

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COMMUNITY COLLABORATION SUMMIT GRANTS

In many of Michigan's communities, local governments are struggling with declining revenues and increasing costs for services. In this time of economic crisis, we need to pursue two divergent strategies at once: *budget reductions* and *economic development*. We believe that extensive cooperation across local jurisdictions and between community organizations and service agencies can help communities find new ways of sharing costs, raising revenues and improving their economic outlook. We believe leaders need to look for new partnerships for community-wide cooperation and collaboration.

Description

The purpose of the inter-jurisdictional *Community Collaboration Grant* is to allow local leaders to engage in an interactive discussion about community-based solutions to pressing local needs such as shared services and economic development. Through this one-day intensive workshop, community leaders will be challenged to re-examine local barriers to inter-jurisdictional cooperation and identify opportunities for greater efficiencies through collaboration. *Summit* participants will also work on developing a set of achievable goals and specific action steps designed to launch one or more collaborative efforts.

Application Procedures

The *Partnerships for Change Program* will offer up to three **Community Collaboration Summits** to interested communities around the state over the next year. If your community is interested in beginning a meaningful dialog with neighboring jurisdictions about community-wide collaboration, please contact LIAA today.

The Community Collaboration Summits grants are sized to fit the community needs. However, the total project value is around \$2,500. Selected communities are expected to provide some on-site support.

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