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Fall News & Updates
from the Central Region



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The leaves are falling and the Yoop is enjoying unseasonably warm weather (until it snows). It's the perfect time to get out and enjoy our trails and other fall festivities. In this issue we have some funding opportunities for the end of the year and some project announcements.

Funding Opportunities

MSHDA Mod Program

The MSHDA Mod 2022 Program is accepting funding submissions from eligible communities to utilize modular products in critical need areas where workforce housing is not currently available. This opportunity is to promote construction of modular or modified construction technology housing in areas that are primarily residential. In the 2022 competitive funding round, MSHDA will provide up to \$2,000,000 to fund ten communities at \$200,000.



Letters of interest in participation are due on **November 19th**.

MDARD Rural Development Grant

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is now accepting project proposals for their Rural Development Grants. Projects should promote the sustainability of land-based industries and support infrastructure that benefits rural communities.



Proposals are due **November 18th by 3pm EST**.

MSHDA NEP Program

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program's

(NEP) primary goals are to identify and fund innovative activities to address a neighborhood's specific needs; assist and then showcase Michigan neighborhood(s) where people are engaged and facilitating change; and to provide funding to facilitate and implement activities.

The NEP program can financially assist high-impact, innovative,



neighborhood housing-oriented activities that benefit low and moderate income areas and residents. All components are designed to fund tangible housing-oriented activities that are: implementation ready; highly visible; impactful to the neighborhood and resident's quality of life; holistically/community focused; and where there is buy-in and demonstrated support within the neighborhood and community.

The submission request **deadline is December 8th.**

Coastal Management Program: Fresh Coast Best Coast



The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has announced the availability of coastal management grants for 2023. Eligible entities include units of government: cities, counties, villages, and townships; regional planning organizations, and educational institutions. Priority will be given to projects that manage recreation responsibly, master plan and ordinance updates concerning coastal regions, safe and sustainable public access, and the installation or updating of green infrastructure.

Deadline to apply is December 20, 2021.

As always, if you or your community would like assistance in preparing a proposal, project, or application CUPPAD is ready and happy to help! Please follow us on [Facebook](#) for the most up to date funding opportunities.

CUPPAD News

With only a few months left, 2021 is winding down but our project load is not! We are currently working on Master Plans for the cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming, Recreation Plans for Ford River, Escanaba, and Skandia, along with updating the Superior Region Non Motorized Plan for 2022.

Non Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Research

Non Emergency Medical Transportation has been identified as a high unmet need in the Central Region. We are collecting survey responses in an effort to focus on where the need is the greatest. The document produced by this study will help future funders, providers, and organizations better target and direct their limited resources toward areas of that would have the greatest impact.



There are two surveys: one for local units of government, and another for the general public. Please use the appropriate link and share.
Thank you for taking the time to respond!

PASER Road Rating Comes to a Close

Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating is complete for the 2021 season! In the last 6 months we have rated over 2,700 miles of federal aid eligible central U.P. roads. Roads get scored according to "Good", "Fair", or "Poor" conditions and are compiled in a report at the end of the year. For more information, please see our [Transportation Planning](#) section of our website.



Thank you for reading!

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