



Spring Training and Funding Opportunities

It's Spring in the central U.P. and we have many training and funding opportunities available as the weather gets warmer! To stay up to date please visit our website or follow us on Facebook!

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Prosperous Places Mini-Grants are Open!

Through the Regional Prosperity Initiative, CUPPAD has established a competitive mini-grant program available to local governments and nonprofit organizations to initiate or improve placemaking principles in their local communities. Initiatives that enhance downtowns, parks, neighborhoods, plazas, or any public gathering space can greatly impact a community's sense of place. The Prosperous Places Mini-Grant Program aims to build a thriving future for Central Upper Peninsula communities by creating places where people want to live, work, and play.

Grant awards may range between \$500 and \$5,000 and require a 1:1 match.



Projects utilizing Prosperous Places funds are to be completed between June 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. **Deadline for applications is May 3, 2019.**

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Ryan Soucy at rsoucy@cuppad.org or 906-399-1371

[Eligibility Requirements and Application](#)

Safe Routes to School Regional Trainings

The SRTS regional trainings are for school champions, award recipients, principals, school transportation officials, planners, and road authorities, who want to dive deeper into the SRTS movement.

The regional trainings will consist of small group, hands-on sessions designed to help you build or sustain a SRTS project and presentations meant to share best practices and success stories from some of Michigan's most innovative projects. Breakout session topics include:

- Navigating the Planning Process
- Navigating the Application Process
- Students at the Center: Youth Engagement and Leadership with SRTS
- Building Sustainable District-Wide SRTS Programs
- Asset Mapping: From Resources to Volunteers
- Diversify and Amplify: Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen Your Program

SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



Houghton - Wednesday, May 29
Escanaba - Thursday, May 30

All trainings go from 10AM to 3PM with a FREE light lunch included. However, registration is required as space is limited.

Michigan DEQ Dramatically Increases Funding

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will dramatically increase available funding for Recycling infrastructure Grants from \$500,000 to \$3.7 million and extend the **deadline for grant applications to May 1, 2019.**



The Recycling Infrastructure Grant is part of the MDEQ's Fiscal Year 2019 Sustainability Grants, which also includes Scrap Tire Cleanup Grants and Scrap Tire Market Development Grants. The increased funding has been made available by the recently established Renew Michigan Fund. Eligible entities include cities, villages, townships, charter townships, counties, tribal governments, municipal solid waste or resource recovery authorities, non-profit organizations, school districts, health departments, colleges or universities, and regional planning agencies. Funding or program partners may be for-profit organizations, but such entities are not eligible to receive grants. The maximum request amount per grant is \$1 million.

[Eligibility Requirements and the Request for Proposals](#)

2019 PASER Training in Escanaba and Marquette

The Center for Technology and Training is hosting Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating training in Marquette and Escanaba.



Certification testing is optional and will happen after the training sessions.

Escanaba: Wednesday, **April 10**, 2019 8:00AM - 12:00PM at the Delta County Road Commission

[View the Flyer and Register](#)

Marquette: Thursday, **April 11**, 2019 8:00AM- 12:00PM at the Marquette Charter Township

Michigan Mobility 2045 Survey

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is developing a new state long-range transportation plan (SLRTP), known as Michigan Mobility 2045 (MM 2045), that will establish a vision and priorities for transportation in Michigan for 25 years.



Please take a few minutes to complete this interactive survey regarding the future of transportation in Michigan!

[Take the Survey Today](#)

Michigan Agency for Energy Funding and Incentives

[Building Operator Certification \(BOC\) Incentive](#)

The Michigan Energy Office provides a \$400 incentive to eligible public and non-profit building operators attending the BOC training. Please contact kgredvig@mwalliance.org to find out more.



[Agriculture and Rural Communities Energy Incentive Program](#) The Michigan Agency for Energy, through the Michigan Energy Office, will offer financial incentives to farms, agribusinesses, public entities, and rural small businesses for energy related implementation projects, recommended from energy audits and assessments.

[Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program \(MMAPP\)](#) The Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program provides cost share support to eligible Michigan businesses that were awarded a federal clean energy technology development grant. Approximately \$100,000 in cost share support will be available each year. Individual awards cannot exceed \$25,000 annually, and MEO's commitment cannot exceed three years. The MEO requires a minimum 400 percent (4:1) match of the total requested cost share support, which may be in-kind.

[More Information on Grants and Incentives](#)

MSU Extension Opportunity Zones Training

What will be covered:

- Overview of what Opportunity Zones are and how they work
- What does a marketing strategy look like?
- How to identify potential sites in your opportunity zone
- Developing a list of community assets
- Defining what you want to attract
- Crafting a marketing strategy

Those that participate will be able to:

- Explain what an opportunity zone is and how they were selected.
- Understand what the potential impacts on their community might be from opportunity zones.
- Explore how to market opportunity zones.
- Identify potential sites for (re)development within opportunity zones in their community.
- Identify assets that help attract (re)development to their opportunity zones.
- Examine what they want out of (re)development for their communities.
- Draft a marketing strategy for an Opportunity Zone re(development) site.

[More Information on Opportunity Zones and Registration](#)

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May 8 in Escanaba, from 1-4pm

Bay College
MTEC 2031
2000 N 30th Street,
Escanaba, MI 49829

Cost: **FREE** - Sponsored by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

Lunch is provided by the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) Council before the training.

Registration closes May 12