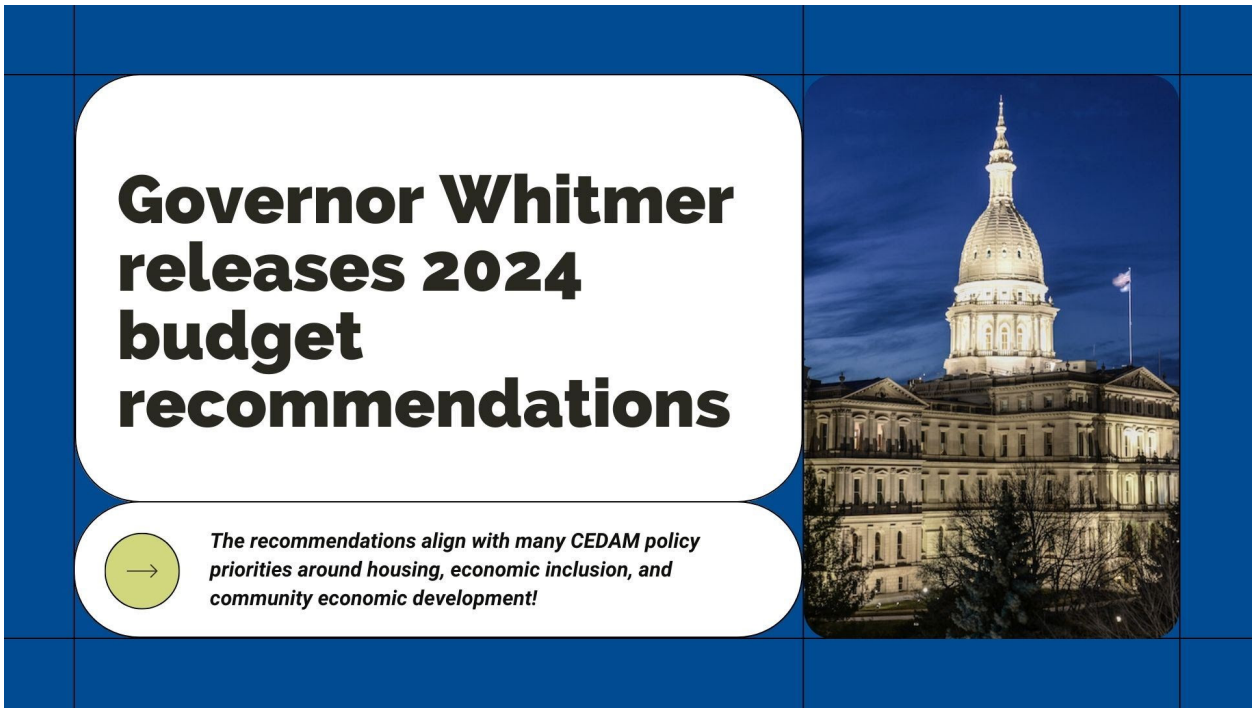

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer released her executive budget recommendations. Many of the recommendations align with CEDAM's 2023-24 policy priorities, including sustainable funding for housing initiatives, increased investment in Children's Savings Account programs, and an increase in the Working Families Tax Credit (also known as the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC). We've pulled together highlights from the budget most relevant to our field, and the full budget details are available here.

Budget highlights:

Housing

- $50 million for the **Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund (MHCDF)** on an ongoing basis beginning in a fiscal year (FY) 2023 supplemental.
- $10 million for the **Attainable Homeownership and Apprenticeship Program** using federal funds in a FY 2023 supplemental to support the acquisition, renovation, and resale of properties in both urban and rural land bank inventories.
- $15 million for **Migratory Agriculture Worker Housing** in a FY 2023 supplemental.
- $2.6 million to implement Expanded Attainable and Workforce Housing Tax Credit programs, including the **Attainable Housing and Residential Housing**

Facilities Acts, and the expansion of the **Neighborhood Enterprise Zone** definition — a total of $1.9 million is included in the FY 2023 supplemental and $665,000 in FY 2024 will support these new programs on an ongoing basis.

Economic Inclusion

- $10 million for **Children's Savings Account programs** for FY 2024.
- Increase the state **Working Families Tax Credit (EITC) to 30% of the federal EITC.**

Community Economic Development & Capacity Building

- $200 million for the **Michigan Regional Empowerment Program**, a competitive grant program to implement transformative regional economic development projects.
- $135 million for the **Michigan Main Street Initiative** in a FY 2023 supplemental to provide supports to start, grow, and expand small and micro businesses.
- $100 million for the **Community Downtown Economic Development Program** to support competitive grants for community development and placemaking efforts in downtown areas across the state.
- $50 million for the **Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP)** in both FY 2023 and 2024.
- $18.1 million to **create local healthy community zones** — MDHHS will provide technical assistance supporting local communities as they work to create and implement comprehensive long-term strategies to address access to healthy foods, affordable housing, and safety networks.

The release of the executive budget recommendations kicks off budget negotiations between the legislature and governor. The legislature will work for the next few months to craft appropriations bills for the FY 2024-25 fiscal year, as well as work on supplemental bills to close out the FY 2023 budget. CEDAM will keep our members updated as things move forward.