

Central UP CEDS/RHP Meeting #2

March 19, 2026

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and introductions
- ▶ Grants, Trainings, & Events
- ▶ Partner Updates



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Welcome and Introductions

2026 CEDS Committee

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| Alan Barr | <i>Creative Change</i> | Vince Bevins | <i>Michigan Department of Transportation</i> |
| Trent Bellingar | <i>Delta Schoolcraft ISD</i> | Joe Thiel | <i>Innovate Marquette SmartZone</i> |
| Victoria George | <i>Schoolcraft Tourism & Commerce</i> | Brigitte LaPointe | <i>Keweenaw Bay Indian Community</i> |
| Alex Kofsky | <i>Accelerate UP</i> | Julee Kaurala | <i>Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</i> |
| Holly Peoples | <i>Michigan Works of the Upper Peninsula</i> | Kathy Reynolds | <i>Greater Munising Bay Partnership of Commerce</i> |
| Amy Kraatz | <i>Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity</i> | Mindy Meyers | <i>Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance</i> |
| Phil Britton | <i>Fresh Systems, LLC</i> | Amy Berglund | <i>Invest UP</i> |
| Ed LeGault | <i>Delta County Economic Development Alliance</i> | Michelle LaJoie | <i>Community Action Alger Marquette</i> |
| Amy Stephens | <i>Marquette County Planning</i> | Nate Heffron | <i>Superior Trade Zone/ City of Negaunee</i> |
| Kathleen Henry | <i>Superior Watershed Partnership</i> | Dave Nyberg | <i>Northern Michigan University</i> |
| Christopher Germain | <i>Lake Superior Community Partnership</i> | Ryan Stern | <i>UP Regional Labor Federation</i> |

Welcome and Introductions

2026 Central UP Housing Collaborative

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| Michelle LaJoie | Community Action Alger-Marquette | Andrew McNeally | UPPCO |
| Antonio Adan | Marquette County | Anne Giroux | Invest UP |
| Christopher Germain | LSCP | Victoria George | Schoolcraft Tourism & Commerce |
| Debb Brunell | Michigan Works | Dave Nyberg | NMU |
| Rod DesJardins | DHHS | | |
| | | Eileen Sparpana | Bay College |
| Jason Carviou | Menominee County | Jon Dickerson | Schwalbach |
| Jen Tucker | MEDC | Julie Shaw | SAIL |
| Kathy Reynolds | Greater Munising Bay Partnership for Commerce | Kim Shiner | City of Manistique |
| Lindsey Clark | MEDC | Mindy Meyers | Dickinson EDA |
| Lyn Durant | Marquette Township | Alan Barr | Keller Williams |
| Nate Heffron | City of Negaunee | Brad Neumann | MSU Extension |
| Deanna Johnson | Habitat for Humanity | Ray Govus | MEDC |
| Patricia West | City of Gladstone | Sean Hobbins | City of Marquette |
| Sharron Maki | Marquette County Housing Commission | | |

Grants

- ▶ [USDA Rural Business Development Grant](#) - Stay tuned to this link and reach out to Holly Thomma with your questions
- ▶ NPS' [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants program](#) - opens Spring 2026
 - ▶ Apply through SHPO; stay updated here:
<https://www.miplace.org/historic-preservation/about-shpo/newsletter/>
- ▶ FHLBI's 2026 [Community Investment Programs](#) for Housing and Community Development, see flyer for details
- ▶ Housing Assistance Council's [OneRural TA Program](#) - Apply by March 31st
- ▶ Michigan Infrastructure Office's [2026 Technical Assistance Support](#) for federal grants - Apply by April 2nd
- ▶ US Forest Service's [Community Wood Grant Program](#) - Apply by April 22nd
- ▶ USDA's [Value-Added Producer Grant](#) - Apply by April 22nd

Training Opportunities

- ▶ [Planning and Zoning Essentials](#) - March 25 & 26th 6-8:00 PM, Eastern, virtual
- ▶ [Citizen Planner Online](#) - self paced, virtual
- ▶ Constructive Conflict Through Conversations – May 1st in Marquette (see attached flyer)
- ▶ MSU-E's [Public Act 58 Amendments to the Land Division Act Explained](#)
- ▶ MSU-E's [Planning Commission & Zoning Decision Making](#) – May 19th in Gwinn
- ▶ MSU-E's [Defensible Planning and Zoning Decisions](#) - June 2nd in Gwinn
- ▶ MSU-E's [Tools for Effective Facilitation](#) - April 27-30th in Sault Ste. Marie
- ▶ MSU-E's [Communicating Through Conflict](#) - May 6th, virtual

Events

- ▶ Michigan Recycling Coalition's [The Business of Recycling & Local Economic Development](#) - April 9th in Marquette
- ▶ ORP's [Rural Prosperity Summits](#) – April 20th (Lansing), June (Eastern UP), and July (Western UP)
- ▶ Housing Now's [Central UP Housing Solutions Summit](#) - May 6th at the Northern Center
- ▶ [MSHDA's Building Michigan Communities Conference](#) - May 12-13 in Lansing
- ▶ [Spring UPEDA Meeting](#) - May 14th 10:00-12:00PM Eastern, virtual
- ▶ UP Land Conservancy's [UP Stewardship Summit](#) - May 22nd 10:00-3:00PM at the Northern Center
- ▶ [CEDAM's Small Town Rural & Development Conference](#), June 1-3rd, at Crystal Mountain Resort
- ▶ MSHDA's Statewide Housing Plan 2.0 - Central UP Townhall - July TBD

Legislative News

- ▶ 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (Federal bill - [HR 6644](#)) - Cleared both House and Senate
- ▶ MI Home Program Act (State bills - HBs [5660](#) & [5661](#))
- ▶ Michigan Housing Readiness Package (State bills - HBs [5581](#), [5582](#), [5583](#), [5584](#), & [5585](#))

New Resources

- ▶ [What Michigan Local Governments Should Know About Data Centers, 2026](#)

Partner updates

Anything to share that's relevant to regional development?

Thank you for attending.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 21st, 10:00 - 12:00 PM Eastern -
Virtual meeting