

**CEDS Strategy Committee**  
**Quarterly Economic Development Update**  
**Spring 2023**



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**1) WMSRDC Regional Update**

- CEDS five-year update is underway:
  - SWOT analyses completed in March
  - Currently processing input
  - Will be sent via email for review and comment in May.
  - Next Up: Review CEDS Goals & Objectives

**2) EDA Funding Opportunities**

- See flier on next page

**3) Broadband**

- WMSRDC has agreed to serve as a regional broadband “navigator” and central point of contact
- Challenges to the national broadband map are still important and can still be submitted at: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>
- MIHI Broadband Listening Tour came through Muskegon (April 11) and Baldwin (April 12)
  - “Community Meeting in a Box” available for communities to host their own broadband meeting. Contact WMSRDC or email to [LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov)
- Broadband funding tip: “Digital Literacy” programs hosted in a community will help score more points for Broadband Equity Access & Deployment (BEAD) program applications for that community.

**Round Table Notes**

- MEDC: RAP 2.0 program applications open May 1 through June 30
  - \$13 million available for region 4
  - Public spaces emphasis; 50% match requirement; Universal designs receive extra points
- Lake County
  - ORV park on M37 moving ahead; material management is an upcoming concern; Lake county housing needs study anticipated; county exploring re-use of the residential re-entry facility in Baldwin.

**Next CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting**

- July 28, 2023 at 11:30 via Microsoft Teams

**Current EDA Grants in the Region**

- 1) Greater Muskegon Economic Development: Muskegon Heights Industrial Parks Master Plan
- 2) City of Hart: Wastewater Upgrades
- 3) Oceana County: Workforce and Economic Diversification Study

**Potential Projects**

- 1) Lake County Economic Diversification
- 2) Muskegon County Broadband Gap Analysis

**\*Planning & Local Technical Assistance**

**\*Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance**

**STEM Talent Challenge:**

- <https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-stem-talent-challenge>
- \$4.5 million
- Maximum Award \$500,000 over 2-years
- Creates and implements STEM talent development strategies and work-and-learn programs that complement their region's innovation economy (emerging and transformative sectors such as aerospace, aeronautics, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, and cybersecurity, among others)
- Closes June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Build to Scale:**

- Venture & Capital Challenge
- Innovation/Commercialization/Tech Transfer/ Entrepreneurial Capacity Development
- \$50 million
- **NOFO to be released soon**

**Tech Hubs:**

- Minimum of 20 designated
- \$500 million
- 2 Phases Designation & Implementation
- MSA will be the targeted regions
- **NOFO to be released soon**

**Recompete Pilot Program**

- Grant funding to distressed communities across the country to create, and connect workers to, good jobs and support long-term comprehensive economic development by helping to reduce the high, prime-age (25 to 54 years of age) employment gap.
- \$200 Million
- **NOFO to be Released soon**

**Energy Transition Communities Set Aside**

- Coal Impacted Communities
- Nuclear Impacted Communities
- Biomass Impacted Communities

**Disaster Impacted Communities**

- \$18 million Chicago Region
- Ionia, Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw & Macomb
- Funding currently available