Our Impact

Center for Regional Economic Innovation

Each year, the REI Center at Michigan State University sponsors research for economic innovation that will help spur job growth, business development, and help local municipalities. These projects are pitched by individuals with an array of backgrounds to a panel of educators, policymakers, and business people. After all research projects have concluded, the Leaders and Innovators from across the state gather at Michigan State University in September to listen and discuss different solutions.

“REI is a fantastic partner helping us help Inventors and entrepreneurs in Michigan city’s and in the rural areas find pathways to succeed. There is no better group in Michigan.”

“REI has given us a platform to speak our message and to bring innovators together. We are now showing inventors how to turn their inventions into reality and by doing so they are creating jobs.”

“Our co-implementation plan for supporting youth and emerging entrepreneurs, Flint City Pop-Up, was instrumental in providing proof of concept for our new community maker space.”

“All sources cited from partner survey

Information Source:
http://www.reicenter.org/

REI has directly contributed over $300,000 in support for innovative community and economic development projects in local communities.

Locally Focused

41 counties in Michigan where REI has supported research projects.

Research Focused

Our Center has supported research for about 100 projects in the State of Michigan.

Astonishing Results

Impact on the Michigan Economy estimated at $60 Million.
57 small businesses have accessed resources and trainings (videos) supported through the REI project.