

APPENDIX D: FAQ'S

Q: Can I apply for a fellow if I'm not a municipality?

A: The application must be submitted by a municipality that is engaged in MEDC's [Redevelopment Ready Communities Program](#) (RRC). If you are a nonprofit, economic development, regional planning organization, etc., check out the RRC [map](#) to identify an engaged community that could be a partner.

Q: Is it possible for fellows to work with more than one municipality in a region, possibly in partnership with a regional organization?

A: It is possible to submit an application that includes a partnership between an eligible municipality and a regional organization. It is also possible for an eligible municipality to submit an application that lists a project involving another community or several in the region. The review committee looks favorably on opportunities to amplify impact. Contact Sarah if you would like to discuss further.

Q: What if my community isn't engaged in Redevelopment Ready Communities yet?

A: Contact your Community Planner at MEDC to learn more about RRC and whether the fellowship would be a good fit at this time. Planner contact information can be found [here](#).

Q: What if my community is already Certified in Redevelopment Ready Communities?

A: Your community is still eligible to apply even if you have already reached Certification. Fellows have been placed in Certified communities such as Cassopolis and Ypsilanti.

Q: Do all of my projects need to be tied to Redevelopment Ready Communities Best Practices?

A: No, the application questions will prompt you to think about opportunities for community economic development and how your fellow can add capacity to support those efforts. All fellows will support progress on the RRC program or recertification efforts.

Q: What if there isn't a quality candidate for our community's fellow position?

A: CEDAM will work in partnership with your community to recruit a pool of high-quality candidates for your community, and will share the fellow job posting widely through our partners across the state. In the history of the program, we have always ended up with a top final candidate that the municipality feels good about extending an offer to for the fellow position.

Q: Can I apply for a fellow if my community has hosted one before?

A: Yes, repeat communities are eligible to apply.

Q. What policies exist regarding COVID-19?

A. Fellows are required to follow host community COVID-19 policies, as well as CEDAM's COVID-19 policy which requires up-to-date vaccination status.