



Michigan's Statewide Housing

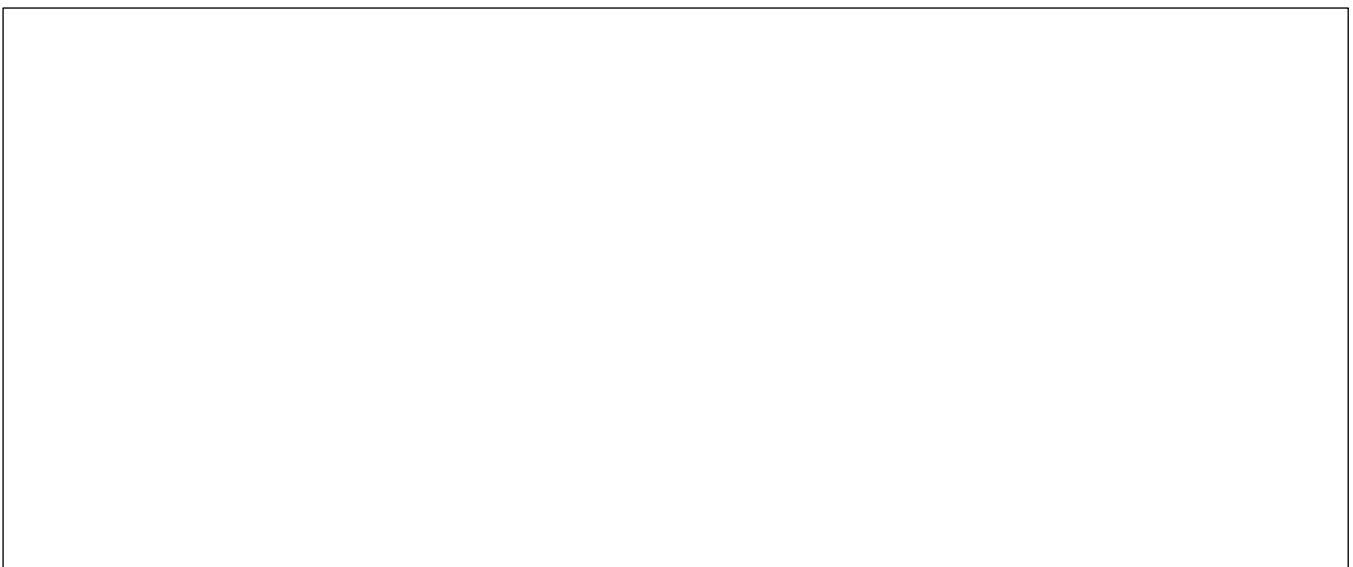
Plan

Southwest Housing Partnership

Region J

Quarterly Progress Report

April-June 2024



Region J Progress

Goals	Description	Not Started	Just Started	Well Underway	Almost Finished	Goal Met	Notes
Goal 1.2	Identify and advocate for modifications to policies and practices to remove barriers across the housing continuum for BIPOC, immigrants, migrants, refugees, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+, those with low incomes, and other marginalized populations.						We hosted 3 full day workshops throughout the region for Equity in Housing Zoning with MSU Extension. Over 59 people attended the in-person workshops. There is one remaining shorter online version on August 15th planned. We are reassessing the need for an intent to rent letter in our housing voucher programs and focusing on how to still fill the gap in understanding between client and landlords. We are also looking at how to prepare local landlords for the change in housing standards.
Goal 2.1	Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the housing ecosystem by enhancing collaboration on housing among state agencies, philanthropy, local governments, Tribal Nations, education and the wide variety of private-sector organizations that make up the housing ecosystem.						Created a work plan. Numerous counties are in discussions about using the AmeriCorps program through Kalamazoo LISC. This program would help to provide capacity for communities looking to become certified in the Redevelopment Ready Community Program. We received an award from the Kalamazoo Foundation for funding to start a housing agency. This is the first county to participate in a proposed regional housing agency.
Goal 2.3	Support an expansion of housing that is affordable and fairly assessed by increasing the availability and demographic diversity of workers in the construction, planning and zoning, and real estate industries.						Created a work plan and list of apprenticeship programs across the state and region, and participated in contractor and developer connect events. We are also working with federal and local partners to secure funding to assess the construction trades, apprentice, and entrepreneur ecosystems to increase the supply of contractors.
Goal 4.1	Increase the supply of the full spectrum of housing that is affordable and attainable to Michigan residents.						Created a work plan and researched revolving loan fund models. Partnered with LISC Kalamazoo for further implementation of county revolving loan funds. LISC Kalamazoo is working with multiple community partners on the collaboration of creating local county revolving loan funds starting in Kalamazoo and Calhoun County.
Goal 5.1	Equitably expand the supply of affordable and accessible rental units statewide for older adults.						Created a work plan and researched regional housing agency models. We received an award from the Kalamazoo Foundation for funding to start a housing agency. This is the first county to participate in a proposed regional housing agency.

Region J Building Permits and MSHDA Production in Q2 2024

	Berrien	Branch	Calhoun	Cass	Kalamazoo	St. Joseph	Van Buren	Regional Total
Units Permitted (Census Estimate) *	85	11	37	31	85	35	54	338
Single-family Units	77	11	37	31	75	35	54	321
Multifamily Units	8	0	0	0	10	0	0	17
MSHDA Homeless Programs								
Total Grant Amounts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$569,413
Housing Choice Voucher Program								
# of Vouchers	490	65	328	43	1196	44	111	2,277
Homeownership Programs								
# of Households	7	4	21	1	23	4	3	63
Dollars	\$932,754	\$684,910	\$2,580,486	\$155,677	\$3,047,290	\$567,120	\$452,982	\$8,421,219
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program								
# 4% Units	46	--	--	--	--	--	--	46
Dollars Allocated	\$18,295,218	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$18,295,218
# 9% Units	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Dollars Allocated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$0
MI Neighborhood Program								
# Units	--	--	26	20	27	--	--	73
Dollars	--	--	\$1,174,000	\$852,717	\$678,500	--	--	\$2,705,217
Missing Middle Program								
# of Units	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Dollars	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$0
Legislative Enhancement Grants								
# of Grants	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dollars	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Housing Readiness Incentive Grants								
# of Grants	2	--	--	1	--	--	1	4
Total MSHDA Activity in Region J								
# of Units/Grants								2,463
Dollars								\$29,991,067

*Figures shown are 95% of all units permitted, since not all permitted units are completed.