Policy Agenda 2025-26

CEDAM
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

During the 2025-26 legislative session, CEDAM will focus its advocacy efforts on the following State of Michigan issues:

EXPAND ATTAINABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

- Protect and expand sustainable funding for housing and community development
- Support the statewide housing plan to expand the supply of attainable and accessible housing options, with a focus on:
  - Homeownership and wealth building
  - Rehab and renovation to preserve existing housing stock
  - Removing barriers to housing production

STRENGTHEN PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE ECONOMIC INCLUSION

- Strengthen consumer protections around short-term lending and financial technology products and increase access to responsible lending products
- Advocate for investment in programs that promote wealth-building, such as Children's Savings Account (CSA) programs and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites

INCREASE CAPACITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCALLY-BASED COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS

- Invest in **capacity building programs** that help communities:
  - Promote local collaboration
  - Remove barriers to development
  - Leverage private investment, and
  - Expand community services (including CEDAM's **Fellowship** and **AmeriCorps** programs)

CEDAM will focus its federal advocacy efforts on the following issues:

- Ensure sufficient resources for HUD and USDA to administer their affordable housing programs
- Advocate for robust federal consumer protections, empowered by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Support policies that increase wealth-building, such as the Children's Tax Credit and VITA funding
- Advocate for continued funding for capacity building programs, such as AmeriCorps