

## ELIGIBLE DISTRESSED AREAS

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Eligible Distressed Areas are generally those cities, villages and townships which exhibit higher than statewide average levels of economic distress. Applicants for certain competitive MSHDA programming who are located in an Eligible Distressed Area may receive enhancements to their applications. **There are no cash awards available to residents, businesses, or local governments based on the Eligible Distressed Areas list.**

Section 11 of Public Act 346 of 1966 defines an “eligible distressed area” as one or more of the following:

1. Community Wide:

A community that meets all of the following requirements (formula allocation):

- A. The municipality shows a negative population change from 1970 to the date of the most recent federal decennial census.
- B. The municipality shows an overall increase in the state equalized value of real and personal property of less than the statewide average increase since 1972.
- C. The municipality has a poverty rate, as defined by the most recent decennial census, greater than the statewide average.
- D. The municipality has had an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average unemployment rate for three of the preceding five years.

2. Blighted Areas Within a Community:

An area located in a city with a population of at least 10,000 which is either designated as a “blighted area” by a local legislative body or which is determined by the Authority to be blighted or largely vacant by reason of clearance or blight. If the Authority designates the area as blighted, it must determine that private enterprise has failed to provide a supply of adequate, safe, and sanitary dwellings sufficient to meet market demand. In addition, the city must approve the changes in income limits that are associated with this designation by either a resolution or written communication from the higher legislative body of the city or the mayor.

3. Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Qualified Communities:

An area located in a local unit of government certified by the Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority as meeting the criteria prescribed in Section 2(d) of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act of 1992. These criteria include all county seats.

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### CITIES

|                  |                 |                  |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Adrian           | Grayling        | Muskegon         |
| Albion           | Hamtramck       | Muskegon Heights |
| Allegan          | Harbor Beach    | Norton Shores    |
| Alma             | Harper Woods    | Niles            |
| Alpena           | Harrison        | Norway           |
| Ann Arbor        | Harrisville     | Oak Park         |
| Bad Axe          | Hart            | Olivet           |
| Bangor           | Hartford        | Omer             |
| Battle Creek     | Hastings        | Onaway           |
| Bay City         | Hazel Park      | Owosso           |
| Benton Harbor    | Highland Park   | Petoskey         |
| Bessemer         | Hillsdale       | Pinconning       |
| Big Rapids       | Holland         | Pontiac          |
| Bronson          | Houghton        | Port Huron       |
| Buchanan         | Howell          | Portage          |
| Burton           | Inkster         | Reading          |
| Cadillac         | Ionia           | Reed City        |
| Caro             | Iron Mountain   | River Rouge      |
| Carson City      | Iron River      | Rogers City      |
| Caspian          | Ironwood        | Saginaw          |
| Center Line      | Ishpeming       | Sandusky         |
| Charlevoix       | Ithaca          | Sault Ste. Marie |
| Charlotte        | Jackson         | St. Ignace       |
| Cheboygan        | Kalamazoo       | St. Johns        |
| Coldwater        | Kingsford       | St. Joseph       |
| Coleman          | Lake City       | St. Louis        |
| Corunna          | Lansing         | Southfield       |
| Crystal Falls    | Lapeer          | Standish         |
| Dearborn         | Lincoln Park    | Stanton          |
| Dearborn Heights | Livonia         | Sturgis          |
| Detroit          | Ludington       | Tawas City       |
| Dowagiac         | Madison Heights | Taylor           |
| Durand           | Manistee        | Three Rivers     |
| East Lansing     | Manistique      | Traverse City    |
| Eastpointe       | Marine City     | Trenton          |
| Ecorse           | Marquette       | Vassar           |
| Escanaba         | Marshall        | Wakefield        |
| Ferndale         | Mason           | Warren           |
| Flint            | Melvindale      | Wayne            |
| Frankfort        | Menominee       | West Branch      |
| Gaastra          | Midland         | White Cloud      |
| Gaylord          | Monroe          | Whittemore       |
| Gibraltar        | Montrose        | Wyandotte        |
| Gladstone        | Mt. Clemens     | Wyoming          |
| Gladwin          | Mt. Morris      | Ypsilanti        |
| Grand Haven      | Mt. Pleasant    |                  |
| Grand Rapids     | Munising        |                  |

## VILLAGES

Atlanta  
Baldwin  
Bellaire  
Beulah  
Cassopolis

Centreville  
Eagle River  
Kalkaska  
L'Anse  
Leland

Mio  
Newberry  
Ontonagon  
Paw Paw  
Roscommon

## TOWNSHIPS (County)

Benton (Berrien)  
Bridgeport (Saginaw)  
Brookfield (Huron)  
Buena Vista (Saginaw)  
Calumet (Houghton)  
Carp Lake (Ontonagon)  
Carrollton (Saginaw)  
Champion (Marquette)  
Columbia (Tuscola)  
Duncan (Houghton)  
Elba (Gratiot)  
Elmwood (Tuscola)

Emerson (Gratiot)  
Fairfield (Lenawee)  
Genesee (Genesee)  
Indianfields (Tuscola)  
L'Anse (Baraga)  
Lansing (Ingham)  
Leoni (Jackson)  
Marlette (Sanilac)  
Minden (Sanilac)  
Montrose (Genesee)  
Mt. Morris (Genesee)  
Mueller (Schoolcraft)

Oscoda (Iosco)  
Oliver (Huron County)  
Pulawski (Presque Isle)  
Redford (Wayne)  
Royal Oak (Oakland)  
Sebewaing (Huron)  
Sheridan (Calhoun)  
Sodus (Berrien)  
Spaulding (Saginaw)  
Turner (Arenac)  
Wakefield (Gogebic)  
Wisner (Tuscola)

TOTALS = 190 EDAs: 139 Cities, 36 Townships, and 15 Villages.