

PILT Agreement (PILOT)

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To: Elizabeth Bjorn <controller@houghtoncounty.net>

Cc: Lisa Mattila <treasurer@houghtoncounty.net>, Elise Matz <elise@practicaltransition.com>, Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.net>

Hi Elizabeth:

As you know, the proposed Scotia Wind Farm is a small, 12 turbine project that would be located entirely in Adams Township. We designed the project to be 3,000 feet from the nearest non-participating property line, and nearly a mile from the nearest home. We invite you to visit www.ScotiaWindfarm.com for more information. One significant benefit of the project, which will cost between \$80 and \$100 million to construct, is that it will provide Adams Township, Adams Township Schools and Houghton County with significant property tax revenue.

However, we have heard from concerned residents that the UP has seen corporations successfully challenge their properties' valuation at the Michigan Tax Tribunal in order to lower their tax burden, thereby creating uncertainty for local units of government as they attempt to plan and budget for the future. We at Circle Power Renewables believe that Adams Township and Houghton County residents deserve proof of our commitment to providing this revenue, which we estimate will total at least \$15.9 million over Scotia Wind's 30 year lifespan.

In order to address those concerns, we worked with attorney Jack Van Coevering of Foster Swift, who has expertise in Michigan property tax matters, to prepare the attached Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) agreement. We are proposing this as a method of setting minimum property taxes to be paid by the Scotia Wind project.

I would like to schedule a meeting at your convenience to discuss any questions you may have about the agreement.

Thank you

CFM

Christopher Moore

Vice President

248.762.5973



Circle Power

**PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND
BETWEEN ADAMS TOWNSHIP, HOUGHTON COUNTY, ADAMS SCHOOL
DISTRICT, AND COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
AND SCOTIA WIND LLC.**

This PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made as of February 1, 2022 (“**Effective Date**”), between Adams Township (“**Township**”), Houghton County (“**County**”), Adams School District (“**Schools**”), the Copper Country Intermediate School District (“**Copper Country ISD**,” and, together with Township, County, Schools, the “**Taxing Units**”), and Scotia Wind LLC (“**Company**”), a Delaware limited liability company, the principal business address of which is 29488 Woodward Ave., # 435, Royal Oak, Michigan, 48073.

RECITALS

A. Company owns and leases certain personal and real property in Adams Township, Houghton County, Michigan (as further described in Section 2.1) and has proposed to build the Scotia Wind Project, a small, 60-Megawatt, 12-Turbine wind farm in the Township that will generate carbon-free electricity (the “**Scotia Wind Project**”). The Scotia Wind Project is expected to directly benefit suppliers and tradespersons in the Township and surrounding areas, as well indirectly benefit the hospitality industry, which could see an increase in business and jobs due to the economic activity created by the project.

B. The Scotia Wind Project will generate electricity to be sold to the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) at 3.5 cents per kilowatt hour or less, which is the lowest-cost renewable energy prices ever filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission and will benefit UPPCO’s customers.

C. Under the General Property Tax Act, Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.1 *et seq.* (the “**Act**”), and valuation guidelines set by the State Tax Commission of Michigan (STC), the Company will report the cost of the wind system property on STC-required forms to Adams Township, the local tax collecting unit under the STC valuation, annual depreciation multipliers will be applied, and the reported cost and revenue will be distributed to the Taxing Units.

D. The parties to this Agreement are aware that tax benefits generally decline over time, that property tax laws may change, and that property tax appeals could reduce the anticipated tax revenue. The potential for revenue changes is a concern of some citizens in the Township.

E. To provide this revenue stability, the parties agree to enter into this Agreement. This Agreement will set a guaranteed payment amount for each local tax assessing unit regardless of changes in property tax under which the Scotia Wind Project will agree to pay the greater of the property taxes assessed or the payment in lieu of taxes as set out in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement.

F. Under this Agreement, the PILOT payments will be paid to the Township as the tax collecting entity, and the Township will allocate the payments to all tax assessing units as provided by the General Property Tax Act, as currently existing.

THEREFORE, Adams Township, Houghton County, Adams School District, Copper Country Intermediate School District, and Scotia Wind LLC agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE; AUTHORITY; REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions by which the Taxing Units each agree to support the Scotia Wind Project and to accept a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) if and when the Scotia Wind Project is completed by Company.

1.2 Authority. This Agreement is made pursuant to sections 5 and 18 of the Michigan Charter Townships Act, MCL 42.1, *et. seq.*

1.3 Representations and Warranties.

(a) Township, acting by and through the Adams Township Board, hereby represents and warrants that: The Township is authorized to enter into this Agreement; and has approved the terms of this Agreement and authorized the Township Supervisor to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Township. Township is a party and is the tax collecting entity under this Agreement and will assess, issue tax bills, collect tax payments, and allocate the payments to other tax assessing units as required by law for property tax payments.

(b) County, acting by and through the Houghton County Commission, hereby represents and warrants that: The County is authorized to enter into this Agreement; and has approved the terms of this Agreement and authorized the County Administrator to execute this Agreement on behalf of the County. County is party and a tax assessing unit.

(c) Schools, acting by and through the Adams School District Board, hereby represent and warrant that: The Schools is authorized to enter into this Agreement has approved this Agreement and authorized the Schools' Superintendent to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Schools. Schools is a party and tax assessing unit.

(d) Copper Country ISD, acting by and through the Copper Country ISD Board, hereby represents and warrants that: The Copper Country ISD is authorized to enter into this Agreement has approved this Agreement and authorized the Copper Country ISD's Superintendent to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Copper Country ISD. Copper Country ISD is a party and is a tax assessing unit.

(e) Company hereby represents and warrants that: It is authorized to enter into this Agreement; and that Jordan Roberts, its Manager, is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of Scotia Wind LLC. Company is a party and is the property taxpayer.

**ARTICLE II
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

2.1 Property Description. This Agreement applies to the Company's personal property (e.g., wind turbines) located on a contiguous geographic area made up of multiple parcels of real property

identified in the table below in Adams Township, Houghton County, Michigan, which are described as follows (together, the "Property"):

All that certain tract(s) of land situated in Houghton County, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Township 54 North, Range 34 West

Section 18: SW¼ (PIN 001.168.002.00)

Section 7: All, EXCEPT the S1/2 of the S1/2 (PIN 001.057.001.00)

Section 19: West½. (PIN 001.069.002.00)

Township 54 North, Range 35 West

Section 13: All, except S½NE¼ (PIN 001.163.001.00)

Section 13: SW¼ (PIN 001.164.001.00)

Section 14: SW¼ (PIN 001.163.001.00)

Section 23: All (PIN 001.173.001.00)

Section 24: NW¼ (PIN 001.174.001.00)

Section 24: All, except NW¼ (PIN 001.174.001.00)

Section 25: All (PIN 001.175.001.00)

Section 26: SE¼ and E½NE¼ (PIN 001.176.001.00)

Section 26: W½ and W½NE¼ (PIN 001.176.001.00)

Section 35: NW¼ (extending South to M-26) (PIN 001.185.001.00)

ARTICLE III PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

3.1 Payment in Lieu of Taxes. In exchange for the agreement of the Taxing Units to support the construction and operation of the Scotia Wind Project and once the Scotia Wind Project has been completed, Company agrees to pay an amount (the "Payment") equal to *the greater of* the (i) the PILOT amount pursuant to the schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; or (ii) property taxes, special assessments, and fees assessed as required by Michigan law guidelines for all personal property constituting the Scotia Wind Project:

(a) Any Payment under this Agreement will be allocated to the Taxing Units in the same proportion as taxes are allocated under the Act;

(b) Nothing in this section prevents the Taxing Units from levying taxes, special assessments, or fees on the Property that may be lawfully levied on property in the Township; and

(c) This Agreement and the Payment in this Agreement is independent from and is calculated irrespective of the terms of the Act.

3.2 Timely Payment. Company will make an annual lump-sum Payment by March 1 of the year following the tax year which will be credited to both the summer and winter tax bills for the tax year. If Company fails to pay amounts required by this Agreement by March 1, upon Company's failure to cure during the notification period in Section 3.5(d), Company will be deemed to be "substantially delinquent" as that term is used in the Act and Company will be liable for an immediate payment of liquidated damages as described in Section 3.5(d) payable to the Township, as tax collecting entity, to taxation under the Act, subject to the stand tax lien and enforcement process.

3.3 Transfer of Property or Rights. Company may transfer all or part of the Property subject to this Agreement, or any of Company's rights and obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent of the Taxing Units and this Agreement will not terminate as a result of such transfer of Property or rights and obligations.

3.4 Event of Default. An "Event of Default" will be deemed to have occurred if any party materially breaches or fails to perform its obligations under this Agreement or if Company fails to make a Payment under the terms of this Agreement. An Event of Default will not be deemed to have occurred as a result of a breach or failure by the Company if such breach or failure is caused by an Act of God, government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any necessary permit or license), war, insurrection, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the parties (together, a "Force Majeure"), or as a result of Company's termination in Section 4.1.

3.5 Remedies. The parties agree that remedies at law are inadequate and all parties will have the right to all equitable remedies including, without limitation, mandamus, specific performance, and injunctive relief. Company and the Township may enforce the terms of this Agreement independent of the state of Michigan, the County, Schools, Copper Country ISD, or any other tax assessing entities and will have all other remedies available by law.

(a) Liquidated Damages Due to Township. In the Event of Default by Company, and subject to the notification requirements of subsection (d), the Township will be entitled to and Company agrees to immediately pay (i) any past due Payments, and (ii) \$100,000 to be credited to subsequent tax bills. The parties agree that, in light of the difficulties in estimating the damages for any breach or failure, the liquidated damages provision will apply. Liquidated damages are not intended to be a penalty and are solely intended to compensate for damages.

(b) Liquidated Damages Due to Company. In the Event of Default by the Township, Company will be entitled to and the Township agrees to credit \$100,000 to the property taxes due in the subsequent tax years.

(c) Payment of Liquidated Damages. Company's payment of liquidated damages will be credited first to any past due amounts and then to the summer and winter taxes for the subsequent tax years. For the avoidance of doubt, Company's payment of liquidated damages does not relieve the Company from any obligation under this Agreement, but instead consists of an amount equal to any past due Payments and a \$100,000 good-faith credit for subsequent years.

(d) Notification. Before a party may undertake any legal or equitable action pursuant to or to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party of the basis for the claim, including detailed recitations of the facts and the law upon which the claiming party is relying. The party receiving such claim letter will, within twenty-one (21) days of receiving the claim, respond in writing identifying those issues on which there is agreement and stating in detail the facts and laws upon which the responding party is relying. The parties will schedule a meeting to occur within fourteen (14) days after the date the response is due to discuss and seek resolution of the dispute. These time periods may be adjusted by the written consent of the parties.

3.6 Limitation. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to limit Company's right to

challenge the assessment of or assessment amount of any special assessments, or new taxes imposed by a Taxing Unit on the Company or its Property.

ARTICLE IV TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term and Termination. This Agreement will terminate at *the earlier of* (i) December 31st of the 29th year following the first Payment; or (ii) by the Company, upon 30 days' notice, for Good Cause. For the purpose of this Agreement, "Good Cause" means (x) the occurrence of a Force Majeure event, or (y) the Scotia Wind Project is decommissioned by the Company or fails to become fully operational.

4.2 Effect of Termination. Upon the termination of this Agreement, the Property will be taxed as provided by law. This Agreement will not abate or negate any outstanding obligations of the Company, the Township, or the other Taxing Units that accrued prior to the date of the termination under the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Notices. Any notice, demand, or communication required, permitted, or desired to be given under this Agreement will be deemed effectively given when personally delivered or mailed by first class mail addressed to those respective addresses first stated above. A party may, by written notice delivered or mailed to the other parties, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices, demands, or communications will be given.

5.2 Litigation and Use. The parties agree that this Agreement is to be used solely for the purpose set out in Paragraph 1.1 of the Agreement, and that the Agreement does not, in any respect, constitute an admission, waiver of any right, concession, or representation of fact or legal opinion and will not be introduced in any legal proceeding except in litigation exclusively to enforce the terms of this Agreement when a default, as identified in this Agreement, has alleged to have occurred.

5.3 Interpretation.

(a) Article and Other Headings. The article and other headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and will not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(b) Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the Company and the Taxing Units with respect to its subject matter. It supersedes and replaces all previous or contemporaneous, express or implied, written or oral statements, representations or agreements. No oral statements or prior or contemporaneous written material not specifically incorporated in this Agreement will be of any force or effect.

(c) Amendment. This Agreement may not be amended except upon approval by the Township and the Company, and in writing signed by all parties.

(d) Governing Law. Michigan law governs this Agreement.

(e) Waiver. No waiver by any of the parties of any right or remedy granted

hereunder or failure by any of the parties to insist on strict performance by another party will affect or extend to or act as a waiver of any other right or remedy of the parties hereunder, nor affect the subsequent exercise of the same right or remedy of the parties for any further or subsequent event of default by a party, and all such rights and remedies of any of the parties are cumulative.

(f) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement will be binding upon each of the parties and their heirs, successors, and assigns, including assignees of all or part of the Property that is the subject of this Agreement, who will be entitled to all rights hereunder.

(g) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each such counterpart will be considered a valid original. If requested by a party, the other parties will provide to the requesting party an original executed and notarized copy of this Agreement.

[Signatures appear on the following pages.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Township, County, Copper Country ISD, Schools, and Scotia Wind LLC have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

Adams Township,
a Michigan Township.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Date: February __, 2022

Acknowledged before me in _____, County, Michigan on the ___ day of February, 2022 by _____, _____ of Adams Township.

(Signature)

(Printed)
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

Houghton County,
a Michigan County.

By: _____
Name:
County Administrator

Date: February __, 2022

Acknowledged before me in _____, County, Michigan on the ___ day of February, 2022 by _____, _____ of Houghton County.

(Signature)

(Printed)
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

Adams School District,
a Michigan school district.

By: _____
Name:
Superintendent of Adams School District

Date: February __, 2022

Acknowledged before me in _____, County, Michigan on the __ day of January, 2022 by _____, Superintendent of Copper Country Intermediate School District.

(Signature)

(Printed)
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

Copper Country Intermediate School District,
a Michigan intermediate school district.

By: _____
Name:
Superintendent of Copper Country ISD

Date: February __, 2022

Acknowledged before me in _____, County, Michigan on the __ day of January, 2022 by _____, Superintendent of Copper Country Intermediate School District.

(Signature)

(Printed)
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

Scotia Wind LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
Jordan Roberts
Manager

Date: February __, 2022

Acknowledged before me in _____, County, _____ on the ___ day of February, 2022
by _____, Manager of Scotia Wind LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

_____(Signature)
_____(Printed)
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

EXHIBIT A

See attached.

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Proposed PILOT	Year					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Houghton County	450,000	360,000	340,000	320,000	280,000	230,000
Adams Township	70,000	60,000	60,000	50,000	50,000	40,000
Adams Township Schools Sinking Fund	500,000	410,000	380,000	360,000	310,000	260,000
Intermediate School District	150,000	120,000	110,000	110,000	90,000	80,000
Total	1,170,000	950,000	890,000	840,000	730,000	610,000
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Houghton County	210,000	190,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Adams Township	40,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000
Adams Township Schools Sinking Fund	230,000	210,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Intermediate School District	70,000	60,000	60,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	550,000	490,000	450,000	445,000	440,000	440,000
	13	14	15	16	17	18
Houghton County	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Adams Township	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Adams Township Schools Sinking Fund	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Intermediate School District	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
	19	20	21	22	23	24
Houghton County	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Adams Township	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Adams Township Schools Sinking Fund	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Intermediate School District	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
	25	26	27	28	29	30
Houghton County	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Adams Township	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Adams Township Schools Sinking Fund	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Intermediate School District	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
	31	32	33	34	35	36



File Code: 2730

Date: January 27, 2022

Forest Neighbor

Dear Forest Neighbor:

The Ottawa National Forest is proposing several special use authorizations projects on the Bergland and Ontonagon Ranger Districts, for which we are seeking public comment. The proposed activities would involve issuing special use authorizations to private landowners for construct, use, and maintain a road or trail for motorized access, on National Forest System land, in order to access private property. The proposed projects are:

- North Ewen Access – Motor Vehicle (ATV) access on an existing non-system road for 2,222.35 feet in length by 12 feet in width (approximately 0.2 miles and new road construction for approximately 0.21 miles). The proposed use would include use and maintenance to access private property. There will be approximately 120 trees are expected to be cleared in order to construct the road. The proposed route is located at T48N, R40W, Section 31, SENE, NWNE, Ontonagon County, MI.
- Cascade Creek Access – Motor Vehicle access on an existing non-system road. The proposed project is 283.12 feet (0.05 miles) in length by 16 feet wide. The proposed use would include use and maintenance to access private property. This road already exists, and no new road construction is required, and no trees will be removed. The proposed route is located at T49N, R41W, Section 18, NW1/4NWNE, Ontonagon County, MI.
- Norwich Bluffs Access – Motor Vehicle (ATV) access on an existing non-system road. The proposed project is 264.54 feet (0.05 miles) in length by 12 feet wide. The proposed use would include use and maintenance of the road to access private property. This road already exists, and no new road construction is required, and no trees will be removed. The proposed route is located at T49N, R41W, Section 2, SENE, Ontonagon County, MI.
- Jug Creek Access – Motor Vehicle access on an existing Forest Service Road. The proposed project is 2,920.85 feet (0.80 miles) in length by 15 feet wide. The proposed use would include use and maintenance of the road to access private property. No new road construction is required, and no trees will be removed. The proposed route is located at T50N, R37W, Section 29, S1/2SW, Section 32, NWNW, Ontonagon County, MI.
- FR1657 Access – Motor Vehicle access on an existing Forest Service Road. The proposed project is 4,683.42 feet (0.89 miles) in length by 15 feet wide. The proposed use would include use and maintenance of the road to access private property. There is potential for some trees to be removed during the reconstruction of the road, the number of trees needing to be removed will be limited to those in the 15-foot road base. The




proposed route is located at T50N, R36W, Section 23, SESE, SWSE, SESW, NWSW, Houghton County, MI.

I anticipate the preparation of Decision Memos for these special use authorizations. The Decision Memos will also document required measures needed to prevent adverse environmental effects of the proposed activities. If you have comments about these proposed actions, please submit them no later than March 31st, 2022. Comments should be specific to the proposed project locations. These comments will be reviewed by the Responsible Official and used to determine whether or not there are any unresolved conflicts with the proposed actions. Comments may be addressed to: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Barbara Van Alstine, 1209 Rockland Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953. They may alternately be sent by email to barbara.vanalstine@usda.gov, or by fax to (906) 884-4830.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of these projects, please contact Shawn Brown, Realty Specialist, at (906) 366-0076, email shawn.brown@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



BARBARA C. VAN ALSTINE
District Ranger

Enclosures: Project Maps



Historic Investment to Protect Michigan's Great Lakes, Drinking Water and Water Infrastructure

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is:

- The largest investment in the Great Lakes ever;
- The single largest investment ever made in our nation's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure; and
- Historic and much-needed funding to replace lead pipes across Michigan in order to protect the health of families and communities.

Federal Resources:

- [EPA's Infrastructure Homepage](#)
- [EPA's Infrastructure Funding Tracker](#)
- [EPA's Infrastructure Fact Sheet](#)

State Resources:

- [EGLE Grants and Loans Resources](#)
- [EGLE's DWSRF Homepage](#)
- [EGLE's CWSRF Homepage](#)

Funding for the Great Lakes

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) (\$1 billion) – The Great Lakes are essential to Michigan's economy and our way of life, and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative plays a pivotal role in protecting this resource for generations to come. Authored by Senator Stabenow in 2010, the Initiative funds vital efforts to stop the spread of Asian carp and other invasive species, restore coastline, clean up beaches, remove toxins from our lakes, and prevent future contamination. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$1 billion in funding – the largest single investment in program history.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants, capacity-building grants, fund transfers, and interagency agreements.

- **Use of Funds:** Projects must support at least one of the following focus areas: Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern, Invasive Species, Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health, Habitat and Species, or Foundations for Future Restoration Actions.
- **Agency:** EPA is the lead federal agency implementing and administering the Initiative.
- **Eligible Applicants:** States, tribes, local governments, universities, and nongovernmental organizations.
- **Applying:** To learn more about grant opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Funding for Water Infrastructure

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Passed as part of the American Rescue Plan Act in March, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds delivered \$350 billion directly to state, local, and Tribal governments to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. On January 6, 2022, the Department of the Treasury released a final rule adding additional eligible water and sewer infrastructure investments, including a broader range of lead remediation and stormwater-management projects.

- **Funding Type:** Funds are allocated to state, local, and Tribal governments. Information regarding allocations and allocation methodology can be found [HERE](#).
- **Use of Funds:** Recipients may fund a broad range of water and sewer projects, including those eligible under the EPA’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund, EPA’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and certain additional projects, including a wide set of lead remediation, stormwater infrastructure, and aid for private wells and septic units.
- **Deadline:** Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.
- **Additional Details:** The Department of the Treasury’s final rule implementing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can be found [HERE](#), and an overview of the final rule can be found [HERE](#).

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (\$11.7 billion) – The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program helps ensure safe drinking water for communities of all sizes. Through this program, EPA provides funding to states so that they may provide grants and low-interest loans to eligible entities for drinking water infrastructure projects. As of result of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, this year Michigan will receive over \$44 million through this program – more than a 60% increase over last year.

- **Funding Type:** Of this funding, the state must use 49% for grants or principal forgiveness loans and 51% for subsidized loans.
- **Use of Funds:** Six categories of drinking water system projects are eligible to receive assistance – treatment, transmission and distribution, source, storage, consolidation, and creation of new systems.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Existing privately owned and publicly owned community water systems, existing non-profit non-community water systems, and new community water systems that represent cost-effective solutions to existing public health problems.
 - A community water system is a public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents of the area served by the system or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents. A community water system may be privately or publicly owned.
 - A non-profit non-community water system is a public water system that is not a community water system and is owned and operated as a non-profit entity such as a school. The nonprofit entity could be government owned.
- **Applying:** Intent-to-Apply form due January 31, 2022 for year 2023 consideration. To learn more about have to apply for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funding through EGLE, click [HERE](#).

Lead Service Line Replacement (\$15 billion) – The water crisis in Flint was an extreme example of problems that exist across our state and nation. We must replace each and every lead pipe, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides much-needed funding to do so. This year, the law will deliver over \$69 million to Michigan to replace lead pipes.

- **Funding type:** Of this funding, the state must use 49% for grants or principal forgiveness loans and 51% for subsidized loans.
- **Use of Funds:** Lead service line replacement projects.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Existing privately owned and publicly owned community water systems, existing nonprofit non-community water systems, and new community water systems that represent cost-effective solutions to existing public health problems.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check [EGLE's Grants and Loans Homepage](#) for updates as they become available.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (\$11.7 billion) – The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides critical funds to repair crumbling wastewater infrastructure. Billions of gallons of untreated sewage and stormwater enter our waterways every year from aging wastewater systems. These releases threaten public health, environmental quality, and economic growth. This program provides funding to stop the release of untreated sewage into our lakes and rivers and is essential to the long-term health and wellbeing of communities across Michigan. As a result of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, this year Michigan will receive over \$77 million through this program – more than a 10% increase over last year.

- **Funding Type:** Of this funding, the state must use 49% for grants or principal forgiveness loans and 51% for subsidized loans.
- **Use of Funds:** Eleven types of projects are eligible to receive assistance – construction of publicly owned treatment works; nonpoint source; national estuary program projects; decentralized wastewater treatment systems; stormwater; water conservation, efficiency, and reuse; watershed pilot projects; energy efficiency; water reuse; security measures at publicly owned treatment works; and technical assistance.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** The program provides financial assistance to a range of eligible recipients, though primarily the program has focused on wastewater treatment works owned by municipalities.
- **Applying:** Intent-to-Apply form due January 31, 2022 for year 2023 consideration. To learn more about how to apply for CWSRF funding through EGLE, click [HERE](#).

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program – This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities extend and improve water and waste treatment facilities that serve local households and businesses. Good practices can save tax dollars, improve the natural environment, and help manufacturers and businesses to locate or expand operations.

- **Funding Type:** Low-interest loans, or a combination of loans and grants
- **Use of Funds:** Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:
 - Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution
 - Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
 - Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure
 - Storm water collection, transmission, and disposal

In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as:

- Legal and engineering fees
 - Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment
 - Start-up operations and maintenance
 - Interest incurred during construction
 - Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
 - Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project
 - See 7 CFR Part 1780.7 and 1780.9 for a complete list
- **Agency:** USDA Rural Development
 - **Eligibility:** This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include:
 - Most state and local governmental entities
 - Private nonprofits
 - Federally-recognized tribes

Areas that may be served include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less
- Tribal lands in rural areas
- Colonias
- **Applying:** Applications are accepted year-round and may be filed electronically using [RD Apply](#). The [RD Apply Customer Help Guide](#) is provided to help you get started and work through the application process. Applications are also accepted through your local RD office.

Funding to Address PFAS Contamination

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Emerging Contaminants (\$4 billion) –

Over the next five years, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide \$4 billion to states to address PFAS contamination in drinking water. This year, Michigan will receive \$18 million through this program to combat PFAS.

- **Funding Type:** All funds provided as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
- **Use of Funds:** Emerging contaminant remediation.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Existing privately owned and publicly owned community water systems, existing nonprofit non-community water systems, and new community water systems that represent cost-effective solutions to existing public health problems.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check [EGLE's Grants and Loans Homepage](#) for updates as they become available.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Emerging Contaminants (\$1 billion) – Over the next five years, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide \$1 billion to states to address PFAS contamination in wastewater and stormwater systems. This year, Michigan will receive over \$4 million through this program to address PFAS contamination.

- **Funding Type:** All funds provided as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
- **Use of Funds:** Emerging contaminant remediation.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** The program provides financial assistance to a range of eligible recipients, though primarily the program has focused on wastewater treatment works owned by municipalities.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check [EGLE's Grants and Loans Homepage](#) for updates as they become available.

Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program – Emerging Contaminants (\$5 billion) – Over the next five years, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide \$5 billion to states to address emerging contaminants like PFAS in small and disadvantaged communities.

- **Funding Type:** All funds provided as grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Emerging contaminant remediation.
- **Agency:** Federal – EPA. State – EGLE.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Public water systems, tribal water systems, and states on behalf of an underserved community – i.e., one that has an inadequate system for obtaining drinking water.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check [EGLE's Grants and Loans Homepage](#) for updates as they become available.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COUNTY ENGAGEMENT GRANT ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

The purpose of this grant is to help counties transition from solid waste management to materials management.

Single County = \$10,000 per county
Multi-County = \$12,000 per county*

**Multi-counties must notify of regional collaboration when completing the grant agreement.*

To receive 90% of funding, Counties must:

- Submit this Grant Application.
- Certify discussions of regional collaboration.
- Agree to attend a Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) sponsored materials management event.
- Sign the Grant Agreement.

The remaining 10% of funding will be distributed upon submission of the final report.

Completing these activities will help counties to:

- Create partnerships within regions and counties.
- Understand current materials management gaps and challenges.
- Highlight future changes to the planning process.
- Outline steps that can occur now at the county/regional level to assist with the development of future materials management programs and infrastructure.

Awarded To: A specific county or multi-county area/region under the direction of a specified Designated Planning Agency (DPA), that will act as the responsible party for completing the activities outlined below. For this document, the county(s) will be referred to as the awardee and the specified DPA will be referred to as the grantee.

Grant period: 12 months. Grant Applications should be submitted after regional collaboration discussions have taken place. All Grant Agreements must be completed by June 15, 2022, and all subsequent work completed by November 2022 unless an extension is granted by the Department.

For the purposes of this grant, the Grant Application for funding is submitted in the form of a Survey Monkey. A Grant Agreement will then be sent for final applicant signature. Once the grant agreement is finalized, monies will be distributed.

By completing and certifying the Grant Agreement, the awardee is accepting and committing to the requirements of this grant. All activities agreed upon must be completed and documented within the timeframe to EGLE in the form of a final deliverables report. If completion of these requirements is not met, grant monies are forfeited and must be returned to the State of Michigan. The county's ability to complete these activities may affect the grantee's ability to receive future materials management plan funding.

Prior To Receiving Funding Counties must complete these 3 tasks:

- 1) Certify that the DPA will attend a regional engagement web event hosted by EGLE or approved partners.
 - The DPA and others, as appropriate, will attend a materials management focused workshop to learn more about available grants, resources, and next steps for Materials Management Planning (MMP), which are approved by EGLE.

- 2) Begin discussions for regional partnership opportunities for materials management planning activities.
 - Review materials management needs and identify potential collaboration opportunities between counties.
 - Provide documentation of communications between counties to EGLE.
- 3) Submit, through Survey Monkey, an official Grant Application, acknowledging that the county will complete each action step listed below.
 - The county or counties must designate a representative responsible for completing a Grant Agreement request to EGLE.

Activities for County(s)

- 1) Complete discussions on regional partnership opportunities for MMP activities.
 - Review materials management needs and identify potential collaboration opportunities between counties. Coordinate with EGLE/Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) to review observations/recommendations from the Materials Management Infrastructure and Program Project, also known as the Mega Data Project.
 - Provide documentation of communications between counties to EGLE.
- 2) The DPA will serve as a local contact for RRS to complete the Mega Data Project.
 - Action Steps:
 - i) The awardee will sign a statement with RRS indicating that they will serve as the contact for their county(s) and complete the action steps as described.
 - ii) The awardee will validate data collected and summarized in the RRS "MMP County Profile - Current Conditions Summary" developed for the Mega-Data Project and send a statement of verification once reviewed.
 - iii) Work with EGLE and RRS to review the list of materials management programs compiled by RRS. Determine gaps in municipally run programs, county run programs, and other programs.
- 3) Promote municipal engagement in education and outreach activities for materials management planning.
 - Action Steps:
 - Promote the completion of the Emerge Municipal Measurement Program (eMMP) using resources provided by EGLE and RRS.
 - The expectation is for each county to obtain 2/3 of their municipality's participation in the eMMP. If municipalities are reluctant to join the eMMP, the DPA will send outreach material to the municipalities several times through different modes of communication.
 - Encourage local units of government to attend workshops or meetings hosted by RRS to build awareness and understanding of how to operate and provide convenient, cost-effective, and comprehensive materials management programs.
 - Encourage local units of government to attend an EGLE and RRS sponsored workshop on Materials Management topics.
 - EGLE and RRS will develop a schedule of conferences, events, webinars, meetings, etc.
 - Promote webinars held by EGLE, RRS, or Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC), regarding materials management activities at the local level.
- 4) Establish or continue conversations with interested parties on materials management topics. See below for specific objectives to determine potential participants and their involvement.
 - EGLE can provide suggestions on *potential participants*.
 - Action Steps:
 - i) The awardee will provide a list of participants along with meeting notes, agendas, or brainstorming topics.
 - ii) The grantee will coordinate with EGLE, RRS, and MRC to identify a list of possible additional interested parties in the county(s) and to review steps to increase their engagement. Work with RRS to identify information/knowledge gaps and/or training needs.

Materials Management Needs Assessment

- 1) Review the County Profile(s) developed through Mega Data Project with RRS.
 - Review deficiencies and opportunities within the current materials management programs and infrastructure throughout the county(s).
 - Consider specific topics areas and their potential impacts to your materials management programs (i.e. disaster debris management, impacts to energy/climate, regionalization of watersheds, opportunities for closed landfills).
 - Review current county/municipal agreements and ordinances related to materials management.
 - **Action Steps:**
 - i) Determine the most impactful program improvements and/or infrastructure investments and indicate how these suggestions could be implemented within your county. Determine any barriers to accomplishing these goals (resources, policy, etc.).
 - ii) Consider the list of deficiencies and opportunities provided by the Mega Data project. Identify the top five needs within the county(s) that will lead to increased opportunities within your materials management programs and infrastructure.
 - iii) Consider the list of deficiencies and opportunities provided by the Mega Data project. Identify the top three materials management related projects that the county(s) would like to implement/accomplish and the associated benefit to your residents.
 - iv) Identify any opportunities for improved contracting, ordinances, and/or sustainable funding mechanisms to support materials management activities.
- 2) Determine changes and impacts due to potential legislative changes to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
 - **Action Steps:**
 - i) Evaluate potential impacts of the elimination of import/export authorizations (i.e., how to maintain programs with loss of funding, protection of capacity, renegotiate hauler contracts).
- 3) Determine if/how to integrate other sustainable practices into a future materials management planning such as: energy recovery and savings, decarbonization, sustainability, pollution prevention, social equity, and climate resiliency.
 - **Deliverables:** Provide a summary of how these ideas could be integrated into future Materials Management Plans.
 - **Action Steps:** Determine if/how energy recovery and savings, decarbonization, sustainability, pollution prevention, social equity, and climate resiliency can be included in Materials Management Plans.

Final reports should be completed and sent to the Materials Management Division email below no later than November 15, 2022.

For questions or comments, please reach us at EGLE-MaterialsManagementPlanning@michigan.gov.

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Historic Investment in Transportation Funding for Michigan

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

In 2021, Congress passed legislation that:

- Provides a 42% increase in dedicated federal funding for our state's transportation infrastructure.
- New funding opportunities for local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Tribes, and other public entities, including more than a dozen new programs.
- The first-ever national investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the United States. Funding to build charging stations across Michigan will create jobs and make it easier for more families to drive quality electric vehicles being made in Michigan.

Dedicated Funding for Michigan Transportation

Michigan is set to receive \$7.9 billion in dedicated funding for roads, bridges, and highways with funds being set aside for local governments. The vast majority of dedicated funds coming to the state of Michigan will be provided through federal-aid highway programs. For more details, visit the Federal Highway Administration's [website](#).

For more information on funding that will be allocated to local governments, please contact your local Metropolitan Planning Organization or Rural Task Force. For projects that may involve the state highway system, please contact your regional Michigan Department of Transportation [office](#).

Michigan is also expected to receive \$1 billion in dedicated funds for public transportation and approximately \$363 million for infrastructure projects at airports across the state. For upcoming details on potential transit funds in your community, please visit the Federal Transit Administration's [website](#).

For details on federal funding amounts for airports in your area, please visit the Federal Aviation Administration's [website](#).

New Competitive Federal Grants

In addition to dedicated funds for roads and bridges, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act extends and creates new competitive grant programs that states, local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Tribal governments, and other entities can directly apply for. For information on how to directly apply for these grant opportunities, visit the Federal Highway Administration's [website](#). This website will be updated as notice of funding opportunities and other details become available.

The competitive grant programs funded through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act include:

Bridge Investment Program (\$12.5 billion) – This new competitive grant program will assist state, local, federal, and Tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts. Large projects and bundling of smaller bridge projects will be eligible for funding.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Safe Streets for All (\$5 billion) – This program will provide funding directly to local and Tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** For localities to develop or implement a “comprehensive safety action plan” aimed at preventing transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Metropolitan planning organization; political subdivision of a state; Tribal government; multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants (\$2.5 billion) – This grant program will provide \$2.5 billion in for charging and fueling infrastructure.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** \$1.25 billion in funding will build out charging and fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors; \$1.25 billion in funding will provide Community Charging grants for convenient charging where people live, work, and shop.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian Tribe; a territory of the United States; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (\$2 billion) – This new competitive grant program will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Funding projects outside an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000 including: a highway, bridge, or tunnel project; a highway freight project; a highway safety improvement project, including a project to improve a high risk rural road; a project on a publicly owned highway or bridge that provides or increases access to an agricultural, commercial, energy, or intermodal facility that supports the economy of a rural area; or a project to develop, establish, or maintain an integrated mobility management system, a transportation demand management system, or on-demand mobility services.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; regional transportation planning organization; a unit of local government; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multijurisdictional group of entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (\$1.4 billion) – In addition to formula grants to states, PROTECT will provide \$1.4 billion in competitive grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of our transportation system.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Planning Grants, Resilience Improvement Grants, Community Resilience and, Evacuation Route Grants, At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration

- **Eligibility:** State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian tribe; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$1 billion) – This new competitive program will provide grants for state, local, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Tribal governments to remove barriers to access and mobility, including funding for planning, design, and removal or mitigation of barriers, and reconstruction of street grids or other infrastructure.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** (1) To study the feasibility and impacts of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility (a highway or other transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors); (2) to conduct planning activities necessary to design a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility; and (3) to conduct construction activities necessary to carry out a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; local government; Tribal government; metropolitan planning organization; nonprofit organization; eligible facility owner.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program (\$1 billion) – This new grant program will fund states, Tribes, and local governments for culvert replacement and removal projects. Priority would be given to projects aimed to improve fish passage for anadromous fish.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** A new program aimed at removing, replacing, or restoring culverts, which will enable the recovery of salmon passage and habitats.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; unit of local government; Indian Tribe.

Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment (\$300 million) – This program will provide grants to install and operate advanced transportation technologies that will improve safety, mobility, intermodal connections, and performance. This program was previously referred to as the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Grants to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or local government or political subdivision thereof. Transit agency, Metropolitan planning organization, Multijurisdictional group made up of the above eligible applicants with a signed agreement to implement the initiative across jurisdictional boundaries, consortium of research or academic institutions.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Congestion Relief Program (\$250 million) – This new competitive grant program will provide grants in large urban areas for projects to advance innovative, multimodal solutions to relieve congestion and improve transportation operations and performance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** Funds from a grant under the program may be used for planning, design, implementation, and construction activities of a project or an integrated collection of projects including deployment and operation of an integrated congestion management system; deployment and operation of a system that implements or enforces high occupancy vehicle toll lanes, cordon pricing, parking pricing, or congestion pricing; deployment and operation of mobility services, including establishing account-based financial systems, commuter buses, commuter vans, express operations, paratransit, and on-demand microtransit; and incentive programs that encourage travelers to carpool, use non-highway travel modes during peak period, or travel during nonpeak periods.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** A state, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1 million; a metropolitan planning organization, city, or municipality, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1 million.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

MEGA Projects (\$5 billion) – This new National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The Secretary may provide a grant under the program only for a project that is— (A) a highway or bridge project carried out on— (i) the National Multimodal Freight Network; (ii) the National Highway Freight Network; or (iii) the National Highway System; (B) a freight intermodal (including public ports) or freight rail project that provides a public benefit; (C) a railway-highway grade separation or elimination project; (D) an intercity passenger rail project.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, political subdivisions of states, port authorities, Tribal governments, or Amtrak in partnership with another entity.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (\$500 million) – The SMART Grant program will be a programmed competition that will deliver grants to states, local governments, and Tribes for projects that improve transportation safety and efficiency.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To pursue smart transportation projects that increase transportation efficiency and safety and will advance connected vehicles, intelligent transportation systems integration, and support technological transportation advancements in communities nationwide.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation.
- **Eligibility:** State; political subdivision of a state; Tribal government; public transit agency or authority; public toll authority; metropolitan planning organization; two or more eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check DoT's [website](#) for updates.

Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (\$400 million) – This new competitive grant program will provide grants to reduce emissions from ports, including through electrification projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To fund projects that reduce emissions at ports, including through the advancement of port electrification.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** To be determined.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Marine Highway Program (\$25 million) – Grants through the program are distributed for projects that mitigate landside congestion, expand transportation options, and realize public benefit and external cost savings by awarding Marine Highway grants to qualified applicants to implement designated Marine Highway projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To support the development and expansion of documented vessels or port and landside infrastructure.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Maritime Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State governments (including state departments of transportation), metropolitan planning organizations, port authorities, and Tribal governments, or private sector operators of marine highway services within designated Marine Highway Projects.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Maritime Administration’s [Marine Highway Grants Program](#) website for updates.

Rail Programs

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program (\$3 billion) – This new grant program will provide states, Tribes, and local governments planning and construction funds for highway-rail grade crossing separation projects that will improve safety and mobility.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Railroad Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other United States territories and possessions; political subdivision of a state; federally recognized Indian tribe; unit of local government or a group of local governments; public port authority; metropolitan planning organization; group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check FRA’s [Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program](#) website for updates.

Safety Programs

Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program (\$1 billion) – These grants will help community-owned utilities to replace outdated gas pipelines in order to reduce injuries and fatalities and prepare our pipeline infrastructure for cleaner fuels.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To repair, rehabilitate, or replace a natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Municipality or community-owned utility (not including for-profit entities).
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check PHMSA's [Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Programs (\$746.6 million) – Provides funding for additional grant programs for states, law enforcement agencies, and safety organizations to enhance motor carrier safety activities and projects, including driver training and commercial driver licensing programs.

- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, Tribes, local governments, driver training organizations, or safety organizations.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check FMCSA's [Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Aviation Programs

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Terminal Program (\$5 billion) – This discretionary grant program will provide funding for airport terminal development and other landside projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** Grants for on-airport rail access projects and projects for relocating, reconstructing, repairing, or improving an airport-owned air traffic control tower, projects that increase capacity and passenger access; projects that replace aging infrastructure; projects that achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and expand accessibility for people with disabilities; projects that improve airport access for historically disadvantaged populations; projects that improve energy efficiency, including upgrading environmental systems, upgrading plant facilities, and achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation standards; projects that improve airfield safety through terminal relocation; and projects that encourage actual and potential competition.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Aviation Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Airport that is eligible to receive a grant from the discretionary fund under section 47115(a) of Title 49.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in February. Deadline TBD. Continue to check FAA's [Airport Terminals Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Environmental Protection Agency Programs

Clean School Bus Program (\$5B) – The Environmental Protection Agency will offer a total of \$5 billion between fiscal years 2022 and 2026 to fund the replacement of dirtier school buses with low- or no-carbon school buses. Each year, \$500 million will be available exclusively for electric school buses and \$500 million will be available for electric buses and multiple types of cleaner alternative fuel school buses. EPA can offer grants and rebates to assist fleets in purchasing new, cleaner school buses and the associated charging and fueling infrastructure. EPA will ensure a broad geographic distribution of awards.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The replacement of existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission alternative fuel buses.
- **Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.
- **Eligibility:** State and local governments, eligible contractors and nonprofit school transportation associations.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check EPA's [Clean School Bus Program website](#) for updates.

New Funding For Existing Programs

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants (\$8 billion) – Grants will provide funding to state and local government for freight infrastructure projects of regional or national significance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Highway freight projects carried out on the National Highway Freight Network; highway or bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System (NHS), including projects that add capacity on the Interstate System to improve mobility or projects in a national scenic area; railway-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects; or a freight project that is (1) an intermodal or rail project, or (2) within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility. A project within the boundaries of a freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility must be a surface transportation infrastructure project necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, or access into or out of the facility and must significantly improve freight movement on the National Highway Freight Network. Improving freight movement on the National Highway Freight Network may include shifting freight transportation to other modes, thereby reducing congestion and bottlenecks on the National Highway Freight Network. For a freight project within the boundaries of a freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility, federal funds can only support project elements that provide public benefits.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$7.5 billion) – The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes funding for the RAISE (formerly TIGER) grant program, which invests in local surface transportation projects:

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grant.
- **Use of Funds:** Capital and planning projects such as repairing or improving infrastructure to a state of good repair; projects that implement safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, including improving grade crossings or providing shorter or more direct access to critical health services; projects that connect communities and people to jobs, services, and education; and, projects that anchor economic revitalization and job growth in communities.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation.
- **Eligibility:** States; District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; transit agency; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in late January. Deadline TBD. Continue to check DoT's [RAISE Grant website](#) for updates as they become available.

Port Infrastructure Development Program (\$2.25 billion) – The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act increases investment in America's coastal ports and inland waterways, helping to improve the supply chain and enhancing the resilience of our shipping industry. The law overall doubles the level of investment in port infrastructure and waterways, helping strengthen our supply chain and reduce pollution.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To improve facilities within, or outside of and directly related to operations or an intermodal connection of coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports.

- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Maritime Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; political subdivision of a state, or a local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district with a transportation function; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; multistate or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities; lead entity described here jointly with a private entity or group of private entities, including the owners or operators of a facility or collection of facilities at a port.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in February. Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Maritime Administration's [Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant website](#) for updates.

Economic Development and Facilities

Strategic Economic and Community Development – The Strategic Economic and Community Development program supports projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans. These plans use the unique strengths of rural communities to advance prosperity. USDA Rural Development helps finance these projects to build community prosperity by using community assets, identifying resources, convening partners and leveraging federal, state, local or private funding.

- **Funding Type:** Direct Loans, Loan/Grant mix, Guaranteed Loans, and Grants
- **Agency:** USDA Rural Development
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for SECD, a project must:
 - Be eligible for the covered program
 - Be carried out in a rural area
 - Support a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral strategic community investment plan

Consideration will be based on how well the project supports a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral plan, and
(2) Whether the plan contains evidence of collaboration among multiple stakeholders; leverages applicable regional resources, monetary and non-monetary investments from strategic partners, including private and philanthropic organizations and government entities; and includes clear objectives with measurable performance metrics and actions steps for implementation. Interested participants are encouraged to have their plans reviewed by their state's staff early in the process for feedback and possible modification prior to submitting the formal application.

- **Applying:** To apply, applicants should contact their nearest USDA office. Applicants who are applying for SECD funding through a loan guarantee program may submit forms under the OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative application guidelines. Community Connect applicants must submit SECD applications electronically at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>

Priority may be given to applications submitted through the following programs:

- Community Connect Grants
- Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program;
- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program;
- Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program;
- Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees;
- Rural Business Development Grants

For more information please contact your local USDA-RD office.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program – This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

- **Funding Type:** Low-interest direct loans, grants, loan/grant mixes and guaranteed loans.

- **Use of Funds:** Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
 - Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
 - Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
 - Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
 - Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
 - Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
 - Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses
- **Agency:** USDA Rural Development
 - **Eligibility:** Eligible borrowers include:
 - Public bodies
 - Community-based non-profit corporations
 - Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest [U.S. Census Data](#) are eligible for this program.

- **Applying:** Applications for this program are accepted year round, and applicants should contact their local USDA RD office to discuss their specific project. Additional information for applicants can be found [here](#).

Good Jobs Challenge (\$500 million) – As part of the American Rescue Plan, the Good Jobs Challenge program aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have

hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The program will fund proposals with one or more of the following three phases of the system and/or sectoral partnership lifecycle, as applicable to regional needs:
 - System Development funding to help a System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization establish and develop a regional workforce training system or sectoral partnerships.
 - Program Design funding for sectoral partnership(s) to identify the skills needed by industry and workers, develop the skills training curriculum and materials, and secure technical expertise needed to train workers with the skills needed by businesses, including providing professional development and capacity-building to trainers and educators. Employer commitments to hire should also be secured in this phase.
 - Program Implementation funding to deliver workforce training and wrap-around services that will place workers into quality jobs through a new or expanded sectoral partnership(s).
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include:
 - District Organization
 - Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
 - State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
 - Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
 - Public or private non-profit organization or association, including labor unions, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State
- **Applying:** Deadline February 10, 2022. Visit the [Good Jobs Challenge website](#) for updates and how to apply.



Historic Investment to Bring Reliable, High-Speed Internet to Unserved Areas of Michigan *U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow*

In 2021, Congress passed legislation that:

- Invests \$65 billion so Michiganders have access to high-speed, affordable internet.
- Provides discounts on monthly internet bills.
- Establishes programs to focus on the skills Michiganders need to take advantage of internet connectivity and participate in the digital economy.

For Public and Private Entities

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Passed as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds deliver \$350 billion directly to state, local, and Tribal governments to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were intended to be flexible, providing governments with resources to address local needs, including:

- Fighting the pandemic and supporting families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts.
- Maintaining vital public services, even amid declines in revenue.
- Building a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

On January 6, 2022, the Department of the Treasury released a final rule implementing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Notably, the final rule significantly broadened eligible broadband infrastructure investments to address challenges with broadband access, affordability, and reliability.

- **Funding Type:** Funds are allocated to state, local, and Tribal governments. Information regarding allocations and allocation methodology can be found [here](#).
- **Use of Funds:** Recipients may fund high-speed broadband infrastructure in areas of need that the recipient identifies, such as areas without access to adequate speeds, affordable options, or where connections are inconsistent or unreliable; completed projects must participate in a low-income subsidy program.
- **Deadline:** Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.
- **Additional Details:** The Department of the Treasury's final rule implementing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds can be found [here](#), and an overview of the final rule can be found [here](#).

New Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (\$42 billion): The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides the National Telecommunications and Information Administration with \$42.4 billion to implement the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. This new program will help states partner with local communities and other stakeholders to fund the infrastructure buildouts needed to connect more Americans to reliable, high-speed, and affordable internet service.

- **Funding:** Each state will be allocated a "minimum initial amount" of \$100 million for high-speed internet expansion and/or affordability. Additional funding will be available to states based on a formula that considers the number of unserved and high-cost locations in the state.
- **Eligibility:** State governments.
- **Use of Funds:** States may competitively award sub-grants to carry out the broadband-deployment activities. States will be required to work with broadband providers to ensure that each broadband provider that receives funding offers at least one affordable service plan. States may partner with nonprofits, private companies, local governments, cooperatives, and public utilities to deploy high-speed internet networks.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in February. Deadline TBD. For more details on this program, visit the Administration's [website](#) or visit the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office [website](#).

New Middle Mile Grant Program (\$1 billion): The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides National Telecommunications and Information Administration with \$1 billion to create the Middle Mile Grant program. Grants from this program will be expended over the course of five years on a technology-neutral and competitive basis to eligible entities for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure that will reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas to the internet backbone.

- **Funding Type:** Grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure that will reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas to the internet backbone.
- **Eligibility:** States, local and Tribal governments, technology companies, electric utilities, utility cooperatives, public utility districts, telecommunications companies, telecommunications cooperatives, nonprofit foundations, nonprofit corporations, nonprofit institutions, nonprofit associations, regional planning councils, Native entities, and economic development authorities.

Application Information: Deadline TBD. Continue to check the [BroadbandUSA Website](#) for updates

Reconnect Program (\$2 billion): Reconnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to deploy high-speed internet to rural areas. Through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Congress provides the U.S. Department of Agriculture with an additional \$2 billion for Reconnect awards, which represents a \$1.29 billion increase over what was provided in the fiscal year 2021.

The program can also fund the acquisition or upgrade of an existing system not currently providing sufficient internet access. This funding is available to businesses, cooperatives, public entities, and federally recognized Indian Tribes to improve service in areas where at least 90% of households do not have access to internet at speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps.

- **Funding Type:** Grants and Loans. More information on award levels can be found [here](#).
- **Use of Funds:** Deploy high-speed internet to rural areas, upgrade existing systems.

- **Eligibility:** Businesses, cooperatives, public entities, and federally recognized Indian Tribes in areas where at least 90% of households do not have access to internet at speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps.
- **Applying:** Deadline February 22, 2022. Continue to check [USDA's Reconnect Loan and Grant Program Website](#) for updates.

Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program (\$1.25 Billion): Through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Congress provides the National Telecommunications and Information Administration with \$2.75 billion in new funding to establish three new programs aimed at ensuring that more Americans have the skills, technologies and support needed to take advantage of internet connectivity. These programs will promote the meaningful adoption and use of internet services across certain targeted populations, including low-income households, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. The Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program will provide \$1.25 billion to non-state entities to carry out digital equity projects. Details on the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program can be found below.

- **Funding:** Grants.
- **Eligibility:** State and local governments, foundations, nonprofits, colleges and universities, school districts, Tribal governments, and entities that carry out workforce development programs.
- **Use of Funds:** Grants will be required to support at least one of the following activities:
 - Develop and implement digital inclusion activities that benefit covered populations.
 - Facilitate the adoption of high-speed internet by covered populations for educational and employment opportunities.
 - Implement training programs for covered populations that cover basic, advanced, and applied skills, or other workforce development programs.
 - Provide equipment, networking capability, hardware and software, or digital network technology for high-speed internet services to covered populations at low or no cost.

- Construct, upgrade, expand, or operate new or existing public access computing centers for covered populations through community anchor institutions.
- **Application Information:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the [Grant Programs Website](#) for updates.

For Individuals

Affordable Connectivity Program (\$14 billion): The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides over \$14 billion to establish the Affordable Connectivity Program at the Federal Communications Commission. This long-term program has replaced the temporary Emergency Broadband Benefit program, which was created to provide monthly discounts to eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

- **Funding:** Eligible households will receive a discount up to \$30 per month toward internet service. Households on Tribal lands can receive up to a \$75 discount. Funds will be paid directly to participating internet service providers with discounts passed along to the consumer's monthly bills.
- **Eligibility:** A household is eligible if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:
 - Has an income that is at or below 200% of the [federal poverty guidelines](#).
 - Participates in certain assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Social Security, or Lifeline.
 - Participates in Tribal-specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
 - Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year.
 - Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program.
- **Start Date:** December 31, 2021.

Individuals who applied for the temporary Emergency Benefit Program can receive monthly discounts under that program until March 31, 2022. For more details on the Emergency Broadband Benefit and the new Affordable Connectivity Program, please visit the Federal Communication Commission's [website](#).

Resources for Tribal Entities

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (\$2 billion): The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$2 billion in dedicated funds to expand high-speed internet on tribal lands. This funding builds upon the \$1 billion in funding provided in previous legislation to establish the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

- **Funding Type:** Grants.
- **Anticipated Award Amounts:** Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Projects: \$1 million to \$50 million. Broadband Adoption and Use Projects: \$50,000 to \$2.5 million.
- **Use of Funds:** high-speed internet infrastructure deployment; internet affordability programs; distance learning; telehealth; digital inclusion efforts; and internet adoption activities.
- **Eligibility:** Tribal governments, tribal colleges and universities, tribal organizations, and Native corporations.
- **Application Information:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the [BroadbandUSA Website](#) for updates.

Statement Regarding Compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule and Final Rule

U.S. Department of the Treasury

On January 6, 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) adopted a final rule implementing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The final rule responds to comments received on the interim final rule and will take effect on April 1, 2022. Until that time, the interim final rule remains in effect. This statement clarifies the transition from compliance with the interim final rule to compliance with the final rule. Recipients should also review the final rule for additional information.

State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments (together, recipients) must comply with the final rule beginning on April 1, 2022, when the final rule takes effect. Prior to April 1, 2022, recipients may take actions and use funds in a manner consistent with the final rule, and Treasury will not take action to enforce the interim final rule if a use of funds is consistent with the terms of the final rule, regardless of when the SLFRF funds were used.¹

This includes, but is not limited to, the following uses of SLFRF funds:

- Responses to the Negative Economic Impacts of the Public Health Emergency. The final rule expands the enumerated list of eligible uses of SLFRF funds in this category, including health insurance subsidies and paid sick and family leave, as well as making affordable housing development, childcare, early learning services, and services to address learning loss available to any impacted household.
- Responses to the Disproportionate Public Health and Economic Impacts of the Pandemic in Certain Communities. The final rule expands the list of enumerated eligible uses of SLFRF funds for disproportionately impacted communities, including for investments in neighborhoods that promote improved health and safety outcomes, services to address vacant or abandoned properties, and expanded assistance to small businesses.
- Capital Expenditures to Respond to the Public Health and Negative Economic Impacts of the Pandemic. The final rule clarifies that capital expenditures can be eligible in this category, when meeting certain standards, and provides an enumerated list of eligible capital expenditures.
- Responses to Restore and Bolster Government Employment. The final rule expands the uses of funds available to restore and bolster government employment, including restoring employment by hiring up to 7.5% above a recipient's pre-pandemic baseline employment level, funding for employees that experienced pay reductions or were furloughed, maintaining current compensation levels to prevent layoffs, and worker retention incentives.

¹ This means that Treasury will not take action to enforce uses of the interim final rule to the extent that the recipient wishes to change its planned uses of SLFRF funds in a manner consistent with the final rule.

- Government Services to the Extent of Revenue Loss. The interim final rule and final rule both permit recipients to use SLFRF funds for government services in an amount equal to revenue lost due to the pandemic. As discussed in the final rule, Treasury is permitting recipients to determine the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic either according to a formula or by claiming a standard allowance of up to \$10 million, not to exceed their total award allocation. A recipient that plans to use the standard allowance will make a one-time election and report it to Treasury through regular programmatic reporting. In advance of making this election, a recipient may begin to use up to \$10 million of SLFRF funds for government services.

Furthermore, the final rule adjusts the revenue loss calculation formula to (i) permit recipients to calculate revenue loss on a calendar year or fiscal year basis so long as the recipient employs a consistent methodology throughout the period of performance and (ii) include revenue from certain utilities. Treasury will update reporting guidance to clarify how recipients electing to use a fiscal year basis will adjust prior calculations, and a recipient may adjust its prior calculations to reflect these changes prior to April 1, 2022.

- Investments in Broadband Infrastructure. The final rule expands eligible areas for investment in broadband infrastructure to include locations where the recipient has identified need for additional broadband investment. Further, the final rule allows for modernization of cybersecurity for existing and new broadband infrastructure, regardless of their speed delivery standards.
- Investments in Water and Sewer Infrastructure. The final rule expands the list of eligible water and sewer infrastructure projects to include a broader set of project types, including certain dam and reservoir rehabilitation projects, additional stormwater projects, private well projects, and a broader range of projects that remediate lead in water.

Prior to April 1, 2022, the interim final rule remains in effect. Accordingly, recipients may obligate and expend funds in a manner consistent with the interim final rule prior to April 1, 2022.

In addition, Treasury recognizes that recipients have taken steps to use SLFRF funds for projects in a manner consistent with the interim final rule. To the extent that a recipient has taken significant steps toward obligating SLFRF funds in a manner consistent with the interim final rule prior to January 6, 2022, Treasury will generally not take action to enforce provisions contained in the final rule, to the extent that they are more restrictive than those in the interim final rule. Such significant steps include initiation of procurement or grantmaking actions, detailed planning of projects or programs, appropriation of funds, and other significant planning steps. Consistent with this approach, Treasury is providing specific guidance with respect to compliance with the following aspects of the final rule:

- State Unemployment Insurance Trust Funds. Under the interim final rule, a recipient may use SLFRF funds to make deposits into its state account of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund established under section 904 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1104) up to the level needed to restore the pre-pandemic balance of such account as of January 27, 2020 or to pay back advances received under Title XII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1321) for the payment of benefits between January 27, 2020 and May 17, 2021. Under the final rule, a recipient that uses SLFRF funds to make a deposit into its Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund may not take action to reduce average weekly benefit amounts or reduce the number of weeks of benefits payable (i.e., the maximum benefit entitlements).² If a recipient (i) has taken significant steps toward making a deposit into its Unemployment Trust Fund prior to January 6, 2022 or (ii) has made a deposit into its Unemployment Trust Fund prior to April 1, 2022, the recipient will not be subject to limitations on reduction of benefits included in the final rule.³

- Definition of Low-Income and Moderate-Income Households. Under the interim final rule, a “low- and moderate-income” standard was used to determine presumptive eligibility for certain services. In response to comments requesting additional clarification as to what constitutes low income and moderate income, the final rule includes a definition of low-income household and a definition of moderate-income household.
 - For any program, service, or project available to low- and moderate-income households, the recipient may continue to use eligibility criteria for low-income and moderate-income households that they developed consistent with the interim final rule if the recipient (i) has taken significant steps toward obligating SLFRF funds for that program, service, or project prior to January 6, 2022 or (ii) has obligated funds for that program, service, or project prior to April 1, 2022. Recipients that have not taken significant steps toward obligating SLFRF funds prior to January 6, 2022 should either change eligibility criteria to reflect the definition of low-income households and/or moderate-income households included in the final rule or be able to determine that the class of households they seek to serve experienced a negative economic impact resulting from the pandemic.

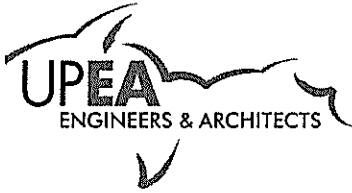
 - Treasury will consider a reasonable definition of low- and moderate-income developed by the recipient to be consistent with the interim final rule; this includes reasonable definitions that are higher than the definition contained in the final rule. As with all provisions under the interim final rule, recipients should be able to support their determination of how to define low- and moderate-income under the interim final rule.

² See final rule section 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A)(10).

³ See final rule for additional information.

- Capital Expenditures. The final rule includes a framework for determining whether a capital expenditure would be eligible as a response to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, which includes a requirement to prepare a written justification for projects with actual or expected capital expenditures of \$1 million or more. A recipient is not required to prepare or submit a written justification as required under the final rule if the recipient (i) has taken significant steps toward obligating SLFRF funds for that project prior to January 6, 2022 or (ii) has obligated funds for such project prior to April 1, 2022.
- Broadband Infrastructure. The final rule includes a requirement that recipients must require service providers for a broadband project that provides service to households either to participate in the Federal Communications Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers in the proposed service area of the broadband infrastructure that provides benefits to households commensurate with those provided under the ACP. If a recipient (i) has taken significant steps toward obligating SLFRF funds for a broadband infrastructure project prior to January 6, 2022 or (ii) has obligated funds for a broadband infrastructure project prior to April 1, 2022, the recipient will not be subject to this requirement.
- Government Services to the Extent of Revenue Loss. In addition to the changes discussed above, the final rule requires recipients to exclude the effects of tax changes adopted after January 6, 2022 from the calculation of revenue lost due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, if using the full revenue loss formula rather than the standard allowance. These changes affect the calculation of revenue loss for calculation dates after the April 1, 2022 effective date, regardless of when SLFRF funds are obligated for government services.

The final rule includes additional information regarding these and other transitions. Please contact SLFRP@treasury.gov with additional questions.



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AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF LIMITED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Client: Houghton County *Date:* January 11, 2022

401 East Houghton Avenue *Project No:* H07-

Houghton, MI 49931

Firm: U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.

Project Name/Location: Houghton County Courthouse - First Floor Renovations

Scope/Intent and Extent of Services: Provide HVAC plans for office renovations

Fee Arrangement: Hourly rate, not-to-exceed \$3,200

Retainer Amount: n/a

Special Conditions: Coordinate plans with county building department and staff

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Firm shall perform the services outlined in this Agreement for the stated fee arrangement.

ACCESS TO SITE:

Unless otherwise stated, the Firm will have access to the site for activities necessary for the performance of the services. The Firm will take precautions to minimize damage due to these activities, but have not included in the fee the cost of restoration of any resulting damage.

FEE:

The total fee shall not be exceeded without written approval of the Client. Where the fee arrangement is to be on an hourly basis, the rates shall be those that prevail at the time services are rendered.

BILLINGS/PAYMENTS:

Invoices for the Firm's services shall be submitted, at the Firm's option, either upon completion of such services or on a monthly basis. Invoices shall be payable within 30 days after the invoice date. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days, the Firm may, without waiving any claim or right against the Client, and without liability whatsoever to the Client, terminate the performance of the service. Retainers shall be credited on the final invoice.

LATE PAYMENTS:

Accounts unpaid 30 days after the invoice date will be subject to a monthly service charge of 1.5% on the unpaid balance (18% true annual rate). In the event any portion or all of an account remains unpaid 90 days after billing, the Client shall pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.

INDEMNIFICATION:

The Client shall indemnify and hold harmless the Firm and all of its personnel from any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or resulting from their performance of the services, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in whole or in part by the negligent act, omission, and/or strict liability of the Client, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Client (except the Firm), or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The Firm shall have the right to rely on information furnished by the Client.

RISK ALLOCATION:

In recognition of the relative risks, rewards and benefits of the project to both the Client and the Firm, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Firm's total liability to the Client for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, damages or claim expenses arising out of this Agreement from any cause or causes, shall not exceed our fee. Such causes include, but are not limited to, the Firm's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty.

TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

This Agreement may be terminated by the Client or the Firm should the other fail to perform its obligations hereunder. In the event of termination, the Client shall pay the Firm for all services rendered to the date of termination, all reimbursable expenses and reimbursable termination expenses.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:

All documents produced by the Firm under this Agreement shall remain the property of the Firm and may not be used by the Client for any other endeavor without the written consent of the Firm.

APPLICABLE LAWS:

Unless otherwise specified, the Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Offered by:

Accepted by:

U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.

Houghton County

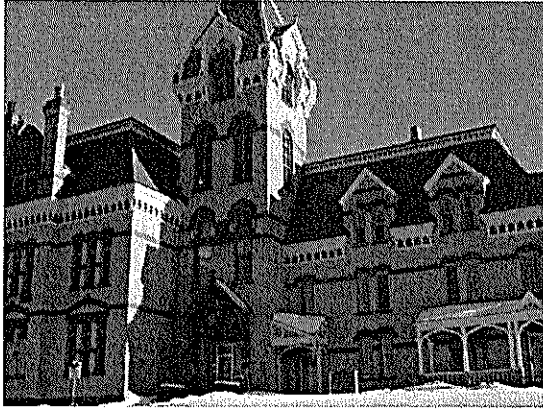
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Houghton County Land Bank Authority 2021 Annual Report

Board of Directors:

Lisa Mattila, Chairperson;
John Haeussler, Secretary;
James Hainault, Treasurer, Secretary Pro Tem;
Glenn Anderson; Tom Tikkanen.

The Houghton County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors (LBA) met seven (7) times in 2021: March 12, May 26, June 15, July 6, September 7, September 23, and December 15.

The board elected to retain the 2020 officers with Director Haeussler serving as secretary and Director Hainault serving as treasurer and secretary pro tem.

Entering 2021 the LBA had twenty-four (24) parcels in its inventory. Two (2) of these parcels were transferred during the year. (Table 1, Parcels 1-2.)

The Houghton County treasurer foreclosed thirty (30) parcels in 2021. The LBA discussed many of the tax-foreclosed parcels and the majority of them were visited by one or more directors for visual inspection.

Prior to the first public tax sale auction the LBA purchased five (5) of the 2021 tax-foreclosed parcels from the Houghton County treasurer for the purposes of rehabilitation and/or renovation. (Table 1, Parcels 3-7.) Recent revisions to the General Property Tax Act allow county authorities to purchase tax-foreclosed property directly from the foreclosing governmental unit, thus it is no longer necessary for the LBA to involve the Houghton County Board of Commissioners in such transactions. One (1) of the parcels purchased was subsequently sold. (Table 1, Parcel 3.)

The LBA also purchased one (1) parcel from the State Land Bank Authority at negligible cost. (Table 1, Parcel 8.)

A development agreement for the former Lakes Building Supply, Lake Linden, was lost due to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) determining that the arsenic level in the soil exceeded the residential contact criteria on parts of the property. A purchase agreement for the property with another interested party is in place and awaiting closing.

The LBA did not receive the \$50,000 Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant intended for the demolition and cleanup of 116 Osceola Street, Laurium, that it applied for from the State Land Bank Authority. The LBA received and declined one (1) bid of \$67,000 in response to a demolition request for proposals for the property.

KEDA Executive Director Jeff Ratcliffe and his staff continued to provide tremendous assistance to the LBA throughout 2021. Notably, Mr. Ratcliffe has overseen substantial efforts involving community volunteers, Houghton County Courthouse staff, Houghton County Work Release crew, Houghton County 12th Circuit Court Parole & Probation community service workers, the YouthWork team, and logistical support from the Keweenaw National Historical Park to clean out, secure, and vent the LBA's 2021 acquisitions in Calumet and Laurium. Mr. Ratcliffe has also continued to lead stabilization work at 425 Fifth Street, Calumet. The LBA greatly appreciates the efforts of KEDA, its other local partners, and the host of volunteers that have made a positive impact throughout the year on preparing properties for rehabilitation and/or renovation.

At the close of 2021 the LBA had twenty-seven (27) parcels in its inventory. (Table 2.)

Table 1: 2021 LBA Property Transactions

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>2021 Transactions</u>
1. Parcel 31-001-700-203-00 17192 Franklin Loop Atlantic Mine (Adams Township)	Sold to county resident for \$500.00 plus \$60.00 closing fee. The purchaser has removed the trailer from the lot as stipulated by the reverter clause. [September 7, 2021]
2. Parcel 31-044-104-003-00 108 Osceola Street Laurium (Village of Laurium)	Sold to county resident and business owner for \$1,400.00 plus deed recording fee. [August 27, 2020; sale finalized in 2021]
3. Parcel 31-002-105-009-00 55779 Hancock Street Laurium (Calumet Township)	2021 tax foreclosure. Purchased from the county treasurer for \$3,127.15 plus 2021 summer taxes. [July 6, 2021] Sold to county resident for \$4,000.00 plus \$60.00 closing fee. The entire property reverts to the LBA at no cost if it is determined to not be in livable condition after 18 months following the issuance of the deed. [September 7, 2021.]
4. Parcel 31-041-128-007-00 511 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	2021 tax foreclosure. Purchased from the county treasurer for \$2,965.38 plus 2021 summer taxes. [July 6, 2021]
5. Parcel 31-041-142-013-00 308 Eighth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	2021 tax foreclosure. Purchased from the county treasurer for \$4,548.88 plus 2021 summer taxes. [July 6, 2021]
6. Parcel 31-041-144-001-50 806 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	2021 tax foreclosure. Purchased from the county treasurer for \$5,862.20 plus 2021 summer taxes. [July 6, 2021]
7. Parcel 31-044-116-002-00 206 Hecla Street Laurium (Village of Laurium)	2021 tax foreclosure. Purchased from the county treasurer for \$5,092.28 plus 2021 summer taxes. [July 6, 2021]
8. Parcel 31-045-107-014-00 29 First Street South Range (Village of S Range)	Purchased from the State Land Bank Authority for \$1.00 plus \$100.00 processing fee. [September 7, 2021]

Table 2: 2021 LBA Property Inventory

Property Address	Comments/Status
1. Parcel 31-001-400-111-00 Sixth Avenue Trimountain (Adams Township)	Vacant land. Assessor's Plat of Trimountain. Candidate for cleanup and redevelopment. The LBA has appealed to Adams Township for assistance with affecting a positive outcome for the property. For sale signs have been placed on the property.
2. Parcel 31-002-120-016-00 26364 Atlantic Street Laurium (Calumet Township)	Blighted house. Florida's Addition to Laurium. Priority candidate for demolition.
3. Parcel 31-002-420-111-00 57435 Fourth Street Calumet (Calumet Township)	One half of blighted duplex. Assessor's Plat of Blue Jacket Location. Candidate for demolition.
4. Parcel 31-002-420-112-00 57437 Fourth Street Calumet (Calumet Township)	One half of blighted duplex. Assessor's Plat of Blue Jacket Location. Candidate for demolition.
5. Parcel 31-002-520-004-70 25608 D Street Calumet (Calumet Township)	Blighted house. Assessor's Plat of Raymbaultown. Priority candidate for demolition. The LBA has had initial discussions with an adjacent property owner and the Charter Township of Calumet regarding sharing the costs of demolition.
6. Parcel 31-004-006-003-00 Crystal Lake Road Sidnaw (Duncan Township)	Sliver of vacant land. Approximately 0.1 acre. Candidate for side lot disposition.
7. Parcel 31-010-524-004-00 18870 Superior Location Houghton (Portage Township)	Vacant land. Two lots in the Village of Superior.
8. Parcel 31-014-657-014-00 Arcadia (Torch Lake Township)	Vacant land. Lot in the Village of Arcadia. Candidate for side lot disposition.
9. Parcel 31-014-660-010-00 Arcadia (Torch Lake Township)	Vacant land. Lot in the Village of Arcadia. Candidate for side lot disposition.
10. Parcel 31-041-105-014-00 11. Parcel 31-041-105-015-00 426 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Blighted commercial property. Village of Calumet. Formerly Erkkila's Garage. DEQ/EGLE environmental assessment has been completed. Ongoing environmental concerns involving adjacent property. Candidate for demolition if stabilization funding not forthcoming.

Table 2: 2021 LBA Property Inventory (continued)

Property Address	Comments/Status
12. Parcel 31-041-121-010-00 439 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Blighted commercial property and environs. Village of Calumet. Formerly The Rose & The Thorn. These seven (7) parcels include an unoccupied storefront (candidate for partial demolition) on the northeast corner of Fifth Street and Pine Street and several adjacent vacant lots within the Village of Calumet.
13. Parcel 31-041-121-010-10 14. Parcel 31-041-121-010-20 15. Parcel 31-041-121-010-30 16. Parcel 31-041-121-011-00 17. Parcel 31-041-121-012-00 18. Parcel 31-041-121-013-00 451 Pine Street and environs Calumet (Village of Calumet)	A storage agreement is in place for a local non-profit to temporarily use the front (south) portion of the former The Rose & The Thorn building. The non-profit provided the LBA with a building condition inspection report done by a local engineering firm. The non-profit is no longer interested in purchasing the building.
19. Parcel 31-041-128-007-00 511 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Former shophouse. Village of Calumet. Priority candidate for renovation. Could potentially be moved to the 400 block of Fifth Street.
20. Parcel 31-041-128-009-00 501 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Blighted commercial property. Village of Calumet. Formerly Sullivan's Livery and M&M Painting. Northwest corner of Fifth Street and Pine Street. DEQ/EGLE environmental assessment has been completed. Candidate for demolition if stabilization funding not forthcoming.
21. Parcel 31-041-129-004-50 425 Fifth Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Blighted sandstone building. Village of Calumet. Priority candidate for continued stabilization and renovation.
22. Parcel 31-041-142-013-00 308 Eight Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Multi-family home. Village of Calumet. Priority candidate for renovation.
23. Parcel 31-041-144-001-50 806 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Single-family home. Village of Calumet. Priority candidate for renovation.
24. Parcel 31-043-265-006-00 Front Street Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	Vacant land. M. Neumann's Addition to Torch Lake City. Formerly Lakes Building Supply. Blighted structures removed and property prepared for redevelopment. Soil contains some arsenic. Purchase agreement in place.

Table 2: 2021 LBA Property Inventory (continued)

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Comments/Status</u>
25. Parcel 31-044-104-005-00 116 Osceola Street Laurium (Village of Laurium)	Burned building. Village of Laurium. Priority candidate for demolition and redevelopment.
26. Parcel 31-044-116-002-00 206 Hecla Street Laurium (Village of Laurium)	Mixed-use building. Village of Laurium. Priority candidate for renovation.
27. Parcel 31-045-107-014-00 29 First Street South Range (Village of S Range)	Vacant land. Lot in the Village of South Range. Previous structure has been demolished.

The LBA receives no outside funding for its operations. At the close of 2021 the LBA's bank account contained a balance of \$35,926.93.

Copies of LBA meeting minutes are available at the Houghton County treasurer's office.

Questions regarding this report should be addressed to:

Lisa Mattila, Chairperson
Houghton County Land Bank Authority
Houghton County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton MI 49931
telephone: (906)482-0560
fax: (906)483-0364
e-mail: treasurer@houghtoncounty.net

AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES

This AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES ("Agreement") is entered into on _____ by and between Houghton County, Michigan ("County"), and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ("MSU") on behalf of MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION (MSUE").

The United States Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 creating a National Cooperative Extension System and directed the nation's land grant universities to oversee its work; and,

MSUE helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities and businesses; and,

For more than 100 years, MSUE has helped grow Michigan's economy by equipping Michigan residents with the information needed to do their jobs better, raise healthy and safe families, build their communities and empower our children to succeed; and,

It is the mission of MSUE to help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities; and,

Further, as an organization committed to the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion, we will work collaboratively with our community partners to ensure participation from the broad human diversity of each community (including race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, gender, gender identity (gender expression), political beliefs, sexual orientation, family status, veteran status or any other factor prohibited by applicable law) and work to make our programs accessible and inclusive of the multiple realities and forms of knowledge that will support equitable outcomes for all throughout Michigan's 83 counties;

MSUE meets this mission by providing Extension educational programs in the following subject matter areas:

- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Children & Youth Development, including 4-H
- Health & Nutrition
- Community, Food & Environment

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

A. MSUE will provide:

1. Access to programs in all four MSUE Institutes to residents in your County. This includes access to educators and program instructors appointed to the Institutes and MSU faculty affiliated with each Institute to deliver core programs.

2. Extension Educators and program staff as needed to implement programs within the County, housed at the county office.
3. A county 4-H program. .5 FTE 4-H Program Coordination.
4. Salary and benefits of MSUE Personnel and the cost of administrative oversight of Personnel.
5. Operating expenses, per MSU policy, for MSUE personnel ("Personnel").
6. Supervision of MSU-provided academic and paraprofessional staff. Supervision of county employed clerical staff and/or other county employed staff, upon request.
7. Administrative oversight of MSUE office operations.
8. An annual report of services provided to the residents of the County during the term of this Agreement, including information about audiences served, and impact of Extension programs in the County.

B. The County will provide:

1. An annual assessment that will be charged to the county and administered by MSUE. The assessment will help fund Extension services for the County, including operating expenses for certain Extension personnel and the operation of the County 4-H program.
2. Office and meeting space meeting the following requirements:
 - a. Sufficient office space to house Extension staff as agreed upon between the County and the MSUE District Director.
 - b. Utilities, including telephone and telephone service sufficient to meet the needs of Personnel utilizing MSUE office space.
 - c. High-speed Internet service sufficient to meet the needs to Personnel utilizing the MSUE office space.
 - d. Access to space for delivering Extension programs.
 - e. Access to the office building and relevant meeting spaces must be ADA compliant/accessible.
3. Clerical support for staff for the MSUE office as agreed upon between the County and MSUE District Director that will perform clerical functions, including assisting County residents in accessing MSUE resources by office visit, telephone, email, internet and media. The clerical support staff will be either a County employed clerical staff, or the County will provide funding for an MSUE employed clerical staff.

0 FTE

Optional:

4. Funding for additional Extension educators at **0 FTE**
5. Funding for additional 4-H program capacity at **0 FTE**
6. Funding for additional paraprofessional(s) at **0 FTE**
7. Total Annual Assessment in the amount of **\$45,735**

Payments due and payable under the terms of this agreement shall be made on the first of the month, of the first month, in each quarter of the county fiscal year, unless otherwise requested and agreed as provided below.

Payment mailing address: MSU Extension Business Office, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

C. Staffing and Financial Summary:

A. Base Assessment (includes .5 FTE 4-H Program Coordination)	\$45,735
Base Assessment credit for FY 2022	(\$5,735)

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

B. 0 FTE Clerical Support Staff to be employed by MSU	\$0
C. 0 FTE Educator (Program Area:)	\$0
D. 0 FTE Additional 4-H Program Coordination	\$0
E. 0 FTE Additional paraprofessional staff	\$0

TOTAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT PAYABLE TO MSU FOR FY 2022: \$40,000

I. Term and Termination

The obligations of the parties under this Agreement will commence on October 1, 2021, the first day of the County budget year 2022 and shall terminate on the last day of such County budget year 2022. Either party to this Agreement may terminate the Agreement, with or without cause, with 120 days written notice delivered to Michigan State University Extension, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, MI 48824 if to MSUE and delivered to Houghton County, Elizabeth Bjorn, Administrator, 5th Floor, 401 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931, if to the County.

II. General Terms

1. **Independent Contractor**. The University is an independent contractor providing services to the County. The County and MSU do not have the relationship of legal partners, joint venturers, principals or agents. Personnel have no right to any of County's employee benefits.

2. **Force Majeure.** Each party will be excused from the obligations of this agreement to the extent that its performance is delayed or prevented by circumstances (except financial) reasonably beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of government, embargoes, fire, flood, explosions, acts of God, or a public enemy, strikes, labor disputes, vandalism, or civil riots.
3. **Assignment.** This agreement is non-assignable and non-transferable.
4. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, with its Appendix "A" is the entire agreement between MSU and the County. This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, for the subject matter of this Agreement. The Agreement can only be modified in writing, signed by both MSU and the County.
5. **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of MSU and the County and does not create any benefit or right for any other person, including residents of the County.
6. **Nondiscrimination:** The parties will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination. Neither party will discriminate against a person to be served or any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, or any other factor prohibited by applicable law.

The individuals signing below each have authority to bind MSU and the County, respectively.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

HOUGHTON COUNTY

By: _____

By: _____

Evonne Pedawi
Contract & Grant Administration

Print name: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

(title)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Appendix A
Technical Standards for County Internet Connections

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) employs the use of technology to meet the ever-changing needs of our constituents. We strive to utilize standard, enterprise tools when appropriate, but also recognize the need to evolve with the times and utilize innovative tools to reach a broad array of people.

MSUE does support and encourage the use of technologies that others may not, including social media platforms. We view communication with our constituents through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and other emerging social media to be critical to our work. MSUE staff are required to follow the MSU Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) <https://tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies/aup/>.

We ask that our county partners provide Extension personnel access to a high-speed Internet connection. From that access, the easiest way to create a secure path to necessary applications is to open the full MSU Internet Protocol Range to and from your network, as well as opening social media sites to the addresses used by MSUE staff at your location. MSUE is prepared to support end user needs if there is high-speed internet, networking to clients, and phone system support. MSU will provide firewall functionality and client support. To discuss this possibility please contact your MSUE District Director. To provide the needed services on county equipment review the following MSU-owned ranges:

The MSU-owned ranges are:
NetRange35.8.0.0 - 35.9.255.255 CIDR35.8.0.0/15

If you would like to narrow the scope further for additional protection, some of the addresses that will need to be allowable include:

Office 365 – Details on what to open are at <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/enterprise/urls-and-ip-address-ranges?view=o365-worldwide>
search.msu.edu
35.9.160.36 (1935,443) authentication
45.60.149.216
35.9.247.31 (zoom.msu.edu)
d2l.msu.edu (80 and 443) (D2L – Desire to Learn @ Brightspace.com)
108.161.147.0/24, 199.231.78.0/24, 64.62.142.12/32, 209.206.48.0/20 (external) Meraki Cloud communication
199.231.78.148/32, 64.156.192.245/32 (external) Meraki VPN registry

The following applications are necessary on all computers – MS Office (preferably O365, MSUE provides MS licensing), Adobe Acrobat, Zoom, SAP client, VPN client, Antivirus. (Most recent version of Chrome, Firefox, or Edge)

Other notable web server/sites IP addresses:

canr.msu.edu – 52.5.24.1
msue.anr.msu.edu – 52.5.24.1
events.anr.msu.edu/web3.anr.msu.edu – 45.60.11.113
web2.canr.msu.edu | web2.msue.msu.edu - 35.8.200.220
master Gardener (External) – 128.120.155.54
extension.org (External) – 54.69.217.186 msu.zoom.us (External)

Questions may be directed to anr.support@msu.edu where they will be routed to the best person to assist you.

**COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
Conference or Other Travel Request**

Reason for Travel and Destination:

Marquette Michigan, NBA

Date(s) of Travel: 02/11/2022

Check any of the following as applicable for this travel request:

Required Training		Conference Attendance:	Association Meeting:
Needed for License	X	Annual	Annual
Needed for Certification		Bi-Annual	Bi-Annual
State or Other Mandate		Other	Other
Seminar			Training Not Required

This request is included in the Department Budget: X Yes No

Travel Budget \$ _____

Training/Conference Budget: \$ 75.00

Estimate all costs requested for payment from Houghton County:

\$75.00 Conference Fee

Portion of costs to be paid other than by Houghton County:

Submitted by: Todd LaRoux Title Building Official Date 01/21/2022

Department: Building Supervisor's Signature



Approved Disapproved by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held on _____.

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____



Western Upper Peninsula Health Department

1/13/2022

Invoice

9220008

540 Depot St., Hancock, MI 49930
Phone (906) 482-7382, Fax (906) 482-9410

Houghton County
Houghton County Courthouse
Attn: Elizabeth Bjorn
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931

Fiscal Year 2022 - Second Quarter
January - March 2022

Charge Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
1/13/2022	Quarterly Appropriations - Houghton County, January - March 2022	0.00	0.00	\$66,584.50

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Please return bottom portion with your payment.

Total: \$66,584.50

Customer ID HTN CTY

Invoice ID 9220008

Customer Name Houghton County

Invoice Date 1/13/2022

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Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Total: \$66,584.50

Fiscal Year 2022 - Second Quarter
January - March 2022



January 27, 2022

Elizabeth Bjorn, Administrator
Houghton County
401 E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931

RE: 2022 Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) Membership Support

Dear Ms. Bjorn:

Attached is your invoice for the 2022 Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance membership dues. While 2021 was another year for the record books, KEDA continued doing its part to keep our economy and communities moving forward. Your continued support provides the resources that will ensure that we can continue our effort through what will continue to be a productive year for the Keweenaw.

Key Highlights of 2021:

- Retention visits to 300+ area companies with follow up as well as referrals to SBDC, Michigan Works!, MEDC, PTAC, MDARD and others and provided assistance to one area technology driven manufacturer with expansion related support
- Working with the City of Hancock and WUPPDR, KEDA completed required SHPO review compliance for a \$2.66 million EDA grant awarded for the \$3.3 million Hancock Business & Technology Park project.
- Working with the Houghton County Land Bank Authority, KEDA organized community agencies, organizations, and volunteers to clean out and secure four historic buildings in Calumet and Laurium and is currently working with potential developers to package rehabilitation projects that will create long term housing and commercial space.
- Working with the Village of Calumet and their DDA, KEDA assisted two developers package projects totaling around \$1 million each for MEDC gap funding assistance. One project is in the final approval phase with the MEDC and the other is being resubmitted based on review.
- Raised \$9,000 towards the Portage Health Foundation education endowment fund that will support permanent funding for the annual PHF-KEDA CTE Scholarship program at \$1,000 per scholarship and extending the program to two high schools in Ontonagon County and the Horizons School.

Our annual report will be forwarded separately by email and posted to our website.

In addition to our primary focus on delivering economic development services to our companies and communities, KEDA continues to work collaboratively with the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce, Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau, FinnZone, Team Peninsula, and many others to move forward economic development initiatives that will have a regional impact.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have questions about the organization, are looking for information, or have business or community development issues you need assistance with. I can be reached at 989-350-1206 or at jeff@kedabiz.com.

Reminder, KEDA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to KEDA are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you wish to charge your dues, please call me at (989) 350-1206 and I will take your information over the phone.

Sincerely,


Jeff Ratcliffe
Executive Director

Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance

Invoice

P.O. Box 724
Houghton, MI 49931

Date	Invoice #
1/18/2022	1630

Bill To
Houghton County Elizabeth Bjorn, Administrator 401 E. Houghton Ave. Houghton, MI 49931

Ship To

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
			1/18/2022			
Quantity	Item Code	Description			Price Each	Amount
1	Membership	2022 KEDA Membership Support			20,000.00	20,000.00
					Total	\$20,000.00

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

Members: Ashland, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Rusk
Counties of WI & Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon Counties of MI.

Visit us at: www.ncwrpc.org/NorthwoodsRail/

January 31, 2022

Invoice No: 2022-9

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk
401 E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931-2016

INVOICE

RE: Annual Administrative Fee
for 2022

\$300.00

Amount Due

\$300.00

*(Make checks payable to Northwoods
Rail Transit Commission)*

Thank you.

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

* Due 30 days from statement date.

If you have any questions, contact:

Darryl L. Landeau
Senior Planner
(715) 849-5510, Ext. 308
dlandeau@ncwrpc.org