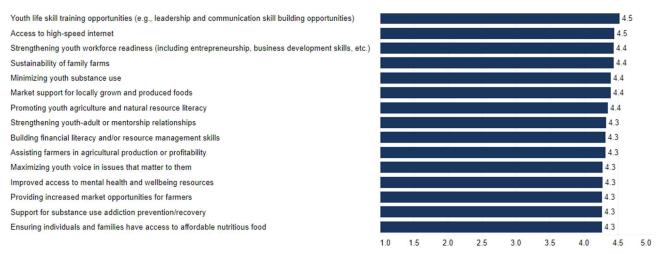


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Edmonson County Results Summary

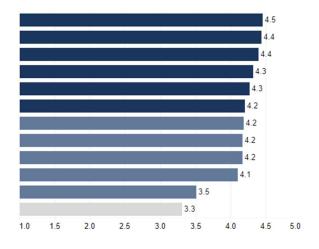
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Top 15 Issues in Edmonson County



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet
Sustainability of family farms
Market support for locally grown and produced foods
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
Preserving/managing agricultural land
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Dealing with climate variation
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



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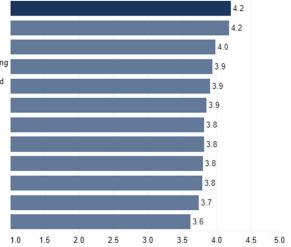
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Community and Economic Development Needs

Efforts that support local and small businesses	
Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)	
Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)	
Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations	
Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)	
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts	
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders	
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions	
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure	
Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)	
Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development	
Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making	



Youth Development Needs

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)		
$Strengthening \ youth \ workforce \ readiness \ (including \ entrepreneurship, \ business \ development \ skills, \ etc.)$		
Minimizing youth substance use		
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy	1	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships		
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them		
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence		
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise		
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth		
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing		
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships		
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming		

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Individual and Family Development Needs

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.3	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.3	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.3	
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.3	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills								4.2	
Building life skills of community members							4	4.2	
Senior citizen support programs							4.	2	
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4.	1	
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4.1		
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases							4.0		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safet	ty						4.0		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							3.9		
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