

The logo for MI Funding Hub features the text "MI Funding Hub" in white. The "MI" is followed by a yellow circle, and "Funding Hub" is in a larger font. Above the "MI" is a blue and green pill-shaped graphic. Below "MI" is an orange and blue pill-shaped graphic, and below "Funding Hub" is a yellow circle.

MI Funding Hub

Welcome!

March 27, 2025



The MI Funding Hub is a joint venture of The Michigan Municipal League and The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.



Helping Michigan municipalities navigate new state and federal funding opportunities

Funding support provided by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity; the Michigan Municipal League (MML) team is available now to help communities understand and successfully pursue state and federal recovery and infrastructure funding.

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Polling Activity

Agenda

- MI Funding Hub Review
- Technical assistance
- Guest speakers
- Open dialogue: Impacts of state and federal changes
- Grant basics
- Upcoming grant deadlines
- Closing



MI Funding Hub Review

- Community eligibility
- Database of federal and State of Michigan grants
- Technical assistance
- Capacity building
- Articles, toolkits, and other resources
- Ongoing newsletter and webinars

Technical Assistance

1. **Submit a request** via the Helpdesk at: mifundinghub.org/get-assistance/
2. **We'll reach out** to coordinate a time to meet virtually.
3. **Talk to our grant experts** to discuss funding gaps and opportunities. This meeting is usually 30–45 minutes long.
4. **Receive follow-up support** as needed. This support may include the Helpdesk searching for additional funding opportunities or peer reviewing your funding applications.



Guest Speakers



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Recreation Grant Programs

March 2025



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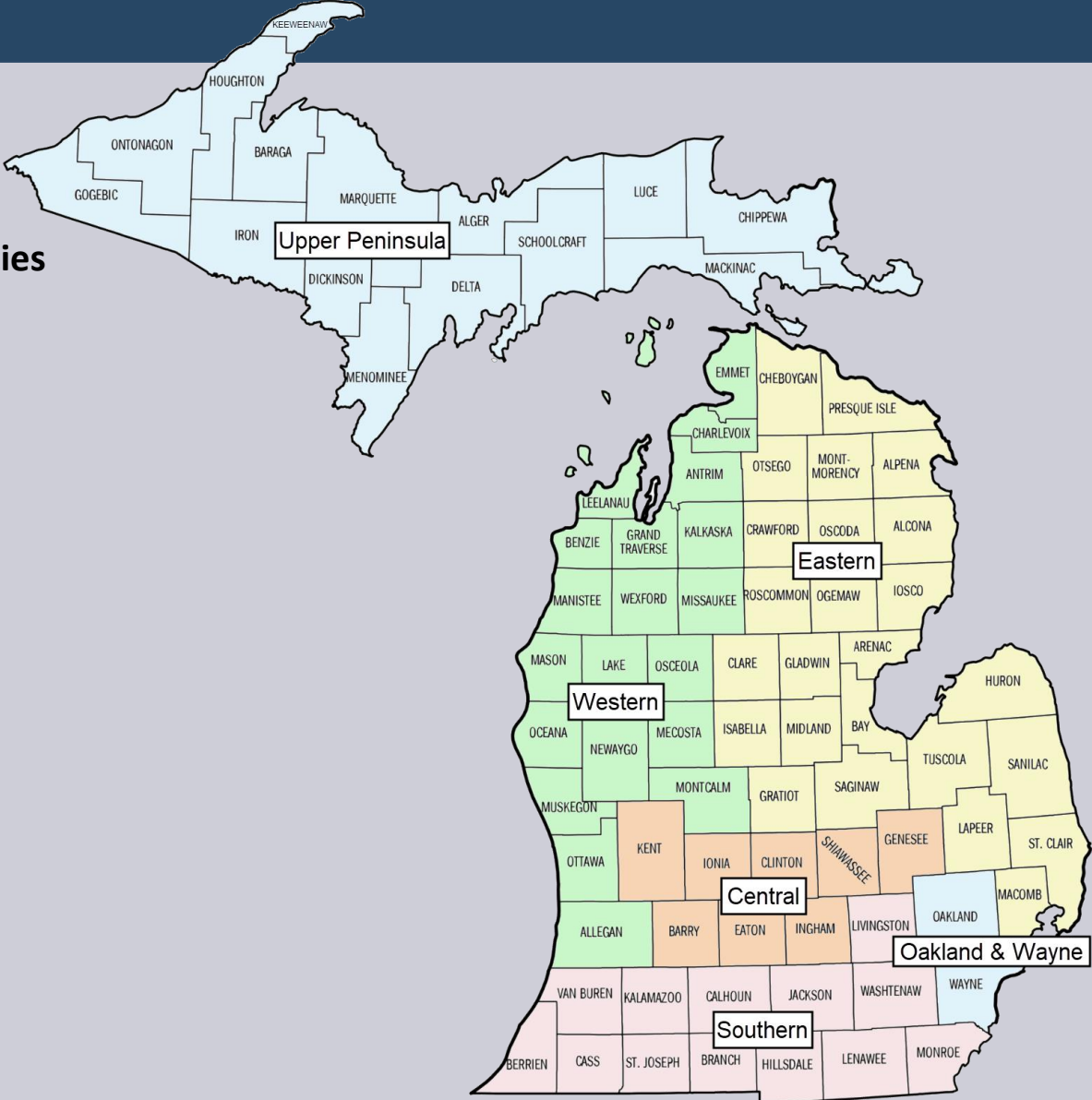
**Upper Peninsula Region,
Wayne & Oakland Counties**

Western Region

Eastern Region

Central Region

Southern Region



Recreation Grants



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

- Founded in 1976 with oil and gas royalties, funded from interest earned on investments.
- +/- \$21 million



Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Federal Program, established in 1965. State allocations administered by the National Park Service.
- +/- \$7 million



Recreation Passport Grant Program

- Started in 2011. Funded by Recreation Passport purchased with vehicle registrations.
- +/- \$2 million



Eligible Applicants

- State and Local Units of Government
- Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- Regional recreation authorities (if DNR approved)
- School Districts if sole provider of outdoor recreation
- Federally recognized Native American Tribes (LWCF)
- Applicant must have:
 - DNR-Approved 5-year Recreation Plan
 - OR
 - Capital Improvement Plan (Recreation Passport only)



Grant Request Amounts

	Minimum	Maximum	% Match
TF Acquisition	N/A	N/A	25% min
TF Development	\$15,000	\$400,000	25% min
LWCF Acquisition	N/A	N/A	50% fixed
LWCF Development	\$30,000	\$500,000	50% fixed
Rec Passport	\$7,500	\$150,000	25% min

Reimbursement Grants – Based on Grant Percentage



Eligible Match Sources



- General Fund
- Donations
- Some Other Grants
- Volunteer labor
- Force account labor
- Community owned materials



Eligible Projects

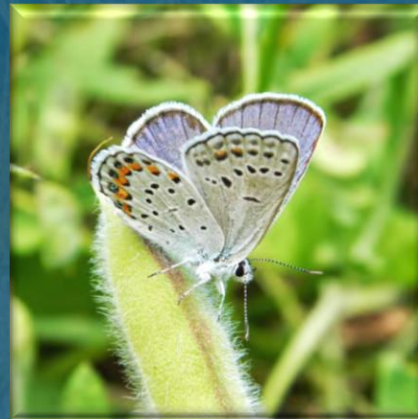
- Acquisition of land or rights in land
 - MNRTF & LWCF
- Development of public outdoor recreation
- Development of indoor facilities - RP



Acquisition Projects



- Priorities of Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan / Forest Management Plan
- Conserves imperiled or rare species and community types, or includes Critical Dune areas, frontage on Great Lakes or their connecting waters
- Conserve or provide direct access to quality natural amenities or resources, rivers, or lakes



Development Projects



- Trails & trailheads
- Canoe or kayak launches
- Marinas and boat launches
- Fishing piers
- Picnic pavilions
- Athletic fields & Pickleball
- Playscapes
- Campgrounds
- Restrooms and bathhouses
- **And More!**



Application Timeline

- **January** Applications Open in MiGrants
- **February 1** New 5-Year Recreation Plans Due
- **April 1** Application Deadline
- **April / May** Administrative Review
- **June / July** Site Visits & Staff Scoring
- **September** Preliminary Scores Issued



Application Timeline (cont.)

- **October** Supplemental Information Due
- **November** Final Scores Released
- **November** Director Recommendations RP/LW
- **December** MNRTF Board Recommendations
- **January** MNRTF Legislation Transfer



Application Parts

- Application Sections
 - Applicant site and project information
 - Project funding and match sources
 - Project details
 - Site conditions
- Narrative
- Attachments



Development Scoring Criteria	MNRTF - Dev	LWCF	RP
Natural Resources	X		
Urban Area	X		
Additional Applicant Match	X		
TF Board Priority: Trail OR Regionally Significance	X		
Entrance Fees	X	X	
Public Support	X	X	
Universal Design	X	X	X
Renovation	X	X	X
Site Quality	X	X	X
Over-all Park Design	X	X	X
Maintenance	X	X	X
Applicant History and Compliance	X	X	X
Sustainable Design	X	X	X
Financial Need	X	X	X
Per Capita Development Grant Assistance	X	X	X

Grant Timeline

- **RP:** Projects Agreements (PA) issued in January
- **MNRTF:** Legislative and Governor Approval
May take 4-6 months before PA issued
- **LWCF:** National Park Service Approval before PA
- Grantee has 2 years to complete the project
- May begin certain activities on January 1



Long-Term Obligations

- Open to the public
- Well maintained
- Program acknowledgement plaque required
- MNRTF & LWCF – site must remain in public outdoor recreation *in perpetuity*
- RP – public outdoor recreation 20 years or 40 years for structures



Contact Information

Email: dnr-grants@michigan.gov

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Program Information and Forms:

www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Sign up for e-mail updates:



www.michigan.gov/dnr



Questions?

Thank you!



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**Let's do a
quick
survey**



Grant Basics

Post Award Success

- Review the grant agreement to understand
 - Grant requirements
 - Intended outcomes of the grant
 - Restrictions on grant activities and how the grant funds can be spent
 - Reporting and compliance requirements and timeline
- Dividing roles across the grant team
 - Finance team: manage the budget, track and report grant expenditures.
 - Evaluation team: monitor program outcomes, recommends program adjustments, and contribute to reporting.

Grant Basics

Post Award Success

- Coordinate across teams to:
 - Keep track of key deliverables and reporting requirements
 - Monitor program implementation and the project budget
 - Conduct data reviews and analysis

Grant Basics Toolkit

Now on Our Website!

The Grant Basics Toolkit is now live on the MI Funding Hub website!

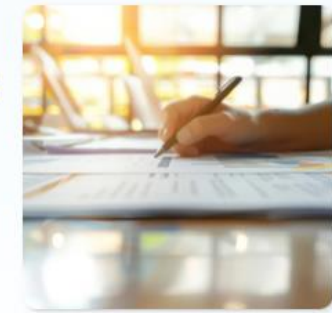
<https://mifundinghub.org/grant-basics-toolkit/>

A one-stop-shop resource for grant writing guidance. Find the tips shared in previous newsletters and webinars and more!

Grant Basics Toolkit

[Home](#) / Grant Basics Toolkit

Access a range of templates, checklists, and guides designed to help you effectively plan, apply for, and manage grant projects. From crafting a compelling narrative to budgeting and reporting, these tools are built to simplify the grant process and enhance your proposal's impact. Read the How-to Grant Guide below.



How-To Grant Guide

Explore MI Funding Hub's comprehensive guide to navigate grants and secure funding for Michigan's local projects.

[See Guide](#)

Grant Proposal Tools

Budget Template

This editable budget template will help you paint a detailed financial picture for your proposed grant. Use the pre-populated formulas to enter your anticipated income and expenses for the project.

[View Template](#)

Narrative Template

Grant application requirements vary, but most will ask for some of the same basic contents. Use this template to organize your thoughts, get your storytelling going, and collect key data in one document.

[View Template](#)

Checklist Template

There's nothing worse than forgetting to submit a crucial part of a grant application or overlooking required content. Use this customizable checklist to keep you on track.

[View Template](#)

Reporting Template

Good reporting starts at the beginning of a grant project, not at the end. Use this spreadsheet to track your data, collect observations throughout the grant period, and generate a simplified financial report.

[View Template](#)

Sign Up For Our Newsletter

Don't miss out on funding opportunities that could make a lasting impact in your community. Sign up to receive monthly emails about featured grant opportunities, webinars, and technical assistance.

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Upcoming Deadlines

Coming Soon...

- MI Solar Access
 - Application deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025
- MI Healthy Schools Grant
 - Application deadline: Monday, April 21, 2025
- Transportation Economic Development Fund Category F - Cities in Rural Counties
 - Application deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2025





Closing

What's Next?

- The next webinar is April 24, 2025
- Grants are continually being added to the database
- The Helpdesk will continue to provide support



We Want to Hear from You!

Don't be shy! Tell us what you think.

- Your feedback is vital to the development of MI Funding Hub
- Help us build the product to help you



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Helpdesk Form

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