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East Bay Township seeks Community Development Fellow to spearhead community-wide projects in East Bay Township through 15-month position

Applications are now open for the CEDAM Community Development Fellowship, a full-time, salaried role starting May 2023.

East Bay Charter Township, MI – January 18, 2023 – East Bay Charter Township is seeking applicants for the [CEDAM Community Development Fellowship](#), a 15-month paid position that will help expand organizational capacity and take on a variety of development projects in East Bay Township. The fellow will work full-time beginning May 2023.

East Bay Charter Township was one of 10 Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) selected by the [Community Economic Development Association of Michigan \(CEDAM\)](#) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to host fellows for 2023-24. The fellow will take on various projects that aid in community economic development, ultimately helping promote equity and improve quality of life for those who live or work in East Bay Township. Some potential projects include the Beach District subarea plan and public engagement, Three Mile Trail Extension and Safe Routes to School, implementation of the master plan, and other economic development initiatives.

“East Bay Township is thrilled to be selected for this fellowship program,” says Claire Karner, Director of Planning & Zoning for East Bay Charter Township. “The added capacity will help the Township make meaningful progress on Township priorities related to non-motorized infrastructure, housing, and economic development.”

“The CEDAM Fellowship is a great opportunity for individuals to gain professional experience in the community development sector, and for host communities to take on additional projects,” says Sarah Teater, director of capacity building at CEDAM. “Through this program, we are able to help Michigan expand the range of what’s possible and, at the end of the day, address critical needs to make their community stronger.”

In addition to a salary and benefits, the Community Development Fellowship also offers training, professional development, and networking opportunities for fellows. Many CEDAM fellows go on to work in government, policy and the nonprofit industry. Past fellow duties have included assessing public and private land for viability as housing, creating a marketing plan, drafting an economic development strategy,

and more. The deadline to apply for the fellowship is March 5. To learn more about the position and how to apply, visit cedamichigan.org/fellowship.

The [Community Economic Development Association of Michigan \(CEDAM\)](#) is a coalition of leaders across Michigan's community development sector that work to create vibrant, inclusive spaces for all people to live and work. To achieve this, CEDAM's policy work emphasizes supporting under-resourced communities and addressing systemic racism in the areas of affordable housing, community economic development and economic inclusion at both the federal and state level.

The [Michigan Economic Development Corporation \(MEDC\)](#) is the state's marketing arm and lead advocate for business development, job awareness and community development with the focus on growing Michigan's economy.