



## ABOUT OCED

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# PROGRAM GUIDE



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# PROGRAM AREAS



## Affordable Housing and Infrastructure

Focus on supporting low-income households and families find and maintain affordable rental and home-owner housing in addition to supporting community infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods.



## Economic Opportunity

Strive to create equitable economic opportunity by removing barriers for residents seeking jobs and supporting BIPOC entrepreneurs and small business owners.



## Human Services

Provides community action programming and houses several direct service programs. Partners with nonprofit service agencies to administer programs designed to have a measurable impact on the causes of poverty.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPORT**

Investments in the development and preservation of safe, affordable, and energy-efficient housing and services to house those most in need.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/affordablehousing](http://washtenaw.org/affordablehousing)

## **BARRIER BUSTERS**

A network of 100+ social service organizations that work together to coordinate resources and connect residents to financial assistance in order to prevent crisis.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/BarrierBusters](http://washtenaw.org/BarrierBusters)

## **HOUSING REHABILITATION & WEATHERIZATION**

Emergency repairs, safety, energy efficiency improvements, and barrier-free access for low-income Washtenaw County households.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/HIP](http://washtenaw.org/HIP) or call 734-544-3008

## **HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERSHIP**

Funding support for Washtenaw County's social safety net with investments focused on addressing root causes such as poverty, racism, and trauma.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/nhsp](http://washtenaw.org/nhsp)

## **LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)**

An emergency program to help income-eligible households pay outstanding water & wastewater bills. Provides up to \$650 in direct payment assistance toward water/sewer bills.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/lihwap](http://washtenaw.org/lihwap) or call 734-544-6721

## FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

Income-eligible seniors provide educational support & mentorship to youth in school settings throughout the county. Volunteers receive a financial stipend.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/FGP](http://washtenaw.org/FGP) or call 734-544-3040

## SENIOR NUTRITION

On-site and home-delivered meals for older adults throughout Washtenaw County to maintain health, housing stability, and independence.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/SNP](http://washtenaw.org/SNP)

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Support for entrepreneurs and small business owners of color, upward mobility and job training for residents, and the removal of barriers around housing and transportation.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/EO](http://washtenaw.org/EO)

## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Professional, one-on-one financial counseling to enable Washtenaw County residents to address their financial challenges, needs, and plan for their futures.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/FEC](http://washtenaw.org/FEC)

## OPPORTUNITY INDEX

A tool used to "map" equity and opportunity using five key areas essential to developing responsive policies and corresponding investments that enhance quality of life for all residents.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/Opportunity](http://washtenaw.org/Opportunity)

## BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Supports community redevelopment, job creation, environmental sustainability, & expanded tax base through the reuse of contaminated & blighted sites.

Learn more at [washtenaw.org/Brownfield-Program](http://washtenaw.org/Brownfield-Program)

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preservation of resources that support economic development and a sense of pride in the unique identity of Washtenaw County. Learn more here.

Learn more at [bit.ly/Historic-Preservation](http://bit.ly/Historic-Preservation)

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Funds infrastructure improvement projects in low and moderate income communities with particular focus on park improvements and non-motorized connections.

Learn more at [bit.ly/WC-Infrastructure](http://bit.ly/WC-Infrastructure)

## REIMAGINE WASHTENAW

Redevelopment of one of Washtenaw County's busiest corridors to support walkability, housing choice and affordability, efficient transit service, increased safety and accessibility, and long-term economic development opportunities.

Learn more at [bit.ly/WC-Reimagine](http://bit.ly/WC-Reimagine)