



Dear DI Stakeholders,

We want to ensure that you're aware of several timely grant opportunities that may align with your community development goals. Please review the details and act promptly if you plan to apply.

☐ **Rural Readiness Grant – Round 4**
Letter of Intent Due: June 29

The **Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP)** is now accepting Letters of Intent for Round 4 of the *Rural Readiness Grant Program*. This funding supports rural communities in:

- Building local capacity
- Advancing high-impact, community-driven projects
- Strengthening readiness to pursue additional funding opportunities

An informational session led by ORP Director of Policy and Grants, Henry Wolf, covers program details, eligibility, and tips for submitting a competitive application.

- ☐ **Learn more and watch the recorded webinar:**
[Visit the ORP Grant Page](#)
- ☐ **Questions?** Contact: LEO-ORP@michigan.gov

☐ **T-Mobile Hometown Grants**
Application Due: June 30

Grants of up to **\$50,000** are available for shovel-ready projects that create stronger local connections, such as:

- Technology upgrades
- Community centers
- Arts and cultural initiatives
- Outdoor or recreational spaces

Open to **501(c)(3), 501(c)(6)** nonprofits and **local government entities**. Not available to for-profit businesses.

- ☐ **Learn more and apply**
Note: This opportunity is offered quarterly—apply early for consideration.

☐ **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants**
Application Due: July 17

Grants range from **\$10,000 to \$100,000** in a wide variety of creative disciplines, including:

- Arts Education
- Dance, Theater, and Music
- Folk and Traditional Arts
- Literary and Media Arts

- Public Design and Visual Arts

☐ [Explore grant categories and apply](#)

☐ **Safe Routes to School Grants**

Initial Contact Due: July 9

Planning to apply through MDOT for a **Safe Routes to School** grant? Your first step is to contact the program by July 9.

☐ saferoutesmichigan.org

☐ **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Initial Contact Due: July 9

The **TAP program** provides funding for infrastructure projects that improve non-motorized transportation (trails, sidewalks, streetscapes, etc.). Contact MDOT by July 9 if you plan to apply.

☐ [Learn more](#)

Please share these opportunities with your networks and partners.

If your organization is considering applying and would like to connect with DI for support or collaboration, please contact our Interim Executive Director, Chris Young, at

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