

RAP 2.0

Revitalization and Placemaking Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The first iteration of the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program, launched in 2022, was an incentive program that deployed \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding to address the COVID-19 impacts in Michigan communities. The 2022 program, now referred to as RAP 1.0, has all funds committed and projects will be in progress through 2026.

The second round of the Revitalization and Placemaking program, referred to as RAP 2.0, has received an appropriation of \$100 million in the [budget supplemental SB 7](#) signed by Gov. Whitmer on Feb. 1, 2023, demonstrating the great need identified for placemaking and building rehabilitation investment. As part of RAP 1.0, MEDC received approximately \$500 million in applications for \$100 million in appropriated funding. The new appropriation comes from the state rather than federal sources, and has resulted in changes to the program.

For more information including compliance and reporting requirements for RAP 1.0, please visit the [RAP 1.0 webpage](#). For more information regarding RAP 2.0 please visit the [RAP 2.0 webpage](#).

1. Does my project qualify for RAP 2.0 funding?

Please refer to the RAP 2.0 Program Guidelines, which can be found on the www.michiganbusiness.org/RAP/2/ website. In addition to the guidelines, it is recommended that you reach out to your Community Development Manager to discuss other programs that may be available to support your project. You can find the contact information of your CDM here: www.miplace.org

2. Can a community or developer that received funds in RAP 1.0 apply for an award in RAP 2.0?

There are no barriers or prohibitions to a developer or community who received support for a project in RAP 1.0 applying for an award for a different project through RAP 2.0.

3. Can I apply for RAP 2.0 if my project is already underway?

Yes, however your project will not be competitive if you are unable to demonstrate need.

4. If I applied for a project in round 1 and was not chosen, will I have priority in RAP 2.0?

No – all applications will be scored against one another without any bias towards previous applicants.

5. Has the application process changed at all from round 1?

The application itself has been updated, however the process has not changed - WizeHive is still being used to collect applications. The application can be found at www.michiganbusiness.org/RAP/2/.

6. Where can I find a scoring rubric?

A detailed scoring rubric can be found in the Application & Scoring Criteria document on the RAP 2.0 landing page. It's under the "Program Documents for Download" section.

7. Do I need to have a Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) designation in order to qualify for this program?

No – all communities across the state are eligible for an award through this program.

8. Can I layer a RAP 2.0 incentive with other incentives offered by the MEDC?

Aside from an award through the first round of RAP, yes, you can layer incentives. You'll need to go through the typical approval process, and your RAP award will not be approved until all other incentives are approved, but it is allowable.

9. If the future tenant of a development is a cannabis dispensary, or the development team owns other cannabis dispensaries, would the project be eligible for an award under this program?

Eligibility would not be impacted by this scenario, however in order for the application to be competitive a business case must be made for the project being a high priority for the community, its likelihood to meet program goals and ability to fit within the guidelines of the RAP 2.0 program.

10. Will Subgrant recipients be able to take an administrative fee? If so, how much?

Yes, subgrant recipients will be entitled to an administrative fee of 10% of their total award amount. Please note that the administrative fee comes out of the total award, not in addition to it. If you are approved for a \$5 million award and take a 10% administrative fee, you will have \$4.5 million to distribute to your projects.

11. Are individual projects within a subgrant subject to award maximums or minimums?

No, individual projects within a subgrant program are not subject to either award maximums or minimums.

12. What are the minimum and maximum award amounts of subgrant program applications?

Maximum subgrant award amounts are the lesser of the overall regional allocation and \$20 million. Minimum subgrant program award amounts are \$500,000.

13. Will partial grant awards be made, or will only full requests be granted for applications? If so, will lead applicants be responsible for determining the cuts or will the MEDC disqualify certain projects or expenses?

Partial awards may be made by the MEDC to subgrant recipients if:

- a. Certain projects within the application are deemed ineligible based on the program guidelines.
- b. Geographic distribution becomes an issue
- c. An application requests more than they are eligible for.

Unless a project is explicitly disqualified by the MEDC, the lead applicant will have to determine how the remaining award funds are spent on qualified and feasible projects.

14. Are business incubators eligible for this program?

As long as the project fits within the RAP 2.0 program guidelines and the costs to be reimbursed align with eligible costs in guidelines, then it is eligible.

15. Is it a benefit or a disadvantage to apply as a direct project, part of a larger subgrant project, or both?

Applicants will not be at a disadvantage doing any of the above, but please note that, if approved, you will only be awarded under one category.

16. Would the new construction of a public library qualify as a real estate development or public space place-based project?

It could qualify in either category, with the primary difference being the scoring system and the maximum award amounts.