

Older Adult Work Plan

Goal 1 (Priority): Equitably expand the supply of affordable and accessible rental units statewide for older adults.

Strategy: Review and modify housing programs to remove barriers to expanding and improving older adult housing. Leverage all resources from federal, state, and local governments. Engage businesses and philanthropy.

KPI goal: Increase the number of homeowner repair projects in the region with at least 3 new MI-Neighborhood Homeowner Repair applications in 2025.

Owner: Lead RHP

1. SWM1st- Create a list of community contacts in Region J/8.- **Completed**
2. Upjohn Institute and workgroup- Create a resource list and a need list for Region (Weatherization, My Hope Grant, LIHTC, explore opportunities for a Millage in the County, Housing Millage cover Roof repairs, ARPA) **Housing Funding Resource list completed**
3. Consultant/ MSHDA-Create CDBG Homeowner Rehab training with example program materials- **MSHDA has created a Homeowner Rehab training**
4. Create at least 2 additional opportunities for information on CDBG applications. **Completed**

Notes: A Homeowner Rehab Training and a presentation on the CDBG application process was completed in Jan and March of 2025

Strategy: (partnership with Housing Ecosystem Workgroup) Build Capacity of staffing in smaller rural communities share best practices, job descriptions and toolkits to leverage all housing opportunities.

KPI Goal: Four meetings by end of 2026 to discuss creating a liaison for housing advocacy, policy, and housing development.

Owner: Lead RHP

1. Lead-Create summary of Housing North and Housing Next agency roles in community- **Completed**
2. Lead/Consultant-Host meeting with regional partners to discuss the needs for each County. Presentations by Housing Next and Housing North for Q and A
3. Lead/Consultant-Create an advisory committee subgroup
4. Subgroup-Draft a business proposal, roles and outline of tasks (purpose, key activities, need)
5. Subgroup- Establish funding partners
6. Subgroup- Outline hiring process

Notes: Conversations to start in early 2025. We are looking at using the services of the Office of Rural Prosperity housed in LEO at the State. There is some synergy with this request across the State as well. We hope they will be able to help with meetings, strategy and overall planning. The director of the Office of Rural Prosperity previously started Housing North and has experience with these regional conversations.

Goal 2: Promote the ability of older adults to age in a place of their choice. -*Not Started*

Strategy: Work with the local Area on Aging to expand local zoning to allow for accessory dwelling units (ADU). Increase access to home repairs, weatherization, and barrier free services to allow seniors to age in place.

KPI Goal: Meetings to help build capacity by securing resources and assistance for each AAA

Owner:?

1. SWM1st- Create a list of community contacts in Region J/8.- **Completed**
2. Workgroup- Schedule meetings to clarify barriers. Every county has an AAA but not every county has a millage. Meetings will need to be tailored to each County.
3. Measure the number of meetings held and list clear barriers with recommendations of ways State and Region can assist each county for senior housing.

Strategy: Incentivize developers to add affordable units to all projects.

KPI Goal: Create a senior housing development guide for municipalities to reduce the number of seniors paying more than 30% of their income towards housing expenses by increasing the number of affordable senior units.

Owner: Lead RHP

1. SWM1st- Create a list of community contacts in Region J/8. -**Completed**
2. Workgroup- Create list of successful senior housing projects
3. Lead RHP/Consultant- Create shareable PDF on how to remove barriers to senior housing, including a breakdown of financial resources needed to complete a successful project
4. Lead RHP- Distribute and post on website

Moving forward, the Older Adult Workgroup will be evaluating the strategies under the goals and if they can be better defined. Merging with the Housing Ecosystem working group could also be an option.