



Michigan's Statewide Housing

Plan

Western Upper Peninsula Housing Partnership

Region A

Quarterly Progress Report

October-December 2023

The Western Upper Peninsula RHP is well underway on three of its five chosen tasks as of the fourth quarter of 2023. In addition to the progress noted on the following pages, the RHP was able to engage in the following activities in locales throughout the region:

- Assisted Ontonagon County Land Bank in acquiring grant funding from the Michigan State Landbank Authority for a Blight Elimination Grant;
- Assisted the City of Hancock in successful application for a Rural Readiness Grant;
- Assisted Grant Township, in an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Housing Readiness Incentive Grant Program for plan update;
- Received a Rural Readiness Grant to create a Community Development Corporation in the L'Anse area;
- Engaged with Ontonagon County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding demolition and redevelopment for a condemned school building in Bergland.

Region A Progress

Goals	Description	Not Started	Just Started	Well Underway	Almost Finished	Goal Met	Notes	
Goal 3.4	Increase cross-system partnerships to strengthen the homelessness response system, achieve greater housing stability, and impact social determinants of health.							Identified actions to explore to improve 211 services. Created a Project Charter, a controlled process planning tool adapted from the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center. Assessed ways to improve the 211 system for updating information, acquire new referral resources via website redevelopment, and create connectivity between housing providers and referral sources; plan to develop a framework for 211 to market their service to greater community.
Goal 4.1	Increase the supply of the full spectrum of housing that is affordable and attainable to Michigan residents.							Created a Project Charter to steer the workplan. Began to develop a community-specific resource matrix for developers that will provide information about community planning, regulatory processes, and infrastructure data relevant to development projects. Began work on a "How To" guide for new developers. Working with a Real Estate Developer to build a program that will include the "How To" Guide and a training platform to encourage the number of developer entrepreneurs in the region.
Goal 4.7	Expand the use of equitable and holistic local planning and zoning practices to increase housing supply.							The tactics for work have been created. Work is anticipated to begin in March.
Goal 4.9	Development, Rehabilitation and Preservation, Missing Middle and Workforce Housing, Zoning							Provided technical assistance to several entities to encourage housing growth including Ontonagon County, the City of Hancock, Grant Township, L'Anse and L'Anse township, the Salvation Army and Bergland Township.
Goal 8.2	Increase inclusive education and awareness of existing housing programs and services in the state.							Tactics to achieve this goal have been developed. Discussed resources available to assist in developing curriculum to provide to Human Services Organizations.

Region A Building Permits and MSHDA Production in 2023

	Baraga	Gogebic	Houghton	Iron	Keweenaw	Ontonagon	Regional Total
2023 Total Units Permitted	9	27	238	148	23	8	453
Single-family Units	9	27	231	148	23	8	446
Multifamily Units	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
MSHDA Homeless Programs							
Dollars	\$ 42,362	\$ 22,769	\$ 42,362	\$ 42,363	\$ 42,362	\$ 22,770	\$ 214,988
Housing Choice Voucher Program							
Dollars	\$ 58,954	\$ 355,508	\$ 694,472	\$ 58,869	\$ 29,129	\$ 19,666	\$ 1,216,598
HOME Program							
# of Transactions	--	3	--	--	--	--	3
Dollars	--	\$ 185,000	--	--	--	--	\$ 185,000
Homeownership Programs							
# of Transactions	1	2	1	3	--	1	8
Dollars	\$ 203,903	\$ 131,463	\$ 117,115	\$ 101,413	--	\$ 92,848	\$ 646,742
Homeowner Assistance Fund							
# of Transactions	1	18	29	12	1	9	70
Dollars	\$ 25,000	\$ 98,311	\$ 131,533	\$ 59,483	\$ 2,088	\$ 32,956	\$ 349,371
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program							
# 4% Transactions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars Allocated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
# 9% Transactions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars Allocated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missing Middle Program							
# of Transactions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MIHOPE Program							
# of Transactions	--	1	--	--	--	1	2
Dollars	--	\$ 995	--	--	--	\$ 5,300	\$ 6,295
MSDHA Mod							
# of Transactions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Neighborhood Enhancement Program							
# of Transactions	--	2	--	--	--	--	2
Dollars	--	\$ 30,000	--	--	--	--	\$ 30,000
Legislative Enhancement Grants							
# of Transactions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total MSHDA Activity in Region A							
# of Transactions							85
Dollars							\$ 2,648,994