



# Rural Development Fund Grants Fact Sheet

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) is offering a grant opportunity for projects that address expansion and sustainability of land-based industries; worker training related to land-based industries; and energy, livestock processing, transportation, housing, communications, broadband, water and wastewater infrastructure to benefit rural communities and Micropolitan statistical areas.

- \$100,000 maximum grant amount
- Minimum 30% match required

## LAND-BASED INDUSTRIES INCLUDED:

- Food and Agriculture
- Forestry
- Mining
- Oil and Gas Production
- Tourism

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Individuals
- Organizations
- Businesses
- Local Units of Government (county, city, township, village, school district; any authority composed of counties, cities, townships, villages and school districts or combination of these entities)
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Educational Institutions

## FUNDING WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF RURAL AREA PROJECTS:

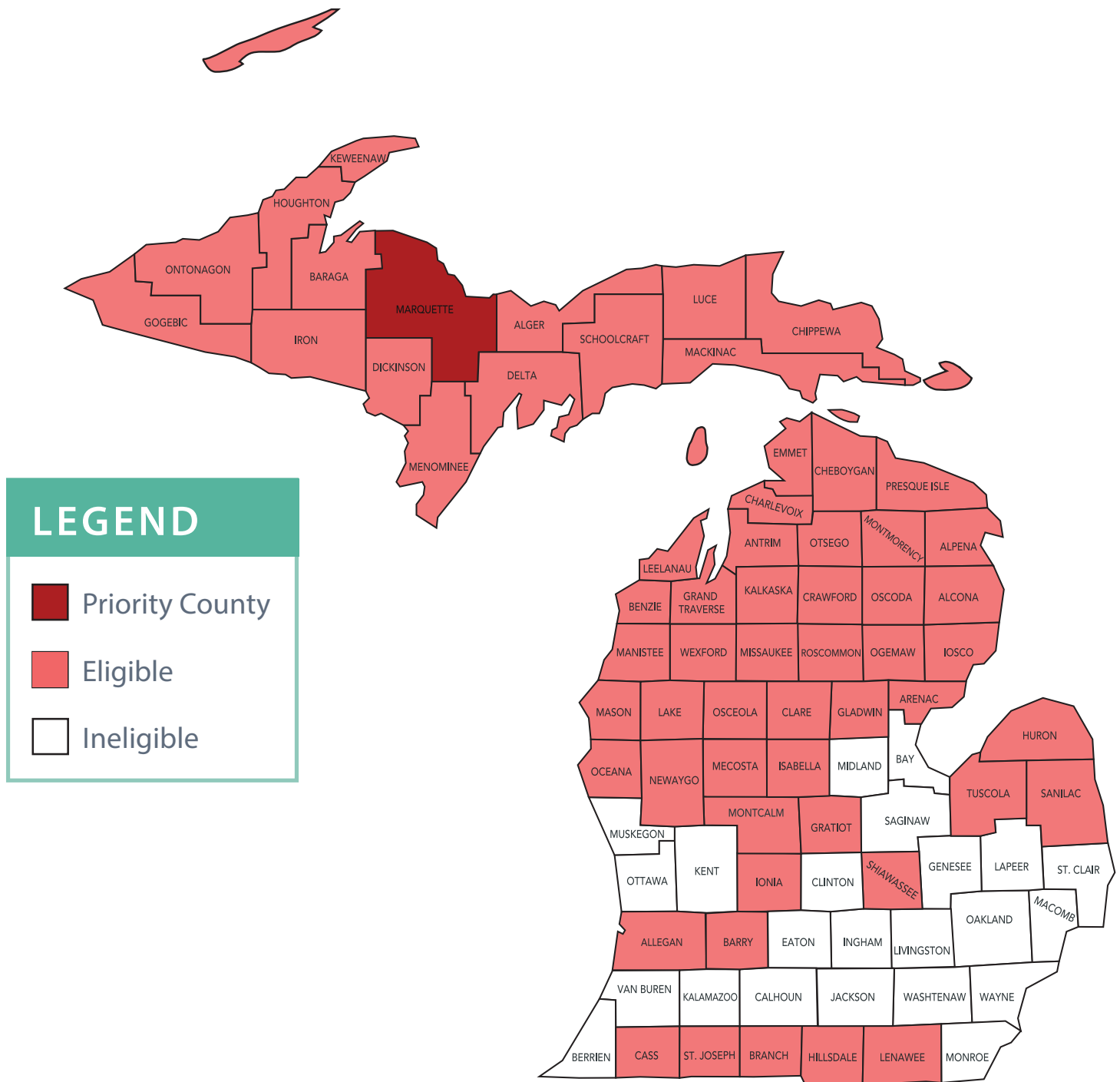
- Infrastructure Development
- Rural Capacity Building
- Business Development
- Talent Development and Training

## ELIGIBLE COUNTIES MAP:

- Rural counties (population of 70,000 or less) and micropolitan statistical areas are eligible.
- Note: Per the Rural Development Fund Act criteria, preference must be given to projects in Marquette County.
- Applicants must be located in an eligible county in order to be eligible to apply. Applicants not located in an eligible county will not be considered for funding.

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