



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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Hastings – Small Business Institute _____

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Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.

- The Introduction to Entrepreneurship class continues with 29 students in the Spring Semester, 2018. High interest continues in this start-up course.
- The "Big-Idea Hastings program was held on November 7, 2017, in downtown Hastings. 20 ideas were submitted, 12 were chosen to present their "idea" to the audience, with 5 finalists chosen from that group. The top 3 were awarded \$1000, \$500, and \$250 prizes; and the top 5 received consulting time (free) with various business experts.
- Our business Incubator continues with the Auction House tenant. The vacant space continues to be advertised.
- A "maker-space" program was opened at the Hastings Library in October. The equipment at the space consists of 3D printers, a laser cutter, sewing machines, computers and related tools. Considerable interest has been shown in the program.
- The CCC-SBI loan program completed an additional loan for a local business.
- Entrepreneurial/counseling activities continue with 10 small businesses in various stages of operation.

Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)
Please provide date, event title and web links to information: