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The Michigan Legislature passed a $59 billion omnibus budget for FY 2024-25 that the Governor signed on July 24, 2024. Included in the budget are investments for Michigan communities in education, public health and safety, economic development, and infrastructure.

More information is available here and highlights from the budget most relevant to our field are below.

Housing

- $50 million in ongoing funding for the MI Housing and Community Development Fund (MHCDF).
- Approximately $100 million for housing programs, with funding allocated to both specific housing initiatives and general housing programs
- $20 million for supportive housing programs
- $2.3 million for Housing Readiness Incentive Grants to offset costs associated with adopting land use policies, master plan updates, zoning text amendments, and similar actions that help increase housing supply and affordability
- $1.5 million for Detroit to implement a right-to-counsel program for city tenants involved in eviction proceedings

Economic Inclusion

- $4.3 million to continue the statewide grant program to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs
- $2.5 million for a new short-term loan program to support responsible lending

The short-term loan grant program will be administered by the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). To be eligible for the grant, entities must have a deferred presentment service transactions license or be a bank, credit union, community development financial institution, or nonprofit organization licensed or regulated under state or federal law and with a physical location in Michigan. Lenders must use the

grants to provide short-term loans of not more than $1,200 to individuals with financial hardship or need at not more than an APR of 36%.

Community Development

- $100 million in ongoing funding for Business Attraction and Community Revitalization
- $50 million in ongoing funding for the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program, with $25 million of the funds to administer the RAP Program and the remaining funds for the Michigan Talent Partnership. The Michigan Talent Partnership will support transformational public space development projects
- $5 million in one-time grants for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)
- $2.5 million for the Rural Prosperity Office for outreach and grant making