Northside Job Creation Team (NJCT)

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Better Futures, MN
Black Chamber of Commerce
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Carlson Ventures Enterprise
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MN Department of Employment and Economic Development
Minneapolis Foundation
Minneapolis Public Schools
Minneapolis Urban League
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NEON – Northside Economic Opportunity Network
North Hennepin Community College
North Minneapolis Workforce Center
Northpoint Health & Wellness Center
Northside Funders Group
Renewable Energy Partners
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University of Minnesota Extension
University of Minnesota’s Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center
Urban Homewares Inc.
West Broadway Business Area Coalition
Metropolitan Transportation Network, Inc.
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What NJCT does and funding

The Northside Job Creation Team (NJCT) is a collaboration representing some of the major stakeholders in North Minneapolis to build an active collaborative that will provide the leadership for the research and analyses of high potential job creation opportunities. Our collaborative will use the recommendations of that research to engage all of the stakeholders in the development of 1,000 new jobs in North Minneapolis over the next five years. These jobs will offer livable wages, with benefits, and are environmentally sound.

The University, City, County, Northside Funders Group, Schulze Family Foundation and Minneapolis Foundation provide funding for a Project Director and to engage graduate students from the University’s Carlson School of Management to conduct research. The outcomes of our research have led to a more detailed analysis that has been presented to public, private and philanthropic organizations for the most viable and sustainable business opportunities, including the businesses that have committed to moving or expanding into North Minneapolis.

Progress includes more than 1,000 living wage jobs added to North Minneapolis since 2012