



# 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