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# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Thank you for your support of Inland Northwest Partners. Providing educational opportunities for our region's economic development professionals, elected officials, community builders, and volunteers is at the heart of what we do. We bring in top-notch speakers, create space for meaningful networking, and gather like-minded, positive people who are committed to improving the communities where they live.

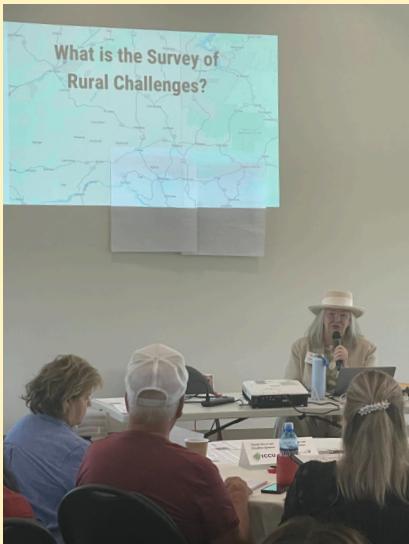
We are pleased to share this 2025 Impact Report, highlighting the events we held throughout the year. If you haven't participated in a recent event, we hope you will join us for an event in 2026.



***“I really loved the content and discussions. This is one of the best INP event I have attended. I also loved the diverse attendance.”***

On April 9, we welcomed Rebecca Undem of Growing Small Towns at our event held at the Colfax Golf Course. Rebecca shared a framework to help participants create meaningful change by building deeper connection and “love of place” within their communities. She introduced proven principles designed to create lasting impact in whatever place participants call home. That afternoon, a panel of elected officials and community volunteers from several communities shared their firsthand experiences and insights on growing and strengthening their towns.



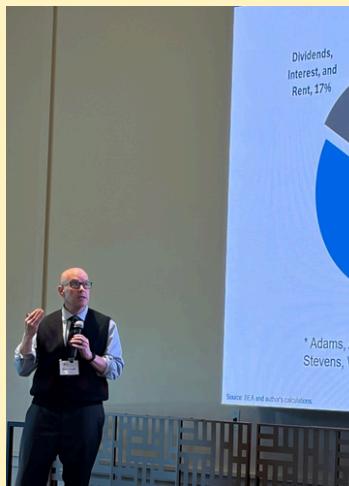


***“Deb is a fantastic, engaging speaker, loved the breakouts. Real life examples and a huge number of takeaways! I enjoyed the networking too.”***

On July 16, we hosted an event at the Town of Malden’s new community center. ICCU served as our headline sponsor, with Innova Foundation sponsoring copies of Deb Brown’s book for all participants. SaveYour.Town co-founder Deb Brown shared results from a 10-year rural survey and led an interactive exercise that helped participants discover practical, actionable solutions to common economic challenges. Topics included filling empty buildings, creating business opportunities, engaging youth, and building community connections.

The following day, Deb toured several small rural towns, meeting with elected officials and community builders to offer actionable ideas and suggestions tailored to each community’s unique challenges.





The INP Annual Regional Economic Forecast Fall Meeting was held on October 15 at CenterPlace in Spokane Valley, with Spokane International Airport serving as the headline sponsor. Our economic pundits—John Mitchell of the Idaho Department of Labor, Sam Wolkenhauer, and Grant Forsyth of Avista Corporation—shared their perspectives on regional and national economic trends. In addition, Josh LaFon of Lightcast presented report findings on the AI skills employees actually need, and Leilani Barnett of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco spoke on “How Are Small Businesses Doing? Findings from the 2024 Federal Reserve Small Business Credit Survey.”



***“The economic meeting is my favorite. Your presenters pack a great deal of good information into a nice, digestible package.”***