

## SUBMISSIONS | 2010 Call for Projects, Programs and Activities



The following seven pages represent information submitted to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) in response to a call for projects, programs and activities we sent to all units of local government throughout Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties in addition to organizations who practice traditional economic development or have expressed an interest in furthering the well-being of the regional economy.

As the Economic Development District coordinator for Southwest Michigan (Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties), the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission submits an annual report to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This report includes a list of a wide variety of projects, programs and activities within Southwest Michigan that affect the region's economic health; these become part of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy ([CEDS](#)).

SWMPC posted this information to [swmpc.org](http://swmpc.org) on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for CEDS Committee review, and input from the public. Submit comments online ([www.swmpc.org/edcfp.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/edcfp.asp), or email [luthere@swmpc.org](mailto:luthere@swmpc.org)).

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The following page attributes various characteristics to each project – its EDA eligibility, alignment with the EDA's Investment Priorities (dark green), and alignment with the regional CEDS' top seven (ranked via survey and input in 2010) objectives. The 2010 CEDS Annual Update will include any input received re: these projects and the project-ranking process.

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Going forward, the SWMPC will accept submissions via the call for projects process on a rolling basis, with one mid-year push. Include your projects, programs and activities in this process by completing the below submission form at any time.

Call for Projects materials:

- [Information Packet](#) (pdf, 1 MB)
- [Submission Form](#) (MS word, 67 KB)
- [2009 Project List](#) (pdf, 37 KB)

What type of projects is the Economic Development Administration interested in funding?  
Click [here](#) (one-page pdf) for more information about eligibility.

Information about the U.S. Economic Development Administration's new grant application process is available online [here](#). A July 21, 2010 webinar presentation (powerpoint [here](#)) hosted by the [National Association of Regional Councils](#) (NARC) also provides some detail.

		2010_CFP_01	2010_CFP_02	2010_CFP_03	2010_CFP_04	2010_CFP_05	2010_CFP_06	2010_CFP_07	2010_CFP_08	2010_CFP_09	2010_CFP_10	2010_CFP_11	2010_CFP_12	2010_CFP_13	2010_CFP_14	2010_CFP_15	2010_CFP_16	2010_CFP_17	2010_CFP_18	2010_CFP_19	2010_CFP_20	2010_CFP_21	2010_CFP_22	
EDA Eligible.		x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x			x	x					x	x	x	
EDA Investment Priorities	Collaborative Regional Innovation - development and growth of innovation clusters based on existing regional competitive strengths.	1		1					1		1													
	Public/Private Partnerships	1	1	1									1									1	1	
	National Strategic Priorities - Initiatives that encourage job growth and business expansion in clean energy; green technologies; sustainable manufacturing; information technology (e.g., broadband, smart grid) infrastructure; communities severely impacted by automotive industry restructuring; natural disaster mitigation and resiliency; access to capital for small and medium sized and ethnically diverse enterprises; and, innovations in science, health care and alternative fuel technologies.											1												
	Global Competitiveness - Investments that support high-growth businesses and innovation-based entrepreneurs to expand and compete in global markets.						1	1	1		1													
	Environmentally Sustainable Development - Investments that encompass best practices in "environmentally sustainable development," broadly defined, to include projects that enhance environmental quality and develop and implement green products, processes, and buildings as part of the green economy.	1		1							1	1	1								1			
	Economically Distressed/Underserved Communities	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Top CEDS Priorities	Small businesses, start-ups   Incentives/Support	1		1			1	1	1		1		1						1					
	Creative professions - live, work, play (placemaking!)							1			1		1	1										
	Unite workforce developers and educators to establish complementary strategies to improve workforce competence across all metrics. [CEDS]						1	1																
	Encourage improved water quality/sustainable water use.		1		1					1		1				1	1				1		1	
	Agriculture and tourism - strong focus																							
	Quality local food options -- increase	1		1																				
	potentially related to --> incubator - sustainable, local energy; green enterprises; and/or value-added Ag	1		1							1													
EDA Investment Priorities - Count		4	2	4	1	1	2	2	3	1	5	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	
7 Top SWMPC CEDS Objectives		3	1	3	1	0	2	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	

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2010_CFP_01	FOOD CENTER	Village of Baroda	Construction of 30,000 sq. ft. building on land donated by the Village of Baroda to a nonprofit organization to house a locally grown fresh retail & wholesale accumulator/broker, commercial small batch commercial food processing kitchen, cold storage & warehouse distribution center and low-cost leasable production space for emerging value added food producers.	Diane	Mensinger	Village Clerk	clerk@barodavillage.org
2010_CFP_02	INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE	Village of Baroda	Construction industrial park road with extension of water, sewer, stormwater management system for Downtown Business District to Hills Road and subdividing property in to 5 lots.	Diane	Mensinger	Village Clerk	clerk@barodavillage.org
2010_CFP_03	FOOD CENTER	City of Bridgman	Study of the conversion of the former ICG Building for sale/donation to a nonprofit organization to house a locally grown fresh retail & wholesale accumulator/broker, commercial small batch commercial food processing kitchen, cold storage & warehouse distribution center and low-cost leasable production space for emerging value added food producers.	Aaron	Anthony	City Manager	aanthony@Bridgman.org
2010_CFP_04	I-94 Corridor Utility Extension Project	City of Hartford	The proposed project is for providing water and sewer to serve a portion of the I-94 corridor west of Hartford where 66th Street ends at I-94. A 12" water main would be extended from the existing 12" water main in S. Center Street near I-94 in a private easement on the north side of I-94. Another 12" water main would be extended from existing 8" water main in W. Main Street near 65th Street to the west in Red Arrow Highway to 66th Street and then south to provide a looped system. The extensions would include two crossings of Pine Creek and one beneath the CSX railroad. 6" hydrant would be provided along the extension approximately every 500', as well as water services for existing parcels along the route. Sanitary sewer would be extended from existing sewer in S. Center Street near I-94 in a private easement on the north side of I-94. Due to the difference in elevation between S. Center Street and 66th Street, a lift station would be provided to pump the collected sewage back to S.Center Street. The sanitary sewer extension would include one crossing of the Pine Creek. The proposed project allows the City to serve properties along I-94 to accommodate development opportunities.	Yemi	Akinwale	City Manager	citymanager@hartfordmi.com
2010_CFP_05	Cherry Beach expansion	Chikaming Township	Purchase a 2.55 acre parcel with 394 feet of beach frontage to allow for more parking and expansion of public beach. This parcel is adjacent to the Chikaming Township Cherry Beach.	Jeanne	Dudeck	Supervisor	chiktwpsup@csinet.net
2010_CFP_06	Cultivating Entrepreneurship	BRACE	Capacity Building and Sustainability, Important to Business Resources & Counseling for Entrepreneurs (BRACE) are the principles of capacity building and sustainability. Strategic partnerships formed over the last three years have assisted with pushing forward the goals of this grass-roots initiative. As we focus on increasing capacity community to community across the county, we plan to build a strong fund development program to facilitate sustainability. Our collaborative efforts to facilitate regional entrepreneurial development will be advanced by, but are not limited to: information delivery; leadership; volunteerism; regional planning; outreach development; resource expansion; funding; and a "boots on the ground" approach. Our extensive partnerships, overwhelming support, and three years of experience are significant in laying the foundation and building capacity into the future. An aggressive fund development program will be implemented through the support of the BRACE Strategic and Sustainability Leadership Teams. We will encourage groups to support BRACE through their budgets, resources to solicit private contributions, and pursue local, state and federal grant opportunities. We know that the long-term economic health	Rachel	Vochaska	ED	rachel@southhavenmi.com
2010_CFP_07	Cultivating Entrepreneurship	BRACE	Business Resources Liaison   We believe that a position working community-to-community, acting as the small business front door to the county is imperative to our economic development efforts. Known as the Business Resources Liaison (BRL), this business mentor will triage services, connect individuals to business development resources, plug holes where gaps exist, accelerate community outreach efforts and facilitate capacity building. The BRL will have a significant impact throughout the region on the increased number of business start-ups and the viability of these new entrepreneurial ventures. The BRL will be responsible for, but not limited to: strategic direction; board capacity; volunteer counseling; coaching; peer mentoring; resources; business needs and wants; market awareness; community presence; an entrepreneurial portal (website and data management interface); and leveraging resources.   The placement of a BRL is considered an immediate priority. The BRL will be responsible for executing a work plan to meet the needs of partners and stakeholders, and for advancing Business Resources and Counseling for Entrepreneurs (BRACE), an entrepreneurial initiative for Van Buren County.   We believe that	Rachel	Vochaska	ED	rachel@southhavenmi.com
2010_CFP_08	Cultivating Entrepreneurship	BRACE	Revolving Loan Fund   It is the goal of Business Resources and Counseling for Entrepreneurs (BRACE) to have funds available to finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business.   This loan fund program will be administered by the Business Resources Liaison under the guidance of the BRACE Strategic and Sustainability Leadership Teams and made available to pre-qualified business concepts/plans.	Rachel	Vochaska	ED	rachel@southhavenmi.com

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2010_CFP_09	S-I94 Infrastructure Project	Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County	This project will provide water/wastewater supply to a significant tract of land within the Village of Paw Paw corporate limits that holds promise for new development along I-94 and M-40 (south of I-94). [It] will locate ground water sources, develop storage capacity, and develop the well and water-/wasterwater-mains needed to make this area of interest to developers, includes groundwater siting/testing to determine if capable of providing needed water supply for use and fire protection by businesses that develop in area. In the past large commercial ventures have looked at the site and completed site/architectural plans for development; yet the lack of water/wastewater adequate for their needs has doomed the project. Next to the area (w/in village limits) is an Antwerp Twp. industrial park that is minimally developed due to the lack of water and wastewater utilities to serve it. The Village system is capable of providing water but comes from the north side of I-94 and is not capable of maintaining needed pressure/fire capacity. A new well, storage and watermains [will] satisfy needs for existing/new development. The Village wastewater system is capable of handling more waste flow without expansion of facilities other than	Larry	Nielsen	Village Manager	l.nielsen@pawpaw.net
2010_CFP_10	Green Energy Project	Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County	This project involves researching and selecting alternative energy generation - solar or wind - to supply the Village's energy needs; particularly the high electrical energy demand of the wastewater treatment plant. This project will explore which method is most feasible, affect purchase and installation of the selected green energy. This project will also allow net metering sale of excess electrical energy back into the grid operated by Indiana Michigan Power Company, a division of AEP. This project will reduce our costs for the Village's biggest demand for electric energy.	Larry	Nielsen	Village Manager	l.nielsen@pawpaw.net
2010_CFP_11	Protecting our Wateshed Project	Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County	This project involves the construction of a duplicate wastewater sanitary sewer force main along and crossing the South Branch of the Paw Paw River. Currently the river and the wetlands along the river are threatened by a single aged sanitary sewer force main that crosses the wetlands and crosses the river. This sanitary sewer force main has had two breaks in the past 5 years. Each has resulted in sewage being dumped into the river and wetland area. The force main carries all sanitary waste from all customers and forces it about 1.2 miles to the wastewater treatment facility. This project would construct a duplicate line so that sewage may be switched to flow in either line. Thus, should there be a break in either line, sanitary flow would be diverted to the other line and any environmental damage would be averted or, at least, greatly lessened.	Larry	Nielsen	Village Manager	l.nielsen@pawpaw.net
2010_CFP_12	Downtown Revitalization Project	Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County	This project involves the purchase and reuse of a dominant vacant building in in the heart of downtown Paw Paw. The former Shopping Center - a longtime fixture in the community - closed its doors in 2008. It has been vacant ever since. It now appears a dagger in the heart and spirit of the people of Paw Paw. It is a mass of asphalt and cement block that takes up a full downtown city block, except for one small corner. This project would purchase the property, renovate it for modern mixed uses and secure tenants. This project would result in LEEDS certification for the building and block on which it sits.	Larry	Nielsen	Village Manager	l.nielsen@pawpaw.net
2010_CFP_13	Hess Lake Park Improvements	Baroda Township	Improvements include a pavillion with restrooms and kitchen amenities, a fishing pier, playground equipment for toddlers, HMA bike/walk path around Hess Lake Pake, and an extension of the existing nature trail to the fishing pier. Project has been re-submitted.	Jim	Brow	Supervisor	barodasupv@parrett.net
2010_CFP_14	School Resource Officer Position	Village of Mattawan	To provide school officer position for Mattawan Consolidated Schools - this is above the regular officer position applied for.	Donald	Verhage	Chief of Police	
2010_CFP_15	New Well & Water Looping	Village of Mattawan		Tom	Anthony		
2010_CFP_16	Wasterwater System Improvements	Village of Bloomingdale	New piping and slip-lining - treatment plans. New location for discharge water, clean and repair lagoons. Major reconstruction!	Tom	Rock	President	bdalepres@btc-bci.com
2010_CFP_17	Resurfacing Village Streets	Village of Vandalia	Resurfacing streets; Camplite - M-60 to Bogue St.; Mulberry - M-60 to Wood St.; South - Marble to Maple; Maple - M-60 to End; Wood - from Maple to Walnut	Beverly	Young	President	villagebean@qtm.net
2010_CFP_18	Lincoln Township Parks Improvements	Lincoln Charter Township	Lincoln Charter Township is completing its 5 year Recreation Plan and is anticipating several potetnial capital improvement projects for its park system. Potential projects include upgrades to Glenlord Beach, Lincoln Township Beach, 80 Acre Park, Communy Center Park and additional non-motorized trails. For the coming year, the Township anticipates submitting at least one application to the MDNRE MDNRTF grant program for a project or project(s) (specific projects yet to be determined)	David	Austin	Township Engineer	austin@williams-works.com
2010_CFP_19		The Village of Marcellus	We will be seeking grants from the USDA Rural Development to re-roof our existing municipal building and possibly to add on to the building to provide more space for our emergency services department.	Krista	Jourdan	Clerk	clerk@villageofmarcellus.org

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2010_CFP_20	River Crossing	Benton Charter Township	This is a river crossing project that would alleviate backups in the line. Benton Charter Township has provided sanitary sewer services to its residents since the 1950's. In August 1997 Benton Charter Township joined the Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Board. Benton Charter Township collects and transmits all of its sanitary sewage into the sanitary sewer system of the City of Benton Harbor at a central collection point for transportation to the Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. The transmission of all sanitary sewage from the City of Benton Harbor and Benton Charter Township flows from the central collection point (siphon) through an underground (river) transmission pipeline crossing the St. Joseph River to the Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project would separate the collection system necessary due to capacity and to alleviate overflows and other environmental concerns. Due to the age, condition and capacity of the collection point at the river crossing, sewage has overflowed into the river system.	Cindy	LaGrow	Project Manager	lagrowdc@sbcglobal.net
2010_CFP_21	Revolving Loan Fund	City of Dowagiac	The community is in a rural border county adjacent to Indiana. With the Michigan image and economy, this type of gap financing vehicle could help offset the disparity in operating a business in Michigan vs. Indiana. The banks have not loosened up their lending criteria and I do not see that happening anytime soon. This vehicle would be the tool that the city would use to help close the gap in a location in the City. The city has not gotten a revolving loan before and the County is not interested in a revolving loan. The City of Dowagiac, is the main player in the county as far as economic development.	Cindy	LaGrow	Economic Development Director	lagrowdc@sbcglobal.net
2010_CFP_22	Revolving Loan Fund	St. Joseph Charter Township	Establish a revolving loan fund. Same as above (21010_CFP_21) in a sense. The County has a revolving loan fund, but is very depleted. Again the banks are not aggressive at all even with a USDA loan guarantee.	Tim	Fenderbosch		