

Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Program Description

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) administers the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG 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 State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) administers the housing portion of the program.

Each year, Michigan receives approximately \$40 million in federal CDBG funds, out of which approximately 150 projects are funded throughout the state.

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

To receive consideration for economic and/or community development funding, initial contact should be made with the MEDC. If the project appears eligible, then the local government may be invited to prepare and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the MEDC. An NOI is a three page form providing basic information on the proposed project. If the proposed project warrants further consideration, the MEDC may authorize the local government to prepare a full application.

For more information about this program, contact Southwest Michigan First at 269.553.9588.