



# 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant Application

Prosperity Region 8 – December 3, 2015 Meeting  
Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph,  
Van Buren Counties

# 2015 Successes

## **Drill-Down on Each Goal Set From Volume One**

- Each goal set given a two-month focus
  - asset mapping, collaborative discussion among subject matter experts, and subcommittee refinement
- Regional partners surveyed
  - Community development (247), education(210), infrastructure (117)
- Result = much greater specificity in each goal

# 2015 Successes

## **Goals Translated Into Action + Leveraged Funding**

- Robust Subcommittee Process -Priority Project Areas Developed
- RFPs for Each Goal Set
  - Proposals received & ranked
  - Two projects selected for each goal set
  - Six projects w/funding agreements in hand
- Projects between 1:1.3 & 2.8:1 leveraged investment (exception 158:1)

# 2015 Successes

## **Adherence to 2015 Timeline**

- RPI Plan V2- completed & approved by Nov. 5, 2015
- Dashboard - completed and approved by Nov. 5, 2015
- Funded RPI Projects – 6 approved. Funding agmts in hands of recipients by Nov. 5, 2015
- Bylaws - approved June 4, 2015
- Addition of sectors - approved June 4, 2015

# 2015 Successes

## **Open Meetings Act**

- **Online Accessibility for:**
  - Agendas
  - Minutes
  - Meeting dates/locations
  - Meeting packets
  - Prosperity Plan VI & V2

# 2015 Successes

## **Expanded Participation**

- Added 11 New Sectors

# 2015 Successes

## **Formalized the Structure**

- Officers elected
- Subcommittee structure built and utilized

# 2015 Successes

## **Regional Framework for Communication**

- Time dedicated for Committee to Discuss Regionally Impactful Projects



# 2015 Successes

## **Incorporation of Region 8 Prosperity Plan Priorities**

- Master Plans w/in Region 8 beginning to incorporate RPI Plan Priorities

# Challenges/2016 Actions

## Challenge: Refinement of Project Selection Process

- Action: Engage the process earlier in year
- Action: Broaden the project partner outreach
  - Currently 574 partners
- Action: Fund projects across 4 goal areas
- Action: Explore a single super-regional project

# Challenges/2016 Actions

Challenge: Broader representation on Prosperity Committee is good, too many people in one meeting isn't.

- Action: RPI Strategies subcommittee charged to identify and develop a regional communication strategy

# 2016 Project Development Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Project Selection - Funding</b>					
Community Development	X	X			1
Education	X	X			1
Infrastructure	X	X			1
RPI Strategies	X	X	X		1
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Linkage w/Abutting RPI Regions (4,7, 9)</b>					
Staff Meetings		X	X		5
Joint Projects Development			X	X	5
"Super-Regional" Projects			X	X	5

# Challenges/2016 Actions

Challenge: Tier Two Exploration – what does it mean for Region 8 & how to navigate through the process.

- Action: Facilitate the process of understanding the implications and documenting the necessary steps.

# 2016 Tier Two Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>RPI Tier Two Exploration</b>					
Shared Services/Multiple Sectors	X	X	X	X	2

# Challenges/2016 Actions

**Challenge: Measuring Change-Dashboard reflects general measures of prosperity, not nuances of Prosperity Committee goals & opportunities.**

- **Action: Cultivate a dashboard w/external measures of prosperity + internal measures of the progress of the Prosperity Committee.**

# 2016 Dashboard Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Measuring Change - Dashboard</b>	X	X	X	X	2



# Challenges/2016 Actions

Challenge: Deepened Regional Knowledge  
– elevate the discussion of issues at 7 county scale within focus areas (community development, education, infrastructure)

- Action: SWMPC & SMPC staff develop relevant data and recruit subject matter experts to present at meetings.
- Action: Become a resource for innovation

# 2016 Deepened Regional Knowledge

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Deepend Regional Knowledge</b>					
Recycling		X	X		2
Broadband	X	X	X		2

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Deepened Regional Knowledge</b>					
Local Road Road Asset Management		X	X		4
Regional Recreation Planning		X	X	X	4

# Challenges/2016 Actions

Challenge: Better connectivity  
between/within sectors

- Action: RPI Strategies goal seeks better alignment within sectors
  - Seek to make sector alignment normative

# 2016 Sector Connectivity Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Links w/Region 8 Efforts</b>					
Inventory of Regional Collaboratives		X	X	X	3
Regional Collaborative Gap Analysis			X	X	3

# Needs/2016 Actions

Need: Economic Development Blueprint – required as part of Prosperity Plan.

- Action: Seek to further synchronize the Prosperity Plan w/Transformation Agenda. Can the Transformation Agenda constitute the Blueprint if it is properly complemented/augmented?

# 2016 Econ. Dev. Blueprint Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>E. D. Blueprint + 10 Year Plan</b>					
Ten Year Prosperity Plan	X	X	X	X	4
Synchronizing RPI Prosperity Plan & SWMI 1st Transformation Agenda		X	X		4

# Needs/2016 Actions

Need: Statewide Prosperity Plan – support the linkage of regional prosperity plans into a single statewide prosperity plan.

- Action: assist in the funding to collect plans and formulate a statewide plan.

# 2016 Statewide Plan Support Schedule

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>Statewide Prosperity Plan Support</b>					
Consolidation of Prosperity Plans		X	X	X	6



	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority	Budget	14-'15 Funds	2016 Funds
<b>RPI Facilitation</b>						<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
Prosperity Committee Meetings	X	X	X	X	1			
Subcommittee Meetings	X	X	X	X	1			
Executive Committee/Staff Meetings	X	X	X	X	1			
<b>Project Selection - Funding</b>						<b>\$ 307,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 194,100.00</b>
Community Development	X	X			1	\$ 76,925.00	\$ 28,400.00	\$ 48,525.00
Education	X	X			1	\$ 76,925.00	\$ 28,400.00	\$ 48,525.00
Infrastructure	X	X			1	\$ 76,925.00	\$ 28,400.00	\$ 48,525.00
RPI Strategies	X	X	X		1	\$ 76,925.00	\$ 28,400.00	\$ 48,525.00
<b>Measuring Change - Dashboard</b>	X	X	X	X	2	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>RPI Tier Two Exploration</b>						<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>
Shared Services/Multiple Sectors	X	X	X	X	2	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
<b>Deepend Regional Knowledge</b>						<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
Recycling		X	X		2	\$ 15,500.00		\$ 15,500.00
Broadband	X	X	X		2	\$ 17,500.00		\$ 17,500.00
<b>Links w/Region 8 Efforts</b>						<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
Inventory of Regional Collaboratives		X	X	X	3	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Regional Collaborative Gap Analysis			X	X	3	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
<b>Deepened Regional Knowledge</b>						<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>
Local Road Road Asset Management		X	X		4	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Regional Recreation Planning		X	X	X	4	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00
<b>E. D. Blueprint + 10 Year Plan</b>						<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
Ten Year Prosperity Plan	X	X	X	X	4	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Synchronizing RPI Prosperity Plan & SWMI 1st Transformation Agenda		X	X		4	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Linkage w/Abutting RPI Regions (4,7, 9)</b>						<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>
Staff Meetings		X	X		5	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Joint Projects Development			X	X	5	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
"Super-Regional" Projects			X	X	5	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
<b>Statewide Prosperity Plan Support</b>						<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
Consolidation of Prosperity Plans		X	X	X	6			
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 563,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>

# 2016 RPI Quarterly Progress & Priority

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Priority
<b>RPI Facilitation</b>					
Prosperity Committee Meetings	X	X	X	X	1
Subcommittee Meetings	X	X	X	X	1
Executive Committee/Staff Meetings	X	X	X	X	1
<b>Project Selection - Funding</b>					
Community Development	X	X			1
Education	X	X			1
Infrastructure	X	X			1
RPI Strategies	X	X	X		1
<b>Measuring Change - Dashboard</b>					
	X	X	X	X	2
<b>RPI Tier Two Exploration</b>					
Shared Services/Multiple Sectors	X	X	X	X	2
<b>Deepened Regional Knowledge</b>					
Recycling		X	X		2
Broadband	X	X	X		2
<b>Links w/Region 8 Efforts</b>					
Inventory of Regional Collaboratives		X	X	X	3
Regional Collaborative Gap Analysis			X	X	3
<b>Deepened Regional Knowledge</b>					
Local Road Road Asset Management		X	X		4
Regional Recreation Planning		X	X	X	4
<b>E. D. Blueprint + 10 Year Plan</b>					
Ten Year Prosperity Plan	X	X	X	X	4
Synchronizing RPI Prosperity Plan & SWMI 1st Transformation Agenda		X	X		4
<b>Linkage w/Abutting RPI Regions (4,7, 9)</b>					
Staff Meetings		X	X		5
Joint Projects Development			X	X	5
"Super-Regional" Projects			X	X	5
<b>Statewide Prosperity Plan Support</b>					
Consolidation of Prosperity Plans		X	X	X	6

# Moving to Tier Two

- Differences Between One & Two
- Proposed Methodology
- Implications Examined

# Tier One & Two Differences

## Structure:

- Tier One = a committee of required partners
- Tier Two
  - Independent council w/shared administrative services
  - Executive governing entity w/decision-making authority

# Tier One & Two Differences

## Deliverables:

- Status report on Five Year Prosperity Plan
- Prioritized list of regional projects
- Five Year Plan transformed into a Ten Year Plan

# Tier One & Two Differences

- Identify additional opportunities for shared administrative services
- Identify additional opportunities for shared decision-making

# Proposed Tier Two Plan Methodology

1. Inventory of Organizational Assets
2. Categorization of Assets Inventory
3. Identification of Opportunities to Share Resources
4. Cost/Benefit Analysis
5. Pathways (legal, administrative, etc) to Consolidation

# Tier Two Implications

- Proposed: Discussion grows out of Cost/Benefit Analysis
- Explore where the benefits lie
- Explore the magnitude of the benefits
- Are there costs? If so, what are they?



# Tier Two Plan Contents Include...

- Formal local agreements to share administrative service & decision-making
- Recommendations that eliminate effort & administrative functions
- Recommendations to leverage resources
  - Collaboration, consolidation

# Tier Two Implementation

- Share administrative services
  - Private, public, non-profits
- Regionalize decision-making authority