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Collaborative solutions for a promising future

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PROGRAM GUIDE













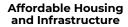
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PROGRAM AREAS





Focus on supporting low-income households and families find and maintain affordable rental and home-owner housing in addition to supporting community infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods.



Economic Opportunity

Strive to create equitable economic opportunity by removing barriers for residents seeking jobs and supporting BIPOC entrepreneurs and small business owners.



Human Services

Provides community action programming and houses several direct service programs. Partners with nonprofit service agencies to administer programs designed to have a measurable impact on the causes of poverty.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPORT Investments in the development and preservation of safe, affordable, and

energy-efficient housing and services to house those most in need. Learn more at washtenaw.org/affordablehousing

BARRIER BUSTERS A network of 100+ social service organizations that work together to coordinate

resources and connect residents to financial assistance in order to prevent crisis. Learn more at washtenaw.org/BarrierBusters HOUSING REHABILITATION & WEATHERIZATION

access for low-income Washtenaw County households. Learn more at washtenaw.org/HIP or call 734-544-3008

HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERSHIP Funding support for Washtenaw County's social safety net with investments focused on addressing root causes such as poverty, racism, and trauma.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/nhsp

Learn more at washtenaw.org/lihwap or call 734-544-6721

Emergency repairs, safety, energy efficiency improvements, and barrier-free

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) An emergency program to help income-eligible households pay outstanding water & wastewater bills. Provides up to \$650 in direct payment assistance toward water/sewer bills.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM Income-eligible seniors provide educational support & mentorship to youth in

SENIOR NUTRITION

On-site and home-delivered meals for older adults throughout Washtenaw County to maintain health, housing stability, and independence.

school settings throughout the county. Volunteers receive a financial stipend.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/FGP or call 734-544-3040

Support for entrepreneurs and small business owners of color, upward mobility and job training for residents, and the removal of barriers around housing and transportation.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/EO

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Professional, one-on-one financial counseling to enable Washtenaw County residents to address their financial challenges, needs, and plan for their futures.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/FEC

OPPORTUNITY INDEX

A tool used to "map" equity and opportunity using five key areas essential to developing responsive policies and corresponding investments that enhance quality of life for all residents.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/Opportunity

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Supports community redevelopment, job creation, environmental sustainability, & expanded tax base through the reuse of contaminated & blighted sites.

Learn more at washtenaw.org/Brownfield-Program

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preservation of resources that support economic development and a sense of pride in the unique identity of Washtenaw County. Learn more here.

Learn more at bit.ly/Historic-Preservation

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Funds infrastructure improvement projects in low and moderate income communities with particular focus on park improvements and non-motorized connections.

Learn more at bit.ly/WC-Infrastructure

REIMAGINE WASHTENAW

Redevelopment of one of Washtenaw County's busiest corridors to support walkability, housing choice and affordability, efficient transit service, increased safety and accessibility, and long-term economic development opportunities.

Learn more at bit.ly/WC-Reimagine