

# 2015 Policy Priorities

## Vibrant Communities

- Ensure that Michigan's tax code provides for well-placed affordable housing development, rural development, downtown development and economic opportunities
- Educate and advocate for policies that best serve the housing needs of Michigan's most vulnerable populations
- Secure dedicated funding for the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund
- Encourage Michigan's regional planning system to support and include community economic development
- Improve funding strategies and finance options for downtowns, historic buildings and commercial districts
- Educate and advocate for policies that reduce the impact of vacancies and blight on Michigan's neighborhoods
- Advocate for policies that promote equitable access to safe and reliable transportation

## Economic Opportunity

- Give Michigan residents opportunities to achieve financial security through saving and asset building tools, working families' tax credits and consumer protections
- Promote opportunities for strong economic growth and poverty reduction through micro-enterprise development
- Work towards creating partnerships between local financial education programs and state assistance programs

## Housing Security

- Advocate for strong consumer protection and foreclosure mitigation laws
- Secure a dedicated funding stream for foreclosure and homeowner counseling

CEDAM accomplishes these goals by facilitating discussion between state departments and local governments and organizations, and by monitoring legislation and connecting members with information about and advocacy opportunities for relevant issues.



CEDAM works to build a broad base of support for community-based economic development activities in Michigan. We work to impact state and national legislation, governmental policies and engage in discussions to obtain additional industry support. CEDAM accomplishes much of this work through its Public Policy Committee, which often serves as our collective voice on significant legislation and policies from our State Capitol in Lansing to our Nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.

CEDAM's members invest in people and the communities in which they live. CEDAM's policy staff works to be both an advocate and a resource for its members and the communities they support.

CEDAM focuses its policy agenda by its guiding mission to develop vibrant communities through state and federal partnership, advocacy and member education.

Focusing on its goal to develop vibrant communities, CEDAM advocates for policies which advance the following:

- Quality Housing
- Community Building
- Financial Security
- Economic Vitality
- Equitable Access
- Safety
- Environmental Stewardship
- Health
- Collaborative Planning and Coordination
- Education and Workforce Development
- Arts & Culture

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## CEDAM pays special interest to policy issues faced by projects and networks it hosts, including:

- Issues faced by families and neighborhoods in foreclosure (Michigan Foreclosure Task Force)
- Policies and projects that impact rural Michigan (Michigan Rural Council)
- Strategies to reduce asset poverty and help working families achieve lasting financial security (Michigan Economic Impact Coalition and the Michigan Communities for Financial Empowerment)
- Providing a voice for microenterprise and building the capacity of practitioners to improve the environment for Michigan entrepreneurs (Microenterprise Network of Michigan)

## Partners

By partnering with federal and state organizations, CEDAM is able to provide our members with more resources to advance community economic development. CEDAM generally supports the efforts and agendas of:

### National Affiliates

- Affordable Rental Housing A.C.T.I.O.N.
- Center for Community Progress
- Corporation For Enterprise Development (CFED)
- Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA)
- The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)
- The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)
- NeighborWorks America
- Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA)
- Michigan Community Development Association (MCDA)
- Michigan Community Resources (MCR)
- Michigan Complete Streets Coalition
- Michigan Downtown Association
- The Michigan Historic Preservation Network
- The Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP)
- Michigan Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Michigan LISC)
- Michigan Main Street Center
- Michigan Municipal League (MML)
- Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA)
- Michigan Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
- Sense of Place Council
- Transportation for Michigan (Trans4M)

### State Partners and Partnerships

- Community Development Advocates of Detroit (CDAD)
- Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Detroit LISC)
- Habitat for Humanity of Michigan
- Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

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