

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

	Build equitable pathways to housing programs and services	Support access to homeownership opportunities	Rehabilitate Michigan's aging housing stock	Invest in Michigan communities based on need	Collaborate to address housing needs in Michigan	Provide innovative rental housing solutions	Reduce homelessness
STRATEGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Develop Statewide Housing Plan. • Fund Placemaking Part II Research. • Coordinate with Workforce Development, and the State Land Bank, to incorporate additional skills training and apprenticeship programs. • Coordinate with MDHHS to improve access to supportive housing. • Coordinate with Workforce Development to improve access to training opportunities for RAHS customers. • Design future programs (Acquisition/Rehab and Property Improvement Programs) that have incentives to grow new minority and women-owned contractors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Fund Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA) - \$7,500 for qualified home buyers. • Create Enhanced Down Payment Assistance Program - \$10,000 for qualified home buyers in 236 zip codes throughout the state. • Create an acquisition/rehab program. • Fund MSHDA Mod – Modular Housing Program – a program designed to address the rising cost of starter homes and workforce housing. • Fund Housing Counseling – In addition to helping distressed homeowners, these HUD certified housing counselors teach basic financial literacy skills. • Support alternative ownership structures and programs (Community Land Trusts, Lease-to-own, or Coop Housing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Fund Property Improvement Program – financial help to preserve older existing homes in need of repair for homeowners that meet an income limit. • Fund Neighborhood Enhancement Program – small grants to local units to improve the quality of life. • Fund aging in place grants to help keep seniors in their homes, or to transition into more appropriate housing, thus freeing up affordable/attainable housing stock. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Develop Statewide Housing Plan. • Funding Placemaking Part II Research. • Improve Access to Financial Literacy. • Coordinate with LEO agencies to address funding needs of communities looking to reform their zoning requirements (carrot for communities looking to eliminate exclusionary zoning practices). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Develop Statewide Housing Plan. • Funding Placemaking Part II Research. • Improve Consumer Protection for Land Contract purchases. • Increase supply of Workforce Housing. • Coordinate to implement a uniform Poverty Exemption to prevent tax foreclosures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. • Approve a Qualified Allocation Plan that addresses demand for more affordable housing through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). • Reinstate the Pass-Through Bond Program that addresses affordable housing shortage. • Fund Property Improvement for small landlords. • Work with Global Michigan to leverage alternative capital for Refugee Housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Campaign to End Homelessness, 18-month work plan to examine local policies, procedures, and outcomes to improve access and outcomes for people of color in the homelessness system. • Develop an Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) – designed to keep tenants in the home and landlords financially sound during the pandemic crisis. • Develop a COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) - round two of keeping renters in their homes. • Develop a Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) to help distressed homeowners who are currently covered under a Covid related mortgage forbearance and/or are struggling with delinquency payments and/or delinquent property taxes.
MEASURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of strategies identified in the Statewide Housing Plan. • Minority and/or Women-owned Contractors. • Building Permits for new construction and rehab. • Building Trade Apprenticeships. • RAHS customers increased access to training opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeownership gap – (race, gender, geographic location). • Homeownership production. • Down Payment Assistance (DPA) grants/loans made. • MSHDA Mod awards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Improvement Program grants and loans. • Properties rehabilitated or improved. • Aging in place grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Community Development Fund awards in communities. • Implementation of strategies identified in the Statewide Housing Plan. • Participants in HUD Certified Counseling/Literacy Programs. • Placemaking Grants. • Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of strategies identified in the Statewide Housing Plan. • Housing production in areas of need. • Development of local financing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multifamily production in alignment with areas of need- (Michigan Statewide Housing Needs Assessment). • Property Improvement grants and loans to small landlords. • Supply of refugee housing/ number of households resettled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAF, CERA, and EDP awards. • Households helped. • Households of color helped.