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1) WMSRDC Regional Update

- CEDS five-year update is underway:
 - Seeking input regarding the following in relation to economic development:
 - Equity
 - Climate resilience
 - Workforce Development
 - How important are these topics to your day-to-day and long term strategies?
 - What are limitations you face in these areas?
 - What are some metrics that would be helpful to you in these areas?
- Hazard Mitigation Alignment
 - Have any natural hazards been a concern to your work?
 - Are you concerned about any potential impacts or vulnerabilities to natural hazards, especially as it pertains to the economy?

2) Broadband

- Challenges to the national broadband map are still important and can still be submitted at: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>

3) Roundtable Discussion

4) Other Information (attached)

- Baldwin downtown planning
- Consumers Energy grant (LOI due August 11)
- EDA Funding Opportunities (including the Re-compete Program, due October 5)

Next CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting

- October 27, 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
- 4) Lake County Economic Diversification

Potential Projects

- 1) Ag & Food Processing Fellowship



*The Village of Baldwin is creating
a vision for its downtown to
enhance the district
for all!*

*Your involvement is valued. Please
scan the QR code to take
our survey and share
your perspective.*

SCAN HERE!



2023 Prosperity Awards

Have a project that supports Michigan's economic development?

Submit a letter of intent (LOI) to receive as much as **\$250,000** from the Consumers Energy Foundation.

Here's How:

1

Submit an LOI online by August 11

Visit ConsumersEnergy.com/Foundation to learn more about the 2023 Prosperity Awards and submit your LOI. LOIs are due by Friday, August 11, 2023.

2

Describe your project and expected outcomes

The Consumers Energy Foundation will review LOIs for projects focused on improving the welfare of whole communities.

3

Make a positive impact in Michigan

Top applicants will be invited to submit a full application in September 2023. Grant recipients will be announced this Fall.

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CURRENT OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Build to Scale

BUILD TO SCALE

The \$50 million [Build to Scale](#) program provides funding for projects that strengthen ecosystems that equitably and inclusively support diverse technology innovators, entrepreneurs, and startups. These regions are growing technology-driven businesses, creating high-skill, high-wage jobs, and building the industries of the future.

Application Deadline: July 28, 2023

TECH HUBS

U.S. Economic Development Administration

TECH HUBS PROGRAM

Phase 1 of the [Tech Hubs Program](#) will designate at least 20 Tech Hubs across the country and separately award approximately \$15 million in strategy development grants to accelerate the development of future Tech Hubs. This \$500 million program will invest directly into a region to drive regional technology- and innovation-centric growth by strengthening a region's capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy critical technologies.

Application Deadline: August 15, 2023



RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM

Phase 1 of the [Recompete Pilot Program](#) will provide \$6–12 million in strategy development grants and approve at least 20 Recompete Plans. Those with approved Recompete Plans will be eligible to apply for Phase 2 implementation awards. This \$200 million program will make focused investments in persistently distressed communities to create and connect people to good jobs. This program will create renewed economic opportunity in communities where prime-age (25–54 years) employment significantly trails the national average, with the goal to close this gap through large, flexible investments.

Application Deadline: October 5, 2023



FY23 PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (PWEAA)

EDA is now accepting applications for the [FY23 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance \(PWEAA\)](#) funding opportunity. The [Public Works \(PW\)](#) program provides funding for construction and infrastructure projects. The [Economic Adjustment Assistance \(EAA\)](#) program is EDA's most flexible program, providing funding for a wide range of technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure assistance projects.

Application Deadline: Rolling



FY23 DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL

The [FY23 Disaster Supplemental](#) provides funding in regions impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding, and other Presidentially-declared major natural disasters throughout the United States (FY2021–FY2022).

Application Deadline: Rolling



PLANNING AND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

EDA is now accepting applications for [Planning](#) and [Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\)](#) programs. Planning grants help regions create and implement economic development plans designed to build capacity and strengthen economies. LTA grants support projects such as feasibility studies, impact analyses, disaster resiliency plans and project planning.

Application Deadline: Rolling

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