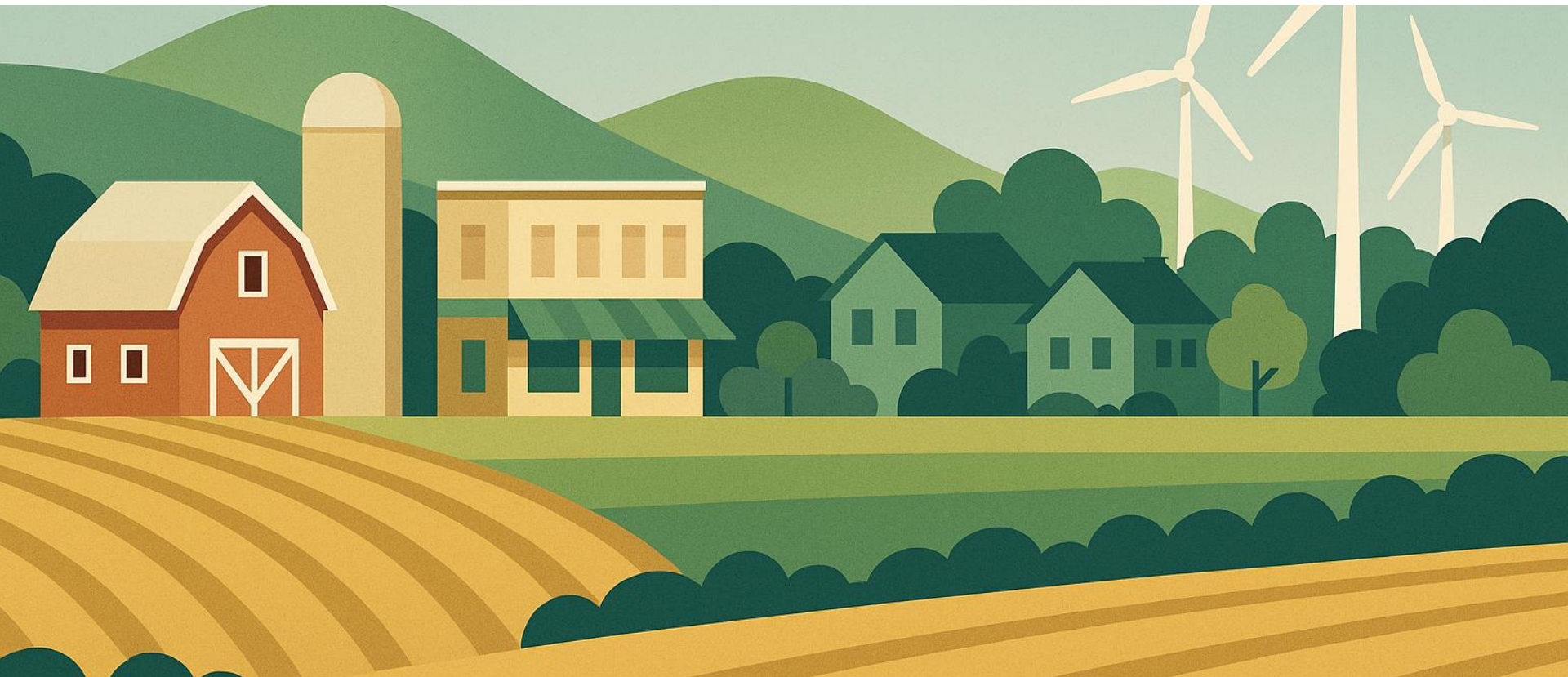
PROJECT FUNDRAISING

GRANTS FROM NON-PROFITS

PROGRAM FEES

What should policy makers consider?

- Delivery of state programs and resources through RDCS
- Baseline funding to provide planning support to local governments
- Consulting RDCs when setting up programs to serve rural areas
- Convening rural planning providers across the state





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