

# Central UP Broadband Task Force Quarterly Meeting #1

Friday, February 17, 2023

## Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and introductions
- ▶ MI Connected Future Listening Tour & Community Workshops in a Box
- ▶ Michigan Health Endowment Fund - Central UP Telehealth Study proposal
- ▶ ROBIN grant discussion
- ▶ Partner updates

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**CUPPAD**



# Welcome and introductions

NAME	ORGANIZATION	NAME	ORGANIZATION
Russ Tripp	906 Technologies	Trae Forgette	MARESA - REMC 21
Cory Heigl	Astrea	Emily Leach	Marquette County
Brian Seppanen	Bay College	Vicki Schwab	MEDC
		Charlotte	
Michelle LaJoie	Community Action Alger Marquette	Bewersdorff	MERIT
Tom Stephenson	Connected Nation	Jim Lundberg	MERIT
Ryan Carrig	CUPPAD	Dave Nyberg	Northern Michigan University
Carolyn Stacey	Escanaba Public Library	Scott Randall	Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN)
			Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL)
Jill Beaudo	Hannahville Indian Community	Julie Shaw	
Jay Brogan	Hiawatha Telecommunications	Kent Lacroix	Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital
Bethany Leiter	Highline	Scott Nagy	Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital
Bruce Moore	Highline	Beau Boden	UP Michigan Works
Dave Kronberg	Innovate Marquette SmartZone	Holly Peoples	UP Michigan Works
Amy Berglund	InvestUP	Lee Marana	Upper Peninsula Health Plan
Keith Glendon	Lucid Coast	Jason Brown	mPower Innovations

# MI Connected Future Listening Tour

- ▶ How can we best prioritize \$1.6B in funding from BEAD?
- ▶ State Digital Equity Plan - December 19, 2023
- ▶ Who is planning to attend?
- ▶ At least four priorities from BTF
- ▶ What sorts of questions or feedback should we provide? Ideas:
  - ▶ Broadband infrastructure workforce
    - ▶ <https://www.fiberbroadband.org/page/certification>
  - ▶ Digital literacy
  - ▶ Telehealth



**Join the Lt. Gov. for one of the most important decisions you'll ever make for your community**

Be part of history by joining Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II and the Michigan High-Speed Internet (MIHI) Office during the MI Connected Future listening tour! We want to hear your opinion about funding priorities for the \$1.6 billion coming to Michigan through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program.

High-speed internet access for your community means next-level connectivity — video calls to family, online learning, remote work — all of which translates to economic prosperity, jobs, increased quality of life for the aging and more.

You know your community best, so make sure your voice is heard! Let's work together to ensure every home, business and Michigander is equipped and has access to affordable high-speed internet.

**Join us on Saturday, Feb. 18 from  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at  
The Northern Center, Peninsula Rooms 1 & 2  
Northern Michigan University  
1401 Presque Isle Avenue  
Marquette, Michigan**

[Register for this event here.](#)

Visit [Michigan.gov/MICConnectedFuture](https://Michigan.gov/MICConnectedFuture) to learn more!

# Regarding broadband, what are your organizations' top priorities? Alternatively, what do you hope the ecosystem accomplishes in the next five years?

Expanding healthcare access to everyone in our county via telehealth.

Telework, competitive access for UP business,

increased access for UP homes and businesses.

Providing affordable educational broadband access to rural communities who are unserved or underserved.

More access for our patients in rural, underserved areas for telehealth and remote patient monitoring (RPM)

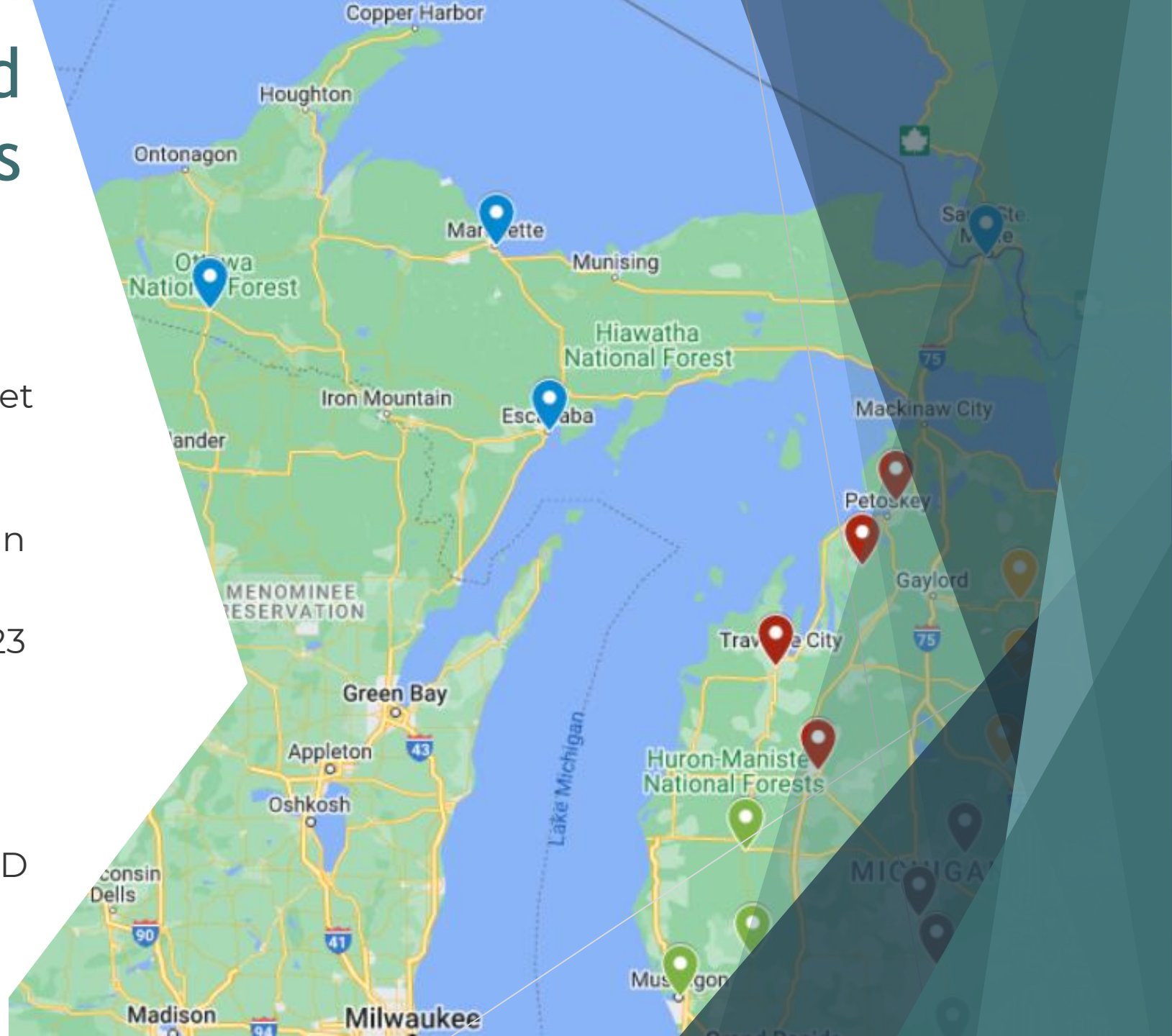
path diversity

Meeting our organizations ACAM obligations. 100% Fiber to the Home.



# MI Connected Future Tour Dates

- ▶ **Watersmeet:** May 16, 2023:  
5:00PM - 7:00PM : Watersmeet  
Township Hall
- ▶ **Marquette:** May 17, 2023 : NC  
Ballroom II Northern Michigan  
University
- ▶ **Sault Ste Marie** - May 18, 2023
- ▶ **Escanaba** – TBD
  
- ▶ **Workshops in a Box**  
(Facilitated by CUPPAD) – TBD



# Michigan Infrastructure Office - TA Program

- ▶ CUPPAD coordinating TA funds
- ▶ \$80K for TA support available in the Central UP to go toward supporting activities for Federal infrastructure grants
- ▶ \$1.2M in project match funds available to share among Northwest lower and Upper Peninsula

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY**

**Federal infrastructure discretionary grant identification, grant writing, Benefit-Cost Analysis, project outreach, project implantation, project reporting**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2022, the Michigan legislature appropriated funding to establish a technical assistance program within the Michigan Infrastructure Office. The purpose of the program is to provide technical assistance, planning, and matching grants to local units of government and planning organizations to help draw federal infrastructure money to Michigan's communities.

### **ABOUT THE MICHIGAN INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE**

The Michigan Infrastructure Office is responsible for organizing and executing Governor Whitmer's vision for infrastructure, coordinating across state government, marshaling resources, and partnering with local officials, federal partners, and outside stakeholders to ensure resources sent to Michigan through BIL, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), are used efficiently and effectively.

### **FUNDING OPPORUNITY DESCRIPTION**

The Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO) Technical Assistance (TA) program allows eligible recipients to directly contract with pre-qualified consultants through their Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Planning Agencies, or Economic Development Districts (MPO/RPA) to first receive consulting services on a fast-track, as-needed basis, and then get reimbursed from the MIO for those approved services. Selected contractors will perform consulting services, grant identification, project management, grant writing and administration for projects supported with federal infrastructure discretionary grants. This program is administered by MIO with support from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The MIO will enter into an agreement with an MPO/RPA to provide funding for eligible activities under this Announcement.

#### **Eligibility**

##### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include project planning, grant identification, grant application writing and submittal, project implementation, recordkeeping, grant reporting, project close-out, and reasonably associated activities. MPO/RPA staff time for associated work is considered an eligible activity.

##### **Eligible Recipients**