

Need funding? We have resources!

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Community Excellence Award Virtual Q&A



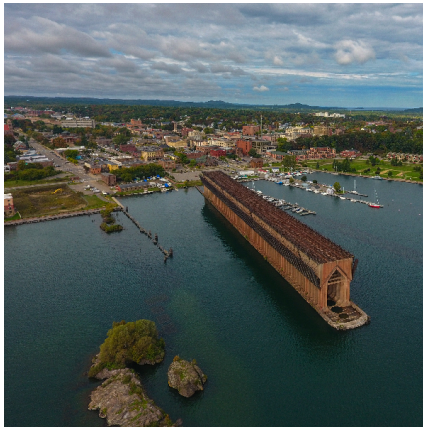
Do you have questions about submitting your community's project for our CEA? Want to learn more about past projects' successes? Join Emily Kieliszewski, our Assistant Director of Member Experience & Learning, and our winners from 2023 and 2022. Juan Ganum, City Manager of Bridgman; Julie Strating, Changemaker Studio (Bridgman); and Emilie LaGrow, Village Manager of Cassopolis, will share about their experiences and provide first-hand advice. Visit our Facebook page, [@MMLeague](#), on Wednesday, April 24, at noon or register [here](#).

MI Funding Hub Launches for Michigan Communities



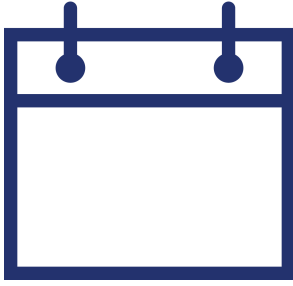
We are excited to announce the MI Funding Hub resource library is now available! It is the first of its kind programming that will help connect your community with funding opportunities from multiple sources, including state, federal, and private sources such as philanthropic foundations. This free resource serves all municipalities in the State of Michigan, including villages, townships, cities, and counties. To learn more about this program or get technical assistance in navigating funding opportunities, visit MIFundingHub.org or contact the League team helpdesk@mifundinghub.org.

Climate & Demographics Policy Brief Now Available



The League’s Policy Research Labs team has released their first in the Creating Better Futures policy brief series. These briefs provide focused research summaries and recommendations on some of the most pressing issues facing Michigan communities now and in the coming years.

The first brief, [Climate & Demographics](#), explores how Michiganders will experience climate change, what our communities can do to be climate resilient, and how by being climate resilient we can continue to create thriving communities. Learn more and access the brief [here](#).



Upcoming Events

April 22

Live with the League

April 24

Community Excellence Award Virtual Q&A

May 17–18

Core Elected Officials Academy Spring Summit

May 17–18

Advanced Elected Officials Academy Spring Summit

June 20

Michigan Municipal League CMU Virtual Info Session



Live with the League

Join us on Monday, April 22, with special guest **Shanna Draheim**, the League's Director of Policy Research Labs. She will discuss the recently released MI Funding Hub technical assistance program and the first Creating Better Futures policy brief, Climate & Demographics. Our Lansing team will discuss recent legislative activity, including an important update on short-term rentals.



Grant Writing Training

Clinton Area Transit System and Workplace Safety, and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in St. Johns on April 23–24. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines who want to learn how to find funding sources and write winning grant proposals. Event details are available [here](#).



Reminder: Michigan Environment Compliance Conference

Registration is open for the 2024 Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference (MECC) June 5–6, in Lansing. It helps businesses, municipalities, and environmental professionals across Michigan comply with their environmental requirements. Attending the MECC provides an excellent opportunity to hear from experts in more than 70 technical sessions, get questions answered, and get up to speed on regulatory updates, hot topics, best practices, and more. Get the details and register [here](#).



Reminder: Rural Real Estate Development Boot Camp

The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) is hosting their first rural-focused Real Estate Development Boot Camp to support practitioners working in this context! Come learn from experienced developers, city officials, and investors, with a virtual kickoff on May 8, an in-person training June 4–7, and virtual final presentations on June 30. Registrants must be available to attend all

Boot Camp dates. This is a fast-paced, hands-on training program and capacity is limited. Registration closes April 26, but will close automatically once it reaches capacity. Questions can be directed to Sandy Pearson at pearson@cedamichigan.org. Learn more and register [here](#).



Upcoming Deadlines

April 26

**Rural Real Estate Development Boot Camp
Registration**

May 1

**Michigan Green Communities Challenge
Participation**

May 17

2024 CEA Submissions

Join us on social media!



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