

2026 EDD Wealth Creation Summit

April 14-16, 2026

Riverhouse Resort, Bend, Oregon

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Opening Plenary – Keeping Rural Prosperity Local

Speaker: Kimber Lanning, CEO, Arizona Rural Development Council/Local First Arizona

Learn from Kimber Lanning about strategies to reduce economic leakage and unleash rural opportunity. Highlights will include small business incubation and acceleration, micro-lending, value chain development, and job creation.

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Concurrent sessions

- A. Stronger Together: EDD Strategies for Stronger Regional Sectors for Shared Prosperity
- B. Working Across Languages, Cultures, and Lived Experiences to Build Stronger Regions.

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Happy Hour Reception

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Concurrent sessions

- A. Wealth Creation Basics: A New Lens for the Work You Already Do
- B. Rooted Prosperity: Structures That Keep Wealth in the Region

10:30 am – 11:45 am

Concurrent sessions

- A.** Paths and Partners: Mapping Value Chains and Mobilizing Assets to Solve Problems
- B.** Rooted Economies: How Natural Asset Stewardship Shapes Regional Futures

12:00 – 12:45 pm

Lunch with Oregon's EDDs

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Mobile workshops - with RDI Regards to Rural

Alternative: Onsite session.

5:30 pm Reception

Thursday, April 16 – In Partnership with RDI Regards to Rural

8:30 – 10:00 am Registration

8:30 am Breakfast

9:15 – 10:15 am ***Plenary:*** The Power of Place

10:30 – 12 noon Lessons from the Field: Surprising Wins, Hard Truths, and Emerging Issues in Rural Development

12:00 – 1:00 pm Closing lunch

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