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Housing News & Updates
from the Central Region



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Spring is just around the corner and so are these funding opportunities! We want to share the latest news, events, and opportunities so we may all work together to make a positive impact on the region's housing needs and our impacted communities.

MSHDA's Statewide Housing Plan has been finished and workshops are being held across the UP to foster visioning and collaboration between partners. We encourage you to sign up for the Regional Housing Partnership Kick-Off! More details can be found in the last segment of this newsletter.

Funding Opportunities

MSHDA MOD Permanent Program

MSHDA Mod 2023 – Round II will be accepting funding applications from non-profit organizations, local units of government, and for-profit entities meeting Limited Dividend Housing Association criteria.



This funding is being provided to utilize modular or modified construction technology to construct standalone single-family homes statewide in communities with a need for workforce housing. In this funding round, there are two components:

- Component A which offers \$1.3 million to fund up to five eligible applicants seeking to build one standalone single-family house for resale.
- Component B which offers \$1 million to fund a development of four standalone single-family houses simultaneously for resale.

Construction funds are available up to \$224,500 per house. The program serves as a catalyst to spur modular/modified construction technology housing units throughout Michigan.

Please see their [website](#) for additional instructions and eligibility requirements.

Application Deadline: April 21, 2023

MSHDA Investing in Community Housing (MICH)



Investing in Community Housing is a new grant-funded phased program seeking interest submissions from municipalities, non-profit agencies, land banks, emerging developers, and stakeholder groups. There are three activity components in Phase 1:

- Component A: Down Payment Assistance (DPA) - Total funds available up to \$1,000,000.
- Component B: Small-Scale Housing Accessibility Renovation Enhancements (SHARE), open to assist owner occupied, non-owner occupied, and/or to acquire then rehabilitate existing single-family homes for sale. Total funds available up to \$5,500,000.
- Component C: New Infill Construction Encouragement (NICE) within Qualified Census Tract areas or in existing NHID MSHDA Mod and/or SHRP projects. Total funds available up to \$5,500,000.

Please download this PDF for additional instructions and eligibility requirements.

Application Deadline: April 21, 2023

MSHDA: Missing Middle Round Two



Several key changes are happening to the MSHDA Missing Middle Round Two funding:

- Applicants are no longer required to be non-profit developer.
- Program will use 60%-120% Area Median Income (AMI) for the qualifying target household income range vs. 185%-300% FPG
- Maximum grant amounts are \$70,000 per unit for projects of 12+ units and \$80,000 per unit for projects of 11 units or less (a maximum of \$5 million per project)
- Compliance period on for-sale units has been reduced to 5 years (rental remains 10 years)
- \$50 million was added to the program and Round 2 has \$80 million available for distribution (within regional and target area requirements).

Please see the [MSHDA website](#) for more information including the [FAQ](#) and [application directions](#).

Application Opens: Monday, March 20

Applications Close: September 30, 2024 or until funds are depleted

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

Housing News

Senator Peters Urges Biden to Address Housing Crisis

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI), Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, joined 16 other Senate Committee Chairs and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer in urging President Biden to address our nation's housing needs by using a "whole-of-government" approach.



“The depth of our country’s affordable housing crisis is undeniable,” Peters and the Senators wrote. “This crisis was exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we continue to learn about how safe and affordable housing can support Americans’ health, well-being, and economic opportunity.”

The Senators continued, “With the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act, decisive steps have been taken to address many of our nation’s infrastructure deficiencies. However, more must be done to address the challenges facing the housing sector, where lagging production coupled with aging housing stock are making housing more expensive and unable to meet the needs of all Americans.”

[Read more at Senator Peters' website!](#)

[Congress Funds New YIMBY Grants for Zoning Reform](#)



Report language accompanying the bill noted a variety of land use reforms that the funding would be aimed at helping communities address, including:

- Increasing density
- Reducing minimum lot sizes
- Creating transit-oriented development zones
- Streamlining or shortening permitting processes and timeline
- Expanding by-right multifamily zoned areas
- Allowing mixed use and multifamily development in retail, office, and light manufacturing areas
- Allowing accessory dwelling units on lots with single family homes
- Eliminating or relaxing residential property height limitations
- Eliminating or reducing off-street parking requirements, and
- Donating vacant land for affordable housing development

The legislation also makes clear that local progress and commitment to reform will be key elements in determining who receives grant funding.

HUD will determine how applicant communities and regions will need to demonstrate their progress and commitment. According to congressional staff, the goal is to ensure that the funding leads to tangible, implemented zoning and land use reforms.

Funding will also be targeted at communities experiencing 'acute' demand for affordable housing. Eligible uses of the funding will include:

- Development, updating, or evaluation of housing plans
- Creation of new housing strategies
- Analysis of regulatory barriers, and
- Drafting new codes, ordinances, and procedures to support expanding housing opportunities

[Read more at the American Planning Association's website!](#)

Events

Partnership Kick-Off

Join the state of Michigan to learn about the role your region can play in the implementation of Michigan's first statewide housing plan. Participate in a facilitated work session to start laying the groundwork

for the formation of a formal regional housing partnership RHP and learn how this regional collaborative process can support the advancement of the plan.

RHP A: Western Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership

March 22, 1– 4:30 p.m.
Hancock, MI

RHP B: Central Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership

March 23, 1– 4:30 p.m.
Presque Isle Marquette, MI

RHP C: Eastern Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership

March 24, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Who should attend:

- municipalities
- developers
- land banks
- community development organizations
- service providers
- businesses
- community stakeholders

Agenda at a Glance

- Welcome - MSHDA 30 mins
- Orientation - MSUE 20 mins
- About the Statewide Plan - 10 mins
- Explore Current Housing Network (gallery walk) - 20 mins
- Visioning and Consensus Workshop - 80 mins
- Discussion - 60 mins
- Evaluation and Wrap Up - 10 mins

The first step is a kickoff meeting in each region. The purpose of this meeting is to learn about the role each region can play in the implementation of Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan. Please join us and participate in a facilitated work session to start laying the groundwork for the formation of a formal Regional Housing Partnership (RHP), and learn how this regional collaborative process can support the advancement of the Plan. MSHDA hopes to hear from as many stakeholders as possible and asked us to assist them with hosting this RHP Kick-Off Meeting.

March 23, from 1 - 4:30 pm EST at the Northern Center, in the Peninsula II room, 1401 Presque Isle Marquette, MI.

[Register Here!](#) **Space is limited!** As of this publication there are 19 spots available.

Thank you for reading!