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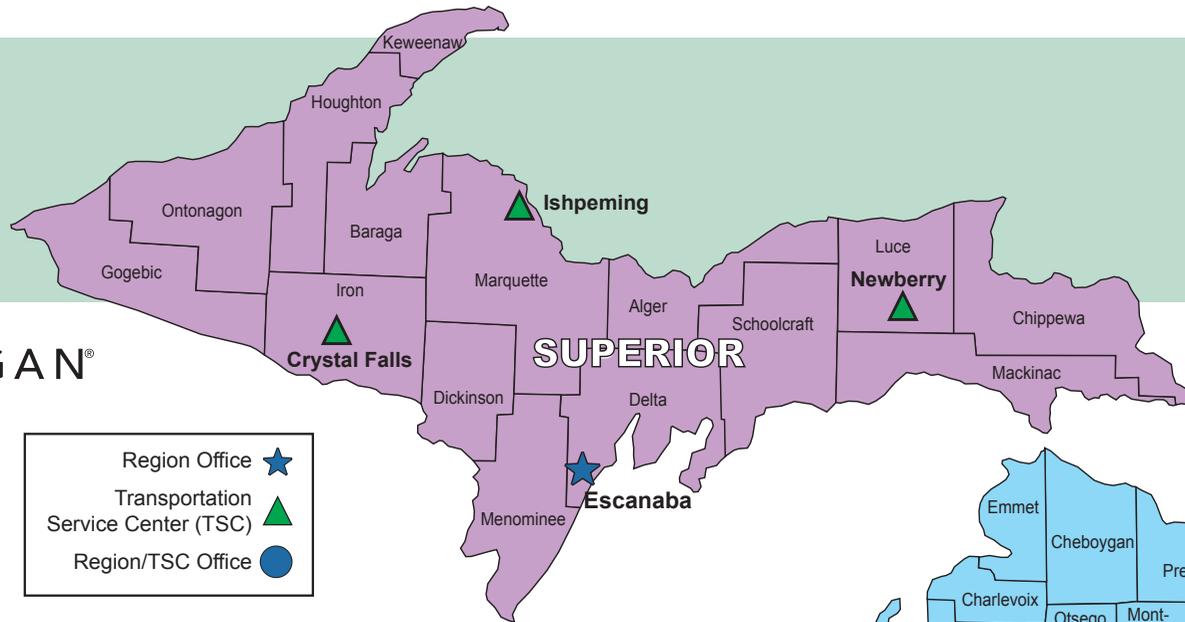


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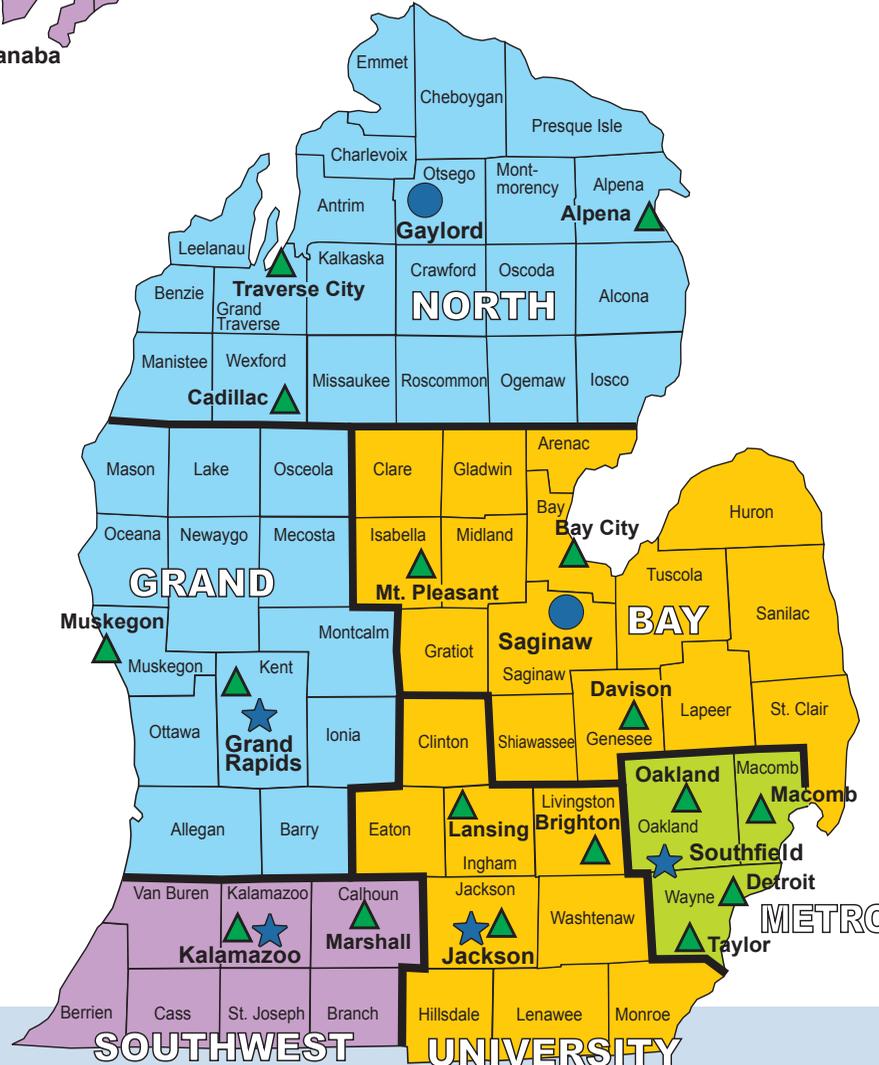
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Transportation Economic Development Fund

The Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) provides funding for transportation improvements that enhance the state's ability to compete in a global economy, promote economic growth and improve the quality of life in the state of Michigan.

Category A provides funding for road improvements that help remove the transportation impediments to private investment and job creation or retention. Selected projects must be related to developments in seven target industries: agriculture and food processing, tourism, forestry, high-tech research centers, manufacturing, mining, and office centers of 50,000 square feet or more in size. Eligible applicants are county road commissions, MDOT, cities, and villages. Applications are accepted year-round with award announcements made multiple times a year.

Category F provides funding for road improvements that increase or preserve the all-season road system within the urban areas of rural counties (population less than 400,000). Competitive applications provide connectivity to the existing all-season system, state trunklines and/or have a high percentage of commercial traffic. Eligible applicants are county road commissions, cities, and villages. Applications are accepted annually each spring.

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Transportation Alternatives Program

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as bike paths, streetscapes, and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability, and improving quality of life. The program uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for these types of activities.

Applications requesting TAP funds are accepted year-round. TAP funding requires matching funds of at least 20 percent of the project cost. Additional consideration is given to projects whose match exceeds the minimum required. Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, villages, state agencies, transit agencies, and Native American tribes.

Competitive applications receive a conditional commitment from MDOT to fund the project in a specific future year. As long as the applicant meets certain conditions, including certifying property, completing design plans according to state and federal standards, and certifying that matching dollars are available, funding will be awarded for implementation of the project in the specified year. This allows applicants to coordinate TAP projects with other infrastructure work, and allows applicants time to raise and leverage matching funds for projects.

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Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a school-based international movement to make it safe, convenient and fun for children, including those with disabilities, to bicycle and walk to school. This creates a safe environment for children to get the regular physical activity needed to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age. SRTS initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution in the vicinity of elementary schools, unite neighborhoods and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

Michigan's SRTS program begins with a school-based comprehensive planning process. Of the 4,000 elementary and middle schools in Michigan, nearly 500 have committed to developing SRTS action plans.

SRTS is a competitive grant program. SRTS grant funds can support both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects.

Michigan's SRTS program is managed by MDOT, with training, logistical, administrative, and technical support from the Michigan Fitness Foundation (MFF): 517-347-7891 or toll-free at 800-434-8642. MFF provides assistance and training on beginning an SRTS program at your school, developing an SRTS action plan, and also can provide guidance on developing grant applications.

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State Infrastructure Bank

The State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) was created under the National Highway System (NHS) Designation Act of 1995 to provide loans to public and private entities for eligible transportation improvements. The SIB complements traditional funding techniques and serves as a useful tool to meet urgent project financing demands, stretching federal, state and local dollars. These loans allow eligible applicants to close financing gaps, expand project scopes, improve safety, avoid cost increases and reduce construction period disruptions.

Qualified borrowers include any Act 51-eligible public entity (county road commissions, cities, villages, or MDOT). Although other public and private entities are not eligible to apply, they may be able to enter into agreements with eligible borrowers to finance eligible transportation projects.

There is no minimum loan amount. Generally, SIB financing will not exceed \$2 million per project. The level of SIB participation in proposed projects is determined on a case-by-case basis. The interest rate for SIB loans is currently set at 3 percent.

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