

REGION K ACTION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan was released in 2022 to address the numerous challenges limiting access to safe, healthy, affordable, accessible, and attainable housing for all in a community of their choice. After the plan was released, regional groups (known as Regional Housing Partnerships or RHPs) were created to engage with local groups and create regional plans that support the larger statewide plan.

The regional groups are made up of municipal leaders, community resource agencies, affordable housing developers, health and human service agencies, and others dedicated to improving the well-being of their communities.

Ultimately, the Regional Housing Partnerships are tasked with building a connected, collaborative housing ecosystem to address the affordability housing crisis in their communities.

More information about the Statewide Housing Plan and the Regional Housing Partnerships is available on the [MSHDA website](#). If interested in joining the Regional Housing Partnership that serves your community, contact Toby Berry, tberry@caajlh.org.

Currently, the Region K Housing Partnership (Region K) is seeking community feedback on the goals proposed for the region. Please review the following document and provide any comments to kduling@caajlh.org with the ***subject: Action Plan Comments***. Understanding what is most important to you will help the region prioritize how to best achieve housing stability for all. Thank you for your input!

HOUSING ECOSYSTEM

The housing ecosystem consists of components that interconnect across the priority areas of the plan. Attention to the housing ecosystem is foundational to the effectiveness of actions taken to improve housing in the state.

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.

Strategy 2.1.A: Create and/or align regional networks utilizing a centralized open source platform to promote discourse, identify gaps, leverage resources, address systemic inequities, remove barriers, and collaborate on housing plans and projects; assess capacity of regional networks on a regular basis and fill gaps where appropriate.

Key Performance Indicators:

Build an inclusive listserv using a mapping model to ensure it is comprehensive: **Did we build an inclusive listserv? YES/NO**

PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Ensuring stability for those who have experienced the lack of a home and who need intensive supports, as well as those who chronically experience housing instability, is the focus of this priority. This area was developed with and aligned to Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness (MCTEH).

Goal 3.2: Increase access to stable and affordable quality housing options for households with extremely low incomes.

Strategy 3.2.A: incentivize development of affordable and accessible housing units for households at or below 30% AMI to increase supply.

Key Performance Indicators:

Increase number of emergency or transitional units available

Increase number of landlords engaged

Increase number of households helped by rental support programs

HOUSING STOCK

Michigan has a pressing need to develop, rehabilitate, and preserve housing across the state at price points for every level of income.

Goal: Increase the supply of livable housing units.

Strategy: Work with Community partners w/varied backgrounds and experiences to ID specific local needs and streamline the development process to increase the livability of current stock and availability of new stock across multiple price points

Key Performance Indicators:

Increase in taxable values

Increase number of enrolled k-12 students

Increase number of units built/rehabbed each year

RENTAL HOUSING

Rental housing is an important housing option for Michigan residents who cannot afford or are not interested in homeownership.

Goal 6.1: Keep people housed by reducing the number of evictions.

Strategy 6.1.A: Encourage early-intervention eviction-diversion and referral programming at the community level that engages landlords, property managers, tenants, utilities, and community service providers to identify those who are at risk before court action is needed, and if unavoidable, increase access to legal services for tenants in eviction proceedings.

Key Performance Indicators:

Decrease the number of evictions

Increase the number of engaged landlords

Increase number of available, affordable and stable units

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Communication and Education is vital for disseminating information of housing for support of affordable and attainable housing.

Goal 8.1: Increase awareness of and support for the importance and benefits of accessible, affordable and attainable housing through Michigan.

Strategy 8.1A: Build engagement and support from regional planning commissions, local elected and appointed officials, Tribal Nations, neighborhood residents, institutions of higher learning and other local decision-makers.

Key Performance Indicators:

Increase communication for services to the community from existing providers.

Increase education for a paradigm shift regarding Housing in our communities.

Increase training for localities on housing development.

Strategy 8.1B: Meet people where they are when communicating with them through culturally appropriate, accessible delivery formats (including for people with disabilities, languages and messengers).

Key Performance Indicators:

Increase communication for services to the community from existing providers.

Increase education for a paradigm shift regarding Housing in our communities.

Increase training for localities on housing development.

Goal 8.2: Increase inclusive education and awareness of existing housing programs and services in the state.

Strategy 8.2.A: Ensure that Michigan's 2-1-1 system has up-to-date information about housing assistance (e.g , payment assistance, weatherization supports,etc.)

Key Performance Indicators:

Review organizations participating in 2-1-1 systems.

Analyze the percentage of organizations on 2-1-1 that have up-to-date information.