



2010 CEDAM Policy Agenda

In 2010 CEDAM will seek to achieve:

- Fast, fair, and effective distribution of NSP1 and NSP2 funds with a focus on collaboration.
- Increased LIHTC investment in Michigan.
- Restrictions on predatory lending practices.
- Strong FY 2011 federal budget allocations for housing and community economic development programs, including the National Housing Trust Fund and the HEARTH Act.
- Increased public access to broadband in local libraries, public schools, and other public facilities in rural Michigan as well as increased and cost-effective availability of broadband access to rural homes and businesses.

At all times, CEDAM supports and advocates for:

Affordable Housing

- Permanent affordable housing
- Development and preservation of affordable rental housing
- Development of promising rental housing models, including permanent supportive housing
- Incentives and rewards to affordable housing providers to follow green building guidelines

Vibrant Neighborhoods

- Transformation of transit for overall community mobility
- Creation of safe environments, including tools for addressing blight and drug nuisances
- Reductions in racial segregation
- Historic Preservation

Economic Development

- Policies that assist people with learning new skills to support the new economy and promote entrepreneurship
- Community development that leverages federal stimulus investment
- Downtown revitalization
- Support for local businesses

Homeownership (see [Michigan Foreclosure Task Force](#))

- Foreclosure prevention
- Consumer protections from predatory lending
- Homeownership counseling and resources for homeownership for all individuals
- Financial resources for home repair and improvements

Asset Building (see [Asset Building Policy Project](#))

- Improved financial literacy for all Michigan families
- Expanded opportunities to save and create wealth for Michigan families
- Increased access to affordable, high-quality financial services and products

Healthy Rural Communities (see [Michigan Rural Network](#))

- Access to broadband Internet services throughout rural Michigan
- High-quality education in small and rural communities
- Renewable energy investment and energy conservation efforts in rural communities
- Better health care services and access in rural communities
- Better infrastructure and transportation systems in rural Michigan
- Cultural economic development measures for rural Michigan
- Regulatory legislation for the agri-tourism industry
- Decent affordable housing all rural Michigan residents, especially very-low and low-income families

Resources for Community Economic Development Activities

- Fair and responsible funding and allocation for:
 - Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credits
 - Community Development Block Grant
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program
 - McKinney-Vento
 - The National Housing Trust Fund
 - Michigan’s Housing and Community Development Fund

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