

Fall 2023

News & Updates for the Central UP Region

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News

The [Michigan Municipal League](#) has announced [MI Funding Hub](#), formerly known as ServeMICity, a hub which, when finished, will provide communities a central hub to aid in understanding and successful pursuit of state and federal funding.

We are looking forward to the completed hub early next year!



[We are Hiring a GIS Specialist!](#)

Come and work with us at the Central UP Planning and Development Regional Commission. We are seeking an experienced GIS Specialist to join our office. We are a small regional government with a mission to assist communities within Delta, Menominee, Schoolcraft, Dickinson, Alger, and Marquette counties to achieve optimum quality of life. The main CUPPAD office is in Escanaba, MI but most of the employees have a home-based office in the area. Opportunities for continuing education and career development are encouraged.



See the job posting at <https://www.planningmi.org/job-postings> feel free to share and contact us with any questions!

Funding + Grant Opportunities

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](#)



Grant funding is available for eligible state, local, and Tribal governments. Ideal projects will cut carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, and reduce energy use. Local governments and Tribes can apply for funding through the [Office of State and Community Energy Programs](#) until **January 2024**.

The [Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development \(MDARD\)](#) provides grant opportunities to promote the sustainability of land-based industries and support infrastructure developments that benefits rural communities.

Land-based industries include food and agriculture,

forestry, mining, oil and gas production, and tourism. Eligible counties include those with a population no greater than 70,000 residents or micropolitan statistical areas. For a complete list of eligible counties, visit www.michigan.gov/mdardgrants.

The [2024 Grant Cycle](#) opened on October 24th, with **proposals due January 9th at 3pm EST**. An informational webinar will be available on Microsoft Teams on November 14th, at 2pm EST.



[The Michigan Coastal Management Program's](#) (MCMP) Grant Funding Opportunity for 2025 has been announced. The MCMP provides grant funds to assist in the development of vibrant and resilient coastal communities and wants to fund projects that minimize coastal hazard risk, protect and restore healthy coastal ecosystems, enhance public access, and stormwater solutions. More details and resources are available at the [Coastal Management Program's website](#).



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. We can also write a **letter of support** for your application.

Events + Training Opportunities

[2023 Michigan Broadband Summit](#): Navigating the Infrastructure and Digital Equity Landscape.

The Summit will be held on **November 2-3** at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, in East Lansing, MI. This event is for Merit Members only. However, you can apply to join today.



[Critical Conversations in Michigan Tourism Webinar Series: Short-Term Rentals](#).

For many communities, solving the housing puzzle includes addressing short-term rentals (STRs). Yet, STRs can fill a local or regional gap in tourist housing and offer an alternative type of lodging that is in demand to leisure and business travelers alike. According to the STR data and analytics provider [AirDNA](#), the supply of STRs in the US saw large increases in 2022 and more modest increases in 2023. These increases in the number of dwellings being used for STRs have caused some Michigan communities to review their plans and policies to ensure they reflect the community's vision and needs. This 90-minute webinar will begin by exploring trends and research related to STRs as well as where local communities can find data to examine their own local situation. This will be followed by an overview of policy approaches, regulatory tools, enforcement, and key STR court cases. The program will highlight several Michigan examples of community regulatory approaches to STRs.



November 9, 6:30pm EST



The Coastal Leadership Academy Scenario-based Planning and Zoning workshop is a **one day, in-person workshop** that introduces local decision makers to creative scenario-based planning and zoning tools and adaptation strategies that can help address coastal challenges in their jurisdictions. Using the MCMP [Resilient Coastal Communities Planning Guide](#) and [Building Coastal Resilience](#) video series as its foundation, this workshop introduces participants to resources and resilient principles that can be incorporated into community planning documents.

CUPPAD will be hosting this event on **December 6, from 9:30am - 4:30pm EST** at the Delta County Service Center Boardroom, located at 2950 College Ave in Escanaba.

Please **save the date!** More information will be released shortly.

[EGLE's Catalyst Communities Webinar Series](#)



The [Catalyst Communities Initiative](#) is a comprehensive program to provide education, training, planning, and technical resources to local governments as they work toward their sustainability goals. This initiative offers an array of resources on various environmental, social, and economic topics to help communities across Michigan make a just transition to decarbonization and meet our [MI Healthy Climate Plan goals](#). The initiative aims to provide a range of resource options to meet communities wherever they are, regardless of geography, population size, or pre-existing knowledge. Webinars are recorded and accessible at the [EGLE Catalyst Communities Website](#).

Coming Up:

[MI Solar Communities: How to Finance and Develop a Community Solar Project](#)
November 1, 1-2pm EST

[Tools and Resources to Help Communities Navigate Materials Management](#)
November 14, 11am - 12pm EST

[Coastal Resilience Webinar Series: Taking Action Together](#)



The Michigan Coastal Management Program and the Michigan Association of Planning invite all coastal communities to a **FREE** learning opportunity. The webinars build upon a statewide series of Coastal Leadership Academies.

Coming Up:

[Developing Scenario-Based Plans](#)
Thursday **November 2, 1-2:30pm**

[Engaging the Community Through Charrettes](#)
Thursday **December 14, 1-2:30pm**

*Thank you for reading!
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