

## 2018 EMCOG Micro Grant Program (\$250 - \$1,000)

The East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5 Micro-Grant Program is a new initiative for 2018 being led by the East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG). This initiative is funded by the State of Michigan as part of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for East Central MI Prosperity Region 5. This Micro Grant program offers funding opportunities to organizations who are working to make improvements in their communities and the region within the framework of “regional prosperity”. EMCOG will award grants up to \$1,000 to successful applicants whose projects show creativity, address an important and demonstrated need and support the vision of East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5 which is:

*The 8-county East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5 (ECM-PR5) will become a leading destination in the state for new jobs, investment, and innovation by leveraging its corporate, academic, and community leaders to grow the regional economy and elevate the prosperity of the region’s citizens.*

## Eligible Applicants

County or municipal governments (city, village, township); downtown development authorities; economic development authorities; nonprofits; educational institutions; adult education agencies; workforce development agencies; MPOs and other local transportation agencies within ECM-PR5.

## Funding Priorities

EMCOG welcomes proposals that advance the goals, objectives and action items in the ECM-PR5 Regional Strategy that was developed in 2014 and can be found at [http://www.emcog.org/rpi\\_plan.asp](http://www.emcog.org/rpi_plan.asp). Collaboration with other entities is encouraged.

EMCOG accepts proposals for projects that advance its work within five focus areas that correspond with the five goals of the ECM-PR5 Regional Strategy:

- ◆ **Economic Development & Marketing:** This includes traditional economic development (business recruitment; expansion & retention; regional planning & collaboration; marketing & regional image.
- ◆ **Entrepreneurship & Innovation:** This includes entrepreneurship; innovation; academic research & development; technology-based start-ups; small business development.
- ◆ **Talent & Workforce Development:** This includes workforce development; adult education; pre-k through grade 12 education; higher education.
- ◆ **Transportation & Other Infrastructure:** This includes transportation infrastructure (roads/highways, rail, airports, water based transportation); utilities (electric, gas, water, broadband; public transportation.
- ◆ **Place-Making & Talent Attraction:** This includes downtown revitalization; urban vitality; recreation/entertainment amenities.

ECM PR-5
◆ Arenac County
◆ Bay County
◆ Clare County
◆ Gladwin County
◆ Gratiot County
◆ Isabella County
◆ Midland County
◆ Saginaw County

## Grant Amounts and Conditions:

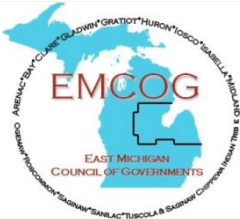
- ◆ The total amount of money to be awarded is \$10,000
- ◆ Individual grant amounts can range from \$250 to \$1,000.
- ◆ Matching funds are not required
- ◆ Grant funds cannot be used to support on-going or regular programs, organizational operating expenses, or expenses prior to grant award.
- ◆ Grants will awarded based on the project support of the ECM-PR5 Regional Strategy

## Application Instructions

1. The application period will open on April 4, 2018 and close at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 18, 2018.
2. Please type or print clearly so that the completed form will be legible. You may retype the form. Send your completed and signed application packet electronically to [jfitzpatrick@emcog.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@emcog.org) or mail to:

Jane Fitzpatrick  
East Michigan Council of Governments  
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3. If you have questions about the form or the project review process, please contact Jane Fitzpatrick at (989) 797-0800 or [jfitzpatrick@emcog.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@emcog.org).
4. Please only one application accepted per organization.
5. Award announcements will be made by July 1, 2018.



**2018 MICRO GRANT APPLICATION FORM**  
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 Saginaw, MI 48602

<b>Office Use:</b>	
Application # _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> ED&M	<input type="checkbox"/> T & OI
<input type="checkbox"/> E & I	<input type="checkbox"/> P & T
<input type="checkbox"/> T & W	
Other _____	

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. Send your completed and signed form electronically to [jfitzpatrick@emcog.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@emcog.org) or mail to Jane Fitzpatrick at East Michigan Council of Governments. **Proposals may be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on May 18 2018.** If you have questions, please call (989) 797-0800.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL			
Project Title			
Name of Applicant Organization		Is the Organization a 501c(3) ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name & Position of Contact Person			
Name of agency/organization holding tax-exemption (if other than applicant)			
Address			
City	State	Zip	Phone
Fax	Email		Amount Requested (\$250 - \$1,000)
Project Start Date	Project End Date		Geographic Area Served

**Please supply all of the information requested below in the space provided or feel free to attach any information you have that will help us understand your program (narrative, flyer, budget, etc.)**

**SECTION 2 – PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Please describe the project (limit to 100 words if possible).

**SECTION 3 – COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

What other organizations are participating in this project and what are their roles?

**SECTION 4 – PROJECT RESULTS**

What are the project results/outputs?

**SECTION 5 – RELATIONSHIP TO ECM-PR-5 Goals, Objectives and Actions**

Describe how the project fits with the ECM - PR5 vision and goals as outlined in the Regional Strategy.

**SECTION 6 – PROJECT RESULTS**

What tangible results do you expect from the project, how will you determine them and how are they linked to the geographical area?