

**2006 Cool Cities Grants & Planning Programs Neighborhood Award Designees**  
**Michigan Cool Cities - Cool Cities Collaborative**  
**Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth and Michigan State Housing Development Authority**

**2006 Neighborhoods in Progress**

**Flint- Genesee County Land Bank Authority/ Kettering University: Advanced Technology & Alternative Energy Research Bldg – Flint River District Redevelopment:**

- The two projects combined will provide the catalyst for both quality housing and jobs. The project involves constructing 20 loft condominiums and two commercial spaces and a 22,000 sq. ft. advanced fuel cell research center within the redevelopment area known as the River District.
- The fuel cell research center is the first building of several to be located on a 17- acre research park.
- The fuel cell laboratory will employ at least 25 knowledge workers and will strengthen and build upon growing research and development initiatives at the University.
- The synergy created by this project will help lay the groundwork for future jobs in Flint.

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**Detroit- Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation – Grandmont Rosedale Commercial Revitalization:**

- Grandmont Rosedale Commercial Revitalization will enhance the streetscape environment of our Grand River commercial district, which will spur new business development and job creation along the corridor.
- The project is already underway and is leveraging millions of dollars in public and private investment. Specifically, the Catalyst Grant would be used to repair and landscape historic neighborhood entrances and make improvements to the site of our proposed Farmers' Market.

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**Grand Rapids- Lighthouse Communities, Inc. – Shape the Square:**

- The Catalyst project will convert an industrial building into -the Hubb- a 60,000 sq ft commercial center offering space to internet dependant companies.
- It will also target facades and streetscape improvement nearby to enhance the impact of the Hubb and establish a high tech niche within the urban neighborhood context.
- These improvements will increase walkability and expand the impact of the 160 new full-time jobs created by the new internet-based venture Pathways Internet Services.

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**Benton Harbor- Citizens For Progressive Change – Heart of the City Artist Studios at 80 West Main:**

- Creation of the "Heart of the City Artist Studios at 80 West Main" includes completion of the rehabilitation of the Historic McClellan Building which will include three new and separate building facades, outdoor directional signs & murals, a "Welcome to the Downtown Benton Harbor Arts District" signage, streetscapes, seven artist studios, two fine art galleries, a welcome/ library center for Students of the Arts, one additional retail shop, and an artist in residence apartment.
- The project will create approximately twelve new jobs and provide a springboard for downtown growth.

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**Muskegon- Muskegon Main Street, Muskegon Museum of Art, Western Ave Properties, Community Foundation for Muskegon Co. – Third & Western Renaissance:**

- The proposed catalyst project would create a gathering place at the corner of Third and Western by implementing three components; facade improvements for buildings owned by Western Avenue Properties, a public art composition commissioned by the Muskegon Museum of Art (owned and operated by Muskegon Public Schools) and a wireless Internet hot spot initiated by Muskegon Main Street.
- The combination of improvements created by these three project elements would be significant enough to tip the intersection to cool and would add to the significant investment being already being leveraged at this intersection to create a new downtown Muskegon.
- It is not a stretch to say that within 18 months the makeover that will occur at this intersection will be more than extreme, it will be cool!

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**Mount Clemens- City of Mount Clemens, Mt. Clemens DDA, Macomb Co., The Art Center – Bath City ART-Park:**

- The Bath City ART-Park will create a programmable sculpture garden adjacent to the City's thriving Art Center.
- Connections through signage, web, and print with other Downtown public art installations will make the BCAP a key amenity and capstone to The Art Center expansion.

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**Ionia- City of Ionia, Ionia Theatre Assoc., Ionia Industrial Fund, Ionia DDA – Ionia Theatre Renovation Project:**

- Upgrades of \$300,000 to Ionia's Theatre will diversify its entertainment capabilities allowing live theatre; enhanced musical productions; and sophisticated live performances, all necessary in today's competitive entertainment market.
- Appealing to larger numbers of diverse audiences will strengthen the theatre's financial base allowing the Theatre and Downtown to have a more stable future by bringing more people into the downtown area, which also enhances other area businesses.
- Increased Theatre venues and activities expand revitalization efforts for the Downtown.

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**Detroit- Focus: HOPE, A Michigan Non Profit Corporation, Also affects a portion of Highland Park – The Cool Corner:**

- The Catalyst project will change the face of a very important corner in our community, making it a focal point of activity, and a place with the potential for activity during both the day and the evening.
- The Catalyst Project will provide new housing, new retail, and a new outdoor interactive environment, as well as serving as the springboard for future redevelopment of this portion of Detroit and Highland Park.

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**Howell- City of Howell, Livingston Arts Council – Howell Opera House First Floor Renovation:**

- The Howell Opera House First Floor Renovation project will rehabilitate the lower floor of the historic, 125 year-old Opera House so that the space can be used as a center for community arts, community meetings, and as a home for the Livingston Arts Council.

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**Detroit- Arab American and Chaldean Council – ACC Artisans & Adult Learning Center:**

- The ACC has identified several Arab-American, Chaldean, and African-American artists who have expressed a need for studio and gallery space.
- The ACC has already demolished an existing building to provide space for the Artisans adjacent to the planned pocket park and Youth Center. There are no other arts facilities in the 7-mile area.

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**Lansing- Economic Development Corporation of Lansing, Gillespie Development – Stadium District:**

- The Catalyst project is privately developed Pat Gillespie building called the Stadium District building. This is a five story, mixed use, fun and residential building to be built on former city owned property to the immediate south of Oldsmobile Stadium.
- The Cool City Catalyst grant will be used to connect the District area's entertainment features, re-shaping its neighborhood image, helping to make the actual Stadium District building a development (job creation and private investment) success - inspiring the entire District area neighborhood to begin revitalizing into a thriving Cool City Neighborhood.
- The grant will be used for: Innovative, connective streetscape, wireless hot spots, wayfinding signs identifying the Stadium District area with branding and directions, a mural replacement on Riverwalk Theater, and other marketing types of public infrastructure.
- The Catalyst project and the Cool City Catalyst \$100,000, together, can develop a new urban neighborhood that is deeply entrenched in arts and culture.

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**Pontiac – City of Pontiac, Pontiac Growth Group, Blair McGowan – Crofoot Project:**

- This project will house performances and music workshops sponsored by members of Clear Channel Communication, Live Nation and the Arts Beats and Eats Foundation.
- Each group has committed to providing workshops and clinics for youth in music: performance, sound, lighting, staging and technical assistance to the industry.

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***The following projects are Cool City Neighborhoods in Progress, which will not receive the catalyst funding but will be given the same priority access to state resources and technical assistance:***

**Adrian- City of Adrian Downtown Development Authority – Downtown Site Assistance Program:**

- The DDA has developed a three-part site assistance program. That program provides up to 50% matching grants for hard costs related to historic building facade improvements. In exchange for the grant funds, the City has received a preservation easement on the structure's facade. Currently DDA staff is working with at least three property owners considering significant (in excess of \$50,000 per facade) rehabilitation projects.

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**Cadillac- City of Cadillac – Cobbs & Mitchell Building Redevelopment Project:**

- In partnership with the State of Michigan and local stakeholders, the City of Cadillac plans to acquire the historic Cobbs & Mitchell building to facilitate its reuse by the private sector.
- Creative reuses for the facility are currently under study, with office and/or residential options topping the feasibility list.

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**Dearborn- City of Dearborn, Chamber of Commerce, West Downtown Development Authority, West Business Association – Dearborn Visitor & Welcome Center:**

- The City is creating a new Visitor and Welcome Center in the historic, centrally located Bryant Library is the next step in our redevelopment strategy.
- Combined City, Chamber and tourism resources will inform and assist visitors and investors.

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**Saginaw- Saginaw Depot Preservation Corporation – Saginaw Depot Restoration:**

- The Depot's first floor will open with a gallery, dance studio and Historic Materials Exchange: and the Power House will be restored with sustainable energy business and a small biodiesel plant.

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## **2006 Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns**

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