

## 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 (Section 11(u)(i)(B)).

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

## 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 = 189 EDAs: 138 Cities, 36 Townships, and 15 Villages.