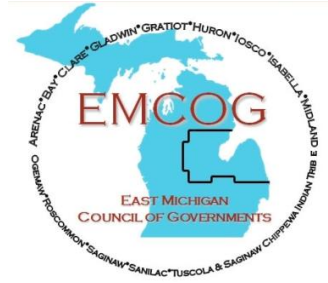East Michigan Council of Governments

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DATE:	For July 15, 2022 Meetings
RE:	Integrated Economic and Community Development Activities

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1. UPDATE – RED TEAM MEMBER TRANSITIONS – Jane Fitzpatrick

New Member Welcome:

John Kaczynski, Executive Director of Governmental & Community Affairs, SVSU

Current Members Saying Goodbye: the following members are leaving the RED Team for various reasons and will be greatly missed.

Ed Bergeron, Roscommon County Economic Development: Ed has served on the RED Team since January of 2021. Prior to his appointment to the RED Team Ed was an active member of the CEDS Team through the year 2020 development of the current 2021-2025 document. We hope to see Ed at future meetings and look forward to continued written comment and input as his availability permits.

Tracy Byard, Former Clare County Administrator: Tracy has served on the RED Team since 2013.   She recently took another job outside of the EMCOG Region. Our loss is a gain to the region she is now a part of.

Sheryl Presler, Superintendent, Clare-Gladwin RESD: Sheryl, who is retiring, has served as an Alternate RED Team member, representing the Clare-Gladwin RESD.   Prior to her service on the RED Team she was a member of the EMCOG Strategic Management Team for development of and implementation of the Prosperity Region 5 Five-Year Strategy (2016-2020). We wish Sheryl a wonderful next chapter in her life.

2. NEW – GRANT: CONNECTING DISCARDS, REUSE, AND STEM – Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is a recent recipient of a grant funded through the CERI (Comprehensive Economic Recovery Initiative) supplemental grant awarded to the EDA REI University Center at the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development (whew, that is a mouthful). The scope of the grant is to conduct research to determine opportunities for diversion of discarded materials used in the built environment and in the manufacturing process in the region. There are a number of partners for this initiative that will be providing support for the work. In addition to conducting the project and market feasibility analysis the findings will be presented at a regional workshop late in 2022. A brief overview of this project will be given during the July 15th RED Team meeting. Further information about the CERI initiative can be found at:
https://ced.msu.edu/programs/comprehensive-economic-recovery-initiative-ceri

3. REMINDER EMCOG EDA CARES ACT 14 COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND – Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG received funding in July, 2020 from the U.S. Department of Commerce EDA to establish a 14-County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the CARES Act. The allocation to EMCOG included approximately $500,000 for lending for projects which promote business revitalization and growth, enhance workplace safety, strengthen supply chains and sustain and/or create jobs.

Information on this EMCOG loan fund and the loan application forms can be found at
http://www.emcog.org/eda_cares_rlf.asp

For further information and inquiries please contact Sue Fortune, EMCOG Executive Director at sfortune@emcog.org or 989 797 0800, ext. 11.

4. REMINDER - EMCOG CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE DATAHUB – Cynthia Edwards

The EMCOG Coronavirus Response Datahub provides federal, state, and local resources. It is available on the EMCOG website (emcog.org) and is updated daily. All resources at the federal and state level are provided through the Department of Treasury and the State of Michigan. All resources are updated as they come available. Local data is specific to the 14-county region and provides resources related to each county. For further information please contact Cynthia Edwards at cedwards@emcog.org

5. REMINDER EMCOG GIS DATAHUB – Cynthia Edwards

The EMCOG GIS Datahub is a place that will give the EMCOG Region a place to explore all maps and applications in one place. The Datahub's platform organizes people, data and tools through informative-driven initiatives. It will help maximize engagement, communication, collaboration, and data sharing within the region.

The EMCOG GIS Data Hub is now active and can be viewed through the website (emcog.org) and or you can view it through a direct link: https://emcog-emcog.hub.arcgis.com/
There are also tutorials available to help viewers navigate through the EMCOG GIS Data Hub and can be reached via the website (emcog.org) or through a direct link: https://emcog-emcog.hub.arcgis.com/pages/gis-data-hub-tutorials. For further information contact Cynthia Edwards at cedwards@emcog.org

6. REMINDER INTERACTIVE CEDS 2021 REPORT – Cynthia Edwards

A platform to help engage community partners, stakeholders, and citizens with dynamic reports about the EMCOG 14-County Region. Charts, graphs, and map applications will allow users to interact with the data and will give insights as to how the region is changing demographically. For further information contact Cynthia Edwards at cedwards@emcog.org

7. UPDATE - SOURCES FOR FEDERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – Jane Fitzpatrick

Announcements and opportunities from multiple sources **as of July 1, 2022**:

- Grants.gov
- USDA Rural Development Innovation Center
  - Rural Innovation Matters
- DOE
  - Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Newsletter
  - Advanced Manufacturing Program
- EPA Energy Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments
  - State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter
- FEMA COVID-19 Supplemental Resources
- Small Business Administration (SBA) COVID-19 Funding Options: A free, curated list of thousands of funding sources at the national, state, regional, and local levels designed to support small businesses in accessing capital to recover from COVID-19.

To learn more about EDA's Economic Development Integration and Disaster Recovery Resources, visit www.eda.gov/edi, or email us at EDI@eda.gov.