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## ***State Farm awards CEDAM \$10,000 Grant***

Lansing, MI - **The Community Economic Development Association (CEDAM) is pleased to announce a \$10,000 grant from State Farm to support its Comprehensive Community Development Institute (CCDI).** The CCDI training program assists CEDAM's members in their efforts to rebuild and rejuvenate Michigan communities. CEDAM is proud to partner with State Farm in this endeavor.

"As a company with agents located throughout Michigan, many of us work first-hand with community development organizations. We understand the challenges that organizations face today and we are thankful that there are top-notch training opportunities through CEDAM that give them the tools to increase their abilities. State Farm is thrilled to support CEDAM's Comprehensive Community Development Institute," says, Lansing State Farm Agent, Jim Hanlin.

Since its inception, CEDAM has trained more than 400 community development professionals through CCDI and other trainings. "CEDAM is proud to provide its members with this valuable and timely program," said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, CEDAM Executive Director. "It is because of the generosity of organizations like State Farm that we are able to continue this vital work."

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For more information about CCDI and a schedule for upcoming classes, please visit [www.cedam.info/resources/training](http://www.cedam.info/resources/training).

*The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a nonprofit organization, represents hundreds of organizations and individuals committed to rebuilding our neighborhoods and revitalizing communities throughout Michigan. CEDAM is a membership association of primarily nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), community action agencies, and other nonprofits that provide affordable and supportive housing to our most vulnerable citizens, encourage downtown and commercial corridor revitalization, provide workforce and entrepreneurship training, and help families develop and maintain assets. For more information about CEDAM, please visit [www.cedam.info](http://www.cedam.info).*

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