

# Community and Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program FY 2024 Annual Report to the Legislature



Public Act 5, Section 705 (2) (g) and PA 321, Sec. 501 (1) (g) of 2023 requires the following:

*The department shall require quarterly progress reports from grant recipients on the utilization of grant funds under this section. Until program funding is expended, the department must provide an annual report not later than February 1 on program grant awards and the utilization of grant funds. The report must be submitted to the chairs of the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office.*

## **Program Overview**

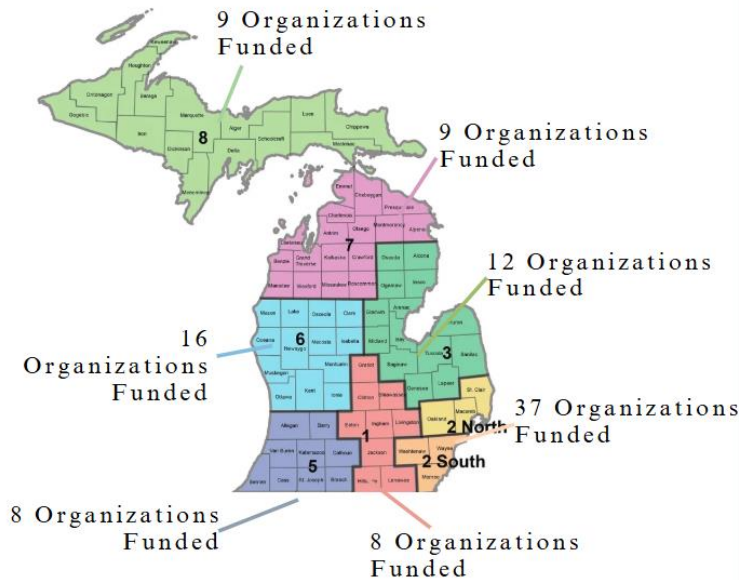
The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) Community Center Grant Program, supported by the Michigan Community Service Commission's (MCSC), saw an overwhelming response, with nearly 1,000 applications submitted from across the state requesting over \$1 billion in funding. LEO funded 99 projects in 43 Michigan counties that will serve a total of 80 counties across the state. \$62,234,271 has been committed to 99 organizations. An additional \$91,551,695 of funds has been declared by grantees being raised to complete their projects. The total costs of the 99 projects from both this funding and the grantees match is \$153,785,966. As of 12.31.24 \$11,436,895.37 has been expended under this project.

This overwhelming interest underscores the deep need for funding and resources to support community centers in Michigan. Each application reflected a strong commitment to serving local communities, and the review process revealed many innovative and impactful proposals. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, not all deserving projects could be supported at this time. However, MCSC ensured that applicants who were not awarded grants had the opportunity to receive feedback on their proposals, fostering transparency and helping organizations strengthen future submissions. Additional resources were also provided to these organizations.

In mid-February 2024, funding decisions were announced, and by July, most program agreements were signed. Throughout the summer, grantees were supported to ensure they understood and complied with federal and state policies. Webinars, trainings and FAQ documents were provided. Grantees were also assisted one-on-one to address challenges and find solutions. Grantees submitted monthly progress reports containing both qualitative and quantitative data, along with financial reports. In 2024, across all of the grants, a total of 202,250 unique individuals received services under the support of this grant program.

## Regional Distribution

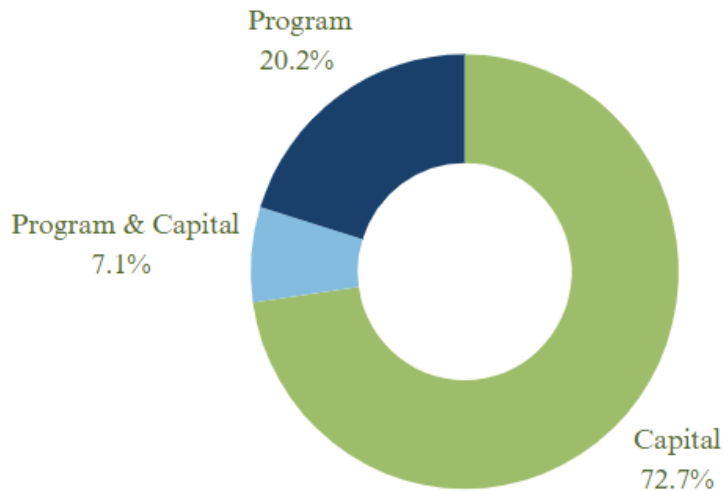
LEO applied a distribution model during the grant selection process to ensure all regions of the state received funding. This included population density, and the number of total applications received per region.



*Image description: Map of Michigan's Prosperity regions with the number of grants awarded per region*

- *Region 8: 9 Organizations Funded,*
- *Region 7: 9 Organizations Funded*
- *Region 6: 16 Organizations Funded*
- *Region 5: 8 Organizations Funded*
- *Region 3: 12 Organizations Funded,*
- *Region 2: 37 Organizations Funded, (combination of 2 North and 2 South)*
- *Region 1: 8 Organizations Funded*

## Capital and Program grants Distribution - 99 grantees



*Image description: This chart outlines the distribution of grants between program grants, capital grants, and the combination of both program and capital grants.*

- 20.2% of grants are program
- 72.7% are capital
- 7.1% have both capital and program funding

### Resources Provided

The MCSC offered a wide range of resources to support organizations, communities, and individuals across the state. These resources included capacity-building tools such as conferences and webinars to enhance knowledge and skills. Volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring organizations can sustain their impact beyond the grant period. MCSC also provided grants to support National Days of Service, fostering opportunities for volunteer engagement statewide. Through Volunteer Michigan projects and the Michigan Serves platform, MCSC connected skilled volunteers with meaningful opportunities and enabled organizations to accept donations seamlessly.

To further empower organizations, the MCSC is launching a Learning Management System designed to support employee development and provide training opportunities. Additionally, communities impacted by disasters were offered vital support through AmeriCorps members, host site collaborations, and disaster recovery resources. Together, these efforts demonstrate MCSC's commitment to strengthening Michigan's communities and fostering a culture of service.

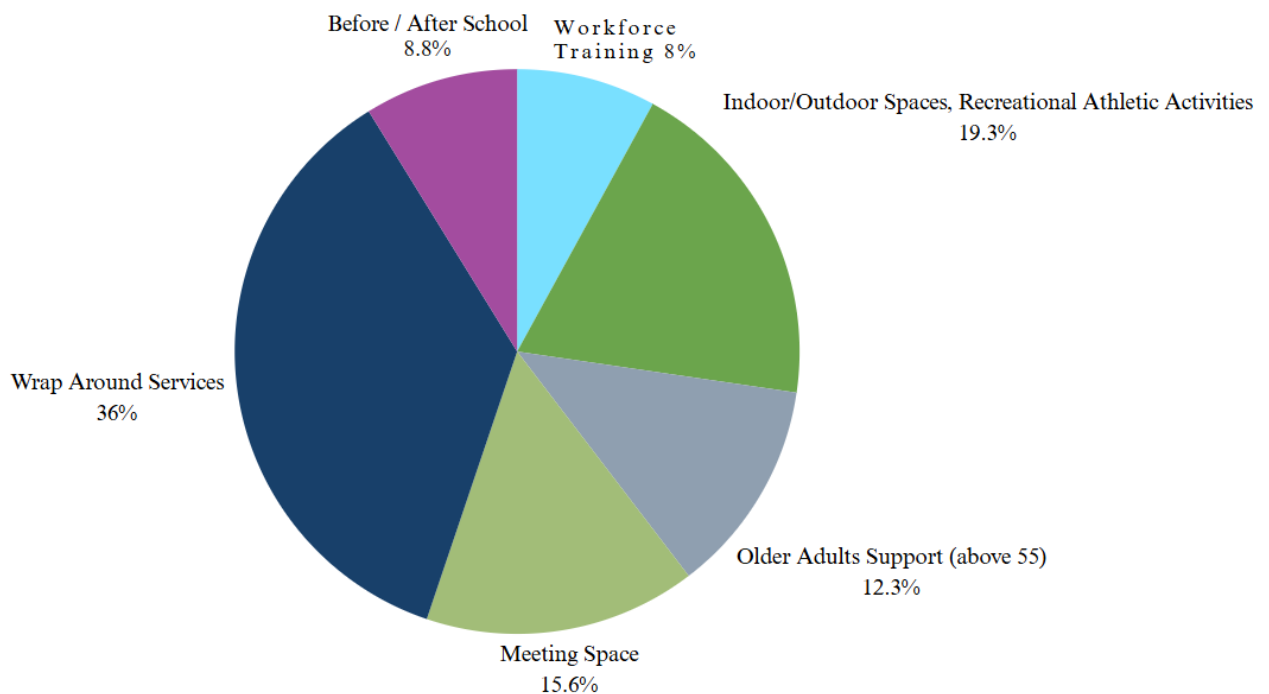
## 2024 Data Report

Grantees provided data for the services they provided at their community centers as was outlined in both federal and state requirements. This included – total number served, service units and volunteers recruited and managed to address sustainability needs after the grant program concludes.

### Services Provided

*Each grantee had to provide at least one of the following services. The following data represents unique individuals served.*

• Before/After school	16,273
• Workforce Training	14,739
• Indoor/Outdoor Spaces, Recreational Athletic Activities	35,758
• Older Adults Support (above 55)	22,705
• Meeting Space	28,787
• Wrap Around Services	66,546



*Image description: Pie chart outlining what focus area grants are working within.*

- *Workforce training: 8%, Indoor*
- *Outdoor Spaces, Recreational Athletic Activities: 19.3%*
- *Older Adults Support 12.3%*
- *Meeting Space: 15.6%*
- *Wrap Around Services 36%, Before / After School Activities 8.8%.*

## Services Units Provided

Many individuals received support multiple times, as shown below.



## Volunteer Management

Organizations are working to enhance their support of volunteers as part of providing services to their communities beyond the end of the grant. The following data represents the number of volunteers and hours they served.



*\*Hourly rate of in-kind services: [https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/is-vovt-report-all-years\\_v2-1.pdf](https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/is-vovt-report-all-years_v2-1.pdf)*