# Contract / Leases / Agreements / Grants Form

This is	New	х	Renewal	Filling this out on a computer? Please type an X into the appropriate box.
This is a Grant	Yes	x	No	If you marked YES this needs to go through Grant Review.
Thisisan	Agreement_X_ Contract Lease Other:			
Name of Entity who Contract / Lease / Agreement / Grant is with	MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority)			
Project Name	MI NEIGHBORHOOD			
Attorney Review	All Contracts / Leases / Agreements / Grants must have Attorney Review and approval through the Commissioner's Office.			
Insurance Review	All Contracts / Leases / Agreements / Grants must have appropriate insurance coverage per the attached list. It is the Department Heads responsibility to make sure that all requirements are met and listed on the insurance certificate.			
Total Amount	\$400,000.00			
Organization Match	\$0.00			
County Match	\$0.00			

I have reviewed and approved this Contract / Lease / Agreement / Grant and attached appropriate insurance:

Dich Hanish	April 1, 2024	
The Department Head Requesting	Date Signed	

## GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

County Clerk In Buttand	Date Signed: 4-2-24	I am requesting a meeting
County Treasurer: Links Lindlew	Date Signed: 4-2-24	I am requesting a meeting
Finance Chairman:	Date Signed:	I am requesting a meeting
County Administrator: Jemyley Wattre	Date Signed: 4-2-2024	I am requesting a meeting

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Date Received:	Date Sent for Attorney Review:	
Attorney Approval Received:	Insurance Received:	



PROGRAM OUTLINE	
Overview	MI Neighborhood is a blend of \$60 million in funding as a response to the regional action plans' strategic alignment with the Statewide Housing Plan. This new application streamlines access to three primary activities: Public Amenities, Rehabilitation, and New Units.
Funding Goal	In FY24, MI Neighborhood will provide up to \$60 million to fund projects statewide across all activities. Regional investment targets have been developed using an equitable, transparent, data driven strategy. Regions are based on the 15 regional housing partnerships identified in the Statewide Housing Plan.
Size of Awards	Beginner (i.e., 0-2 grants or developer units implemented by applicant): Up to \$200,000
	Intermediate (i.e., 3-4 grants or developer units implemented by applicant): Up to \$400,000
	Advanced: (i.e., 5+ grants or developer units implemented by applicant): Up to \$2 Million
	Plus up to 18% Administration funds based on documented expenditures or up to 18% developer fee or a combination of both, up to 18% total. Administration funds/Developer fee will be calculated and determined by MSHDA.
	Requests over \$400,000 require 1:1 leverage. Source of leverage subject to MSHDA approval.
	Must be an entity; individuals are ineligible. Eligible applicants include:
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofit Organization 501(c): A nonprofit organization that is currently servicing the proposed community/neighborhood within the state of Michigan. A public or private nonprofit organization must be organized to aid persons and families of low or moderate income. The applicant must have at least one full-time employee, cannot operate the agency via their principal residence, and must provide a projected sustainable operating budget through fiscal year 2026, not including MSHDA funded projects.
	Unit of General Local Government: A city, village, township, county, or any intergovernmental, metropolitan, or local department, agency, or authority, or othe local political subdivision.



	For-Profit Developer: An organization that is working within the state of Michigan and meets the MSHDA Limited Dividend Housing Association (LDHA) parameters.  Note: For-Profit Developers are ineligible to apply for the Public Amenity activity.
Program Duration	The period of performance for all awards will begin on the effective date of the grant agreement, with full disbursement of funds no later than 24 months thereafter.
Program Launch	MSHDA will launch the program on April 1, 2024.



PUBLIC AMENITY   GRANT OUTLINE	Public amenities are intended to provide public benefit to health, safety, or overall quality of life within a community. The primary goal of this component is to identify and fund innovative activities to address community or neighborhood needs. All components are designed to fund tangible activities that are implementation ready, highly visible, impactful to the neighborhood and residents qualify of life, and will benefit the community/region overall.
Target Communities	Activities must be located within a downtown or downtown adjacent area.  A "Downtown area" is an area where 20 or more contiguous properties have been planned, zoned, or used for commercial purposes for 50 or more years and where a majority of the buildings are built adjacent to each other as determined by the authority and up to the public right-of-way. To be considered a downtown area, the area must contain a significant number of multilevel, mixed-use buildings and property in the downtown area must be owned by more than three private owners.  An "Adjacent neighborhood" is a residential area as determined by the authority immediately adjoining or near a downtown area within the same municipality not to exceed one mile.
Size of Award	Up to 10% of a regional investment target, or \$75,000, whichever is greater, may be used for community-based public amenities. The maximum grant amount is \$75,000; multiple activities in a single application may be funded up to the maximum.
Payment Process	MSHDA disburses assistance directly to grantees on a reimbursement basis. Upon request, an advance of 25% of the project funds (not administrative funds) is allowed provided funds are expended within 180 days.  Reimbursement for purposes of the program is defined as the issuance of payment via the MSHDA grant management system when work has been completed, a grantee is invoiced for the work performed, both grantee and property owner sign-off has been secured; and approval of a financial status report (FSR). Administration dollars must include documentation to be funded.  Ten (10%) percent of the grant award amount may be withheld and not reimbursed until all paperwork regarding final completion and reporting of activity outcomes is provided.





Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, playground structures / amenities, walking path, mural, pocket park, pavilion, permanent benches, entranceway signage/lighting, orchards/perennials, dog park, community spaces / raised garden beds, gazebo, and picnic tables.

#### **Eligible Activity Types**

Improvements must benefit the entire neighborhood and be located on publicly owned property. Must either be owned by the applicant or have consent from owner with guidance from MSHDA (refer to Public Amenity Site Ownership Guidance). Park enhancements must either be permanently affixed or stored in a secure location on site when not in use.

This program encourages enhancements and/or creation of public amenities that promote outdoor activities and events.



REHABILITATION   GRANT OUTLINE	The intent of the Rehabilitation activity is to preserve existing housing stock. Successful proposals will target resources to the needs of the specific community and demonstrate the appropriate size and scope of the activity. Activities in this component range from smaller scale energy efficiency or accessibility improvements to substantial rehabilitation.
Target Population(s)	Activities in this category may be used for households with incomes up to 120% AMI. Applicants must identify their target population(s) based on an assessment of need.  Low Income = <60% AMI: at least 20% of the units in every project must serve this AMI.  Moderate Income = <80% AMI  Middle Income = <120% AMI
Target Communities	Activities are intended to impact a neighborhood and/or provide a regional benefit. Data that demonstrates the target community's need for housing rehabilitation will be considered during the evaluation of applications. Communities with a high percentage of housing built before 1970 and high rates of families that are housing cost burdened will be given preference.
Maximum Subsidy per Unit	The maximum subsidy per unit is established by the grantee but may not exceed \$40,000 for occupied units and may not exceed \$100,000 for unoccupied units.  A five-year non-prorated, forgivable lien in the full amount of the assistance will be placed on properties that receive over \$10,000.
Payment Process	MSHDA disburses assistance directly to grantees on a reimbursement basis. Upon request, MSHDA allows an advance of 25% of the project funds (not administrative funds) is allowed provided funds are expended within 180 days.  Reimbursement for purposes of the program is defined as the issuance of payment via the MSHDA grant management system when work has been completed, a grantee is invoiced for the work performed, both grantee and property owner sign-off has been secured; and approval of a financial status report (FSR). Payment for the provided improvements must comply with the requirements outlined in the Michigan Construction Lien Act.  Ten percent (10%) of the grant award amount will be withheld and not reimbursed until the final FSR submission and all paperwork regarding final completion and reporting of activity outcomes is provided.



	Applicants must choose one or more focus for their occupied or unoccupied rehabilitation programs from among the following:	
	A. Energy Efficiency: An activity that prioritizes increased energy efficiency and reduces utility cost.	
	B. Accessibility Improvements: An activity that prioritizes accessibility improvements to reduce barriers for occupants.	
Eligible Activity Types	C. Minor Home Repair: An activity that prioritizes addressing minor health and safety issues for occupants.	
	D. Exterior Rehabilitation: An activity that prioritizes neighborhood impact by providing resources to property owners to address deteriorated exterior housing elements.	
	E Substantial Rehabilitation: An activity designed to provide comprehensive rehabilitation of a property.	
	F. Rental Redevelopment: An activity designed to redevelop existing vacant residential rental units in mixed use structures. Units must have been vacan as of December 31, 2023.	



NEW UNIT  GRANT OUTLINE	MSHDA's intent with new unit funding is to help communities that are actively working to address housing shortages. When appropriate, grantees are encouraged to use modular, panelized, and other innovative building systems to lower costs while maintaining quality.
Target Population(s)	Activities in this category may be used to serve households with incomes up to 120% AMI. Applicants must identify their target population(s) based on an assessment of need.  Low Income = <60% AMI: at least 20% of the units in every project must serve this AMI.  Moderate Income = <80% AMI  Middle Income = <120% AMI
Target Communities	MSHDA will partner with eligible applications in communities that are experiencing a housing shortage and/or need.  Data that demonstrates the target community's need for new housing construction will be considered during the evaluation of applications.
Maximum Subsidy per Unit  Payment Process	The maximum subsidy per unit is established by the grantee but may not exceed \$100,000 and is restricted to unoccupied units. The average subsidy per unit within each project is up to \$100,000 with flexibility per unit based on demonstrated and documented need per a MSHDA approved proforma. Each grantee will identify and secure a site, select product, oversee delivery and on-site installation (if applicable), as well as market and sell the home (if applicable).  A lien restriction in the format of a recorded lien or regulatory agreement will be imposed on all assisted units for a minimum time format of a
	imposed on all assisted units for a minimum timeframe of five years to ensure affordability of the assisted unit(s).  All draws require the approval of a financial status report (FSR).  Draw 1: Initial \$9,000 released upon request.
	Subsequent Draw(s): Repeated until the final draw: Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis only. Reimbursement for purposes of the program is defined as the issuance of payment via the MSHDA grant management system when work has been completed, a grantee is invoiced for the work performed, both grantee and property owner sign-off has been secured, and approval of a financial status report. Payment for the provided improvements must comply with the requirements outlined in the Michigan Construction Lien Act.
	Upon request, 50% deposits are available upon invoicing/contract submission.





	Final Draw: 10% of the grant award amount may be withheld and not reimbursed until all paperwork regarding final completion and reporting of activity outcomes is provided.	
	At least of 20% of the units in the project must be targeted to residents at 60% AMI or below.  A. The construction of single family for-sale and/or rental housing.	
Eligible Activity Types	B. Redevelopment of new unit(s) on a vacant residential parcel that was the site of a demolition within the past 12 months for resale to an income eligible household as their permanent primary residence.	
	C. Acquisition and redevelopment of a vacant residential single-family structure for resale to an income eligible household as their permanent primary residence.	

NEXT STEPS	是一个一个人的一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个
Once I apply, what is next?	MSHDA will review fully completed applications and notify applicants of determination by email within 30 days of submission date with an executed grant agreement anticipated within 90 days. All submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria: eligibility, timing, consistency with one or more priorities within the corresponding regional action plans, feasibility, potential selected component(s), need/impact on the proposed area(s), geographical distribution, targeted activity, and population to be served, and agency capacity. A conference call, formal presentation of proposal, and/or site visit may be required as part of the deliberation process for final awards. Funding reservation amounts are determined by MSHDA staff at our discretion and are contingent on available funds, responses received, and scoring outcomes.

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# **Alpena County Home Improvement Program**

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DATE:

April 1, 2024

TO:

**Alpena County Board of Commissioners** 

FROM:

Nicki Janish, Director

SUBJECT:

MSHDA Grant - MI NEIGHBORHOOD Program

The Alpena County Home Improvement Program would like to apply to MSHDA for the MI NEIGHBORHOOD Program Grant for Rehabilitation Activities. A copy of the Program Overview is attached hereto.

The MI NEIGHBORHOOD Program launched on April 1, 2024, and there are initially six (6) funding round opportunities between April 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024. The maximum award amount will be \$400,000 and will consist of a 24-month written agreement between MSHDA and the County of Alpena beginning in summer of 2024 and ending May 31, 2026.

The Alpena County Home Improvement Program has applied for and been awarded many different MSHDA grants in the past, most recently through the MI-HOPE Program which is still ongoing and which will continue to be administered simultaneously with this new funding opportunity through 2026.

It is my recommendation to apply for the maximum of \$400,000, with the expectation of spending those dollars evenly over the next two years. Under this grant, disbursements will be made on a reimbursement basis; however, requests can be made for advancements not exceeding 25% of the project funds provided those funds are expended within 180 days.

Administrative fees of up to 18% will be allowed under this grant.

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I am seeking Board approval to apply for said grant and would further ask that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign all documents relating to this application.

The first application deadline falls on April 15, 2024 (round 1) with subsequent deadlines occurring approximately every two weeks thereafter. The round 2 deadline of May 1, 2024 is the target deadline for this grant application.

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