



MISSION + VISION

MISSION

To support and empower nonprofit community organizations in Michigan that serve low-income individuals and communities, with an emphasis on community economic development, by providing pro bono legal services and technical assistance.

VISION

Building Strong Communities Through Strong Organizations

We envision communities strengthened by the people who live and work in them.

We envision organizations and individuals with access to justice.

We envision sustainable neighborhood revitalization that produces equitable benefits for residents.

We envision greater access to resources, information, tools, or technical assistance.

We envision decision making tables reflecting the diversity of the communities they represent.

We envision a statewide network of strong communities and strong organizations that learn, share, and connect with each other.

We envision our workplace to be a space where respect, equity, and inclusion are prioritized; collaboration is celebrated; and the individual is empowered.



CORE COMPETENCIES

COMMUNITY LEGAL RESOURCES

We promote access to justice through pro bono [free] legal services and legal education to nonprofit community organizations in low-income communities focusing on neighborhood stabilization and community economic development.

PRO BONO LEGAL REFERRAL PROGRAM

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

CONVENING LEGAL TEAMS TO AUTHOR MANUALS + TOOLKITS

eLEARNING [ELECTRONIC LEARNING PLATFORM]

LEGAL WORKSHOPS

LEGAL CLINICS

FACILITATE POLICY INITIATIVES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CORE COMPETENCIES

NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE

We provide one-on-one capacity building assistance, workshops, training, and grants to strengthen the work of nonprofit community organizations serving underserved communities.

Through this direct assistance and the provision of a state-wide electronic platform [www.neighborhood-exchange.com], we support a peer-to-peer exchange of ideas with the goal of breaking down barriers to information and access to resources.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

WWW.NEIGHBORHOOD-EXCHANGE.COM

FORUMS + NETWORKING EVENTS

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

PROVIDE GRANTS + SPONSORSHIPS

FEE-BASED ENGAGEMENT, EVALUATION + STRATEGIC PLANNING

THE POWER OF ONE DEDICATED WOMAN

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

We provide project-based technical assistance, planning services, and other resources to nonprofit community organizations engaging in neighborhood stabilization projects that provide lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits to the community.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE + PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM DESIGN

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

FACILITATE WORKTABLES PROMOTING POLICIES + PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

LAND FORUM

NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We provide technical assistance to nonprofit community organizations strengthening their local economies in an equitable manner by encouraging entrepreneurship, local business and employment growth, and the development of community-centered commercial assets.

CAPACITY BUILDING TO SUPPORT A STRONGER REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS

TOOLS TO SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FACILITATE WORKTABLES PROMOTING POLICIES + PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESEARCH + DATA ANALYSIS FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS