

## MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The Michigan Strategic Fund administers the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program is a federal grant program utilizing funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are used to provide grants to eligible counties, cities, villages, and townships, usually with populations under 50,000, for economic development, community development, and housing projects. The Michigan Strategic Fund, in cooperation with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation<sup>SM</sup> (MEDC), administers the economic development and community development portions of the program and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) administers the housing portion of the program.

Each year, Michigan receives approximately \$30 million in federal CDBG funds out of which various projects are funded throughout the state.

The following counties and their respective units of local governments are not eligible for State of Michigan CDBG funds:

- Genesee County (except for the cities of Clio, Davidson, Flushing and Lennon)
- Kent County
- Macomb County
- Oakland County (except for the village of Holly)
- Wayne County
- Washtenaw County and the following units of government within the county are **not eligible** for Michigan CDBG funds:
  - Ann Arbor City, Ann Arbor Township, Bridgewater Township, Northfield Township, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Scio Township, Superior Township, Ypsilanti City, Ypsilanti Township and York Township.

The following Michigan cities are **not eligible** to directly apply for or directly receive State of Michigan CDBG funds:

Battle Creek, Bay City, Benton Harbor, East Lansing, Holland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Midland, Monroe, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Niles, Norton Shores, Portage, Port Huron and Saginaw.

Indian tribes eligible for assistance under Section 107(a) (7) of the Housing and Community Development Act are not eligible to directly apply for or directly receive Michigan CDBG funds. However, an eligible county or township may apply for Michigan CDBG funds for projects located on Indian reservations if the unit of general local government has the legal authority to fund such projects on Indian reservations and Indian preference is not provided.

Economic development projects are those involving activities directly related to a for-profit private business location or expansion project that will result in the creation of permanent jobs, with at least 51% of the jobs held by low- and moderate-income people. Eligible community development projects are those with community development activities that address critical infrastructure needs in communities with concentrations of low- and moderate-income people of at least 51%.

Initial contact should be made with the MEDC Customer Assistance Center at 517.373.9808 or visit our Website at [www.MichiganAdvantage.org](http://www.MichiganAdvantage.org) to confirm funding availability. If the project appears eligible, then a local government may be invited to prepare and submit a Pre-Application to the MEDC. If the proposed project warrants further consideration, the MEDC may authorize the local government to prepare a full application and be considered by the MSF Board.