



New Service Grants Available

Partnerships for Change Program participants are invited to apply for additional services under a new grant agreement. This offering applies only to local units of government that wish to continue inter-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination efforts to improve planning, community development, and service sharing. Under this program, **Partnerships for Change** will pay 30% of all personnel costs incurred by LIAA for services provided from July 2011 through June 2012.

We know that intergovernmental cooperation in planning and community development can increase efficiencies, reduce redundancies and provide more consistent protections for natural and cultural resources. As a participant in the **Partnerships for Change Program**, your community has demonstrated how cooperation works and how it succeeds. We want to help you carry on with your cooperative community development work. That's the purpose of this new **Service Grant** effort: to support continuing intergovernmental cooperative and coordination efforts. Just tell us what professional planning and technical support services you might need.

Why Seek a Partnerships for Change Service Grant?

- **New U.S. Census Data** will be released this spring, making it a perfect time to revisit and possibly **update master plans**, recreation plans, and other relevant documents.
- Over \$102 million was awarded by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to local units with **approved recreation plans**. Cooperative recreation planning and operation offers more bang for the buck and opens the door to Trust Fund money. LIAA has extensive experience and a record of success in **cooperative planning for shared recreation services**.
- This is **a very low cost option for exploring cooperative development opportunities**. Your community may want to explore new ways of achieving important objectives for community development, including public participation in placemaking projects, corridor development plans or economic development options for your non-motorized trail system.
- LIAA has assisted dozens of communities in establishing joint municipal planning commissions, recreational authorities, and other intergovernmental entities. Here's a **very low-cost way of evaluating options for joint service agreements** and moving forward.

Partnerships for Change Participants

Harbor Springs Community
Howell Area Community
Newaygo Community
Otsego County Local Governments
Eight Mile Boulevard
Fremont Community
Bear Lake Community
Lake Superior/Marquette Area
West Branch Community
Eaton Rapids Community
Kalamazoo Community
Mayville Community
Manchester Community
Lake Charlevoix
Suttons Bay Community
Gratiot County Local Governments
Watervliet/Hartford Community
Grand Traverse Commons
Niles Community
Kingsley/Paradise Community
Fife Lake Community
Dexter/Chelsea Community
Saline Community
North Central State Recreation Trail
Hillsdale/Jonesville Area
Greater Lansing/Tri-County Area
Farmington Community
Heart of the Lakes Community
East Manistee County Area
Boyne City Community
Three Rivers Community
Van Buren County Local Governments
Wexford County Local Governments
Quincy Community
Elk Rapids Community

"Given all the circumstances, we need to look at service consolidation, service sharing between jurisdictions, how we can be more cost effective, how we can work better together."

- Michigan Governor Rick Snyder; *State of the State Address*, January 2011



The **Partnerships for Change Program** was developed by **LIAA**, the **Michigan Municipal League** and the **Michigan Townships Association** with assistance from the **Michigan Association of Planning** and **Michigan State University Extension**. The overall mission of the program is to foster new and expanded cooperation between cities, townships and villages in developing local land use policies and programs that contribute to the preservation of cultural and natural resources and encourage urban redevelopment. The program has been funded by grants from the Americana, C.S. Mott, Frey, W.K. Kellogg, and Fremont Area Community Foundations, as well as the Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Management Program, MML and MTA. *Partnerships for Change* has fostered new intergovernmental policy and program improvements in 35 geographically dispersed and economically diverse communities throughout Michigan, including over 140 local governments and touching the lives of more than one million people living in the participating communities.

What Services Are Available?

Under **Partnerships for Change**, LIAA is responsible for providing a wide range of professional planning and technical services carefully integrated to support your community's objectives, including:

Process Facilitation

- Public workshops, public hearings and planning activities
- Meeting planning and support

Technology Assistance

- Geographic Information System (GIS) services
- Web-based mapping technologies
- Interactive websites, including *crowdsourcing* and social media integration
- Technical training and support

Information Services

- Community workshops and educational materials
- Research and analyses

Policy Research and Drafting

- Identify appropriate policy options
- Drafting land use policies and planning documents

Service Grant Example

Project:	Master Plan Update
Hours:	180 hrs. x \$65 hr. = \$11,700
Grant of 30%:	<u>(- \$ 3,600)</u>
Your Cost:	\$ 8,100

What's the Service Grant Offer?

Beginning on July 1, 2011 and running through June of 2012, LIAA and **Partnerships for Change** will provide a Service Grant worth approximately 30% of all *personnel costs* for projects requested by past program participants. For more information, **please contact LIAA by phone or e-mail**.



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