

MSHDA allocates more than \$3.5M in eviction diversion funds to Southwest Michigan

Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies will use funds to work with tenants, landlords to resolve eviction filings throughout the region

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LANSING, Mich. – Six local Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies (HARAs) have been allocated a total of \$3,515,501 by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to resolve eviction filings as part of the Eviction Diversion Program (EDP).

The Eviction Diversion Program was [announced on July 16](#) in conjunction with the end of the state’s eviction moratorium. The program, administered by MSHDA in collaboration with the Michigan Supreme Court and Department of Health and Human Services, helps renters who have fallen behind on their payments during COVID-19 and their landlords who want to recoup missed payments. Landlords who participate in the program can receive up to 90% of a tenant’s unpaid rent in one lump sum under the condition they dismiss all of a tenant’s late fees, 10% of the amount owed, and allow tenants to stay in their homes. Renters up to the area median income are eligible for the program.

“COVID-19 has created economic uncertainty for individuals and families across our state. These eviction diversion funds will help Michigan families stay in their homes and provide stability to property owners as they navigate this crisis,” said Jeff Donofrio, director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), the department which houses MSHDA.

Each county across the state receives a set amount of funding based on population. Local HARAs are responsible for collaborating with stakeholders to utilize the funds to resolve as many eviction cases through settlement agreement or conditional dismissal as possible.

“The current pandemic has created a worst-case scenario for many individuals and families who have been financially burdened and wonder how long they will still have a roof over their own heads or those of their children,” said Kelly Rose, MSHDA’s chief housing solutions officer. “This program aims to mitigate that fear and offer individuals and families peace of mind that they will still have a place to call home for the foreseeable future.”

Here is a breakdown of the local agencies who will receive the funds, the counties they serve and EDP fund allocations:

Agencies	Counties Served	EDP Allocations
Battle Creek Community Foundation	Battle Creek/Calhoun	\$862,138
Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.	Berrien	\$552,556
Pines Behavioral Health	Branch	\$132,640
KeyStone Place, Inc.	Cass	\$120,044
	St Joseph	\$182,730

Housing Resources, Inc., of Kalamazoo County	Kalamazoo	\$1,490,408
Southwest MI Community Action Agency	VanBuren	\$174,985

A total of \$60 million was set aside to fund the EDP as part of Senate Bill 690, of which \$50 million is dedicated to rental assistance and the remaining \$10 million covering case management, legal, and administrative costs.

For more information on EDP and a list of HARAs by county, visit Michigan.gov/EDP.

MSHDA Mission

The [Michigan State Housing Development Authority](http://Michigan.gov/MSHDA) (MSHDA), established in 1966, serves the people of Michigan by partnering to provide quality housing that is affordable, a cornerstone of diverse, thriving communities.

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