

COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATIONS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENERGY INITIATIVE

June 1, 1988

The Community Foundation Energy Initiative, a partnership involving the State of Michigan, Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) and fourteen Michigan community foundations, was created to improve energy efficiency and promote conservation through nonprofit organizations. Through related cost savings, improved energy efficiency will insure that more of the scarce resources available to nonprofit organizations are used to provide important community services. In some communities, the Energy Initiative will also assist low-income populations in improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

The source of money is Michigan's share of the \$2.1 billion Exxon restitution settlement which the Federal Government has passed on to the states. The State of Michigan has made a grant of \$3 million to the Council of Michigan Foundations for distribution to participating community foundations for this project. Of this amount, the Council of Michigan Foundations, as fiscal agent, received \$350,000 to fund eligible community energy projects in areas not serviced by participating community foundations.

To receive the funds from the Council, each community foundation must raise a dollar-for-dollar match. The local match monies will be totally controlled by each community foundation and can be used to establish permanent endowment funds broadly restricted for energy conservation activities, or may be spent immediately on energy conservation programming. Nonprofit organizations receiving funds directly from the Council must also raise the require match. The deadline for matching State funds is June 30, 1989.

RESULTS - THE MATCH

To date community foundations have responded as follows:

	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>MATCH</u> <u>MET</u>
Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan	\$1,117,424	\$120,000
Grand Rapids Foundation	163,416	82,804
Flint Public Trust	163,416	150,000
Saginaw Community Foundation	136,916	0
Kalamazoo Foundation	136,916	50,000
Berrien Community Foundation	136,916	0
Muskegon County Community Foundation	136,916	0

Community Foundation of St. Clair County . .	123,666	0
Greater Battle Creek Foundation	123,666	0
Bay Area Community Foundation	101,583	76,500
Midland Foundation	101,583	101,583
Fremont Area Foundation	101,583	0
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation57,416	0
Northeast Michigan Community Foundation . .	.48,583	48,583

The Council of Michigan Foundations has also assisted participating community foundations with raising the required match. Consumers Power Company recently approved a \$50,000 grant for Energy Initiative matching funds to thirteen participating foundations within their service area. The Council will continue to explore joint fundraising opportunities where feasible. The Energy Initiative will conclude September 30, 1990.

STATE REPORTING

The program is being monitored by the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC). All proposals for projects to be supported with State Energy Initiative funds must be submitted to the PSC for review. The PSC will determine whether or not the proposed project complies with Federal guidelines before the project can actually be funded. Projects supported with Energy Initiative matching funds are not subject to the same restrictions and, therefore, do not have to be submitted to the State for review.

In addition to submitting proposals for review, the Council is also required to submit quarterly program and financial reports to the Public Service Commission. An annual report is submitted to the Regulatory Subcommittees of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives as well. To further insure the program's compliance with Federal guidelines, the PSC makes an on-site monitoring visit to the Council each year.

RESULTS - GRANTMAKING

Community foundations have submitted ten Energy Initiative projects to the PSC for review. To date, the State has not expressed any concerns regarding the eligibility of these projects. The proposed projects range from energy audits and technical studies for schools, to comprehensive education and training programs for nonprofit organizations. Most of the community foundations have elected to establish Energy Initiative Advisory Committees to assist them with the implementation of these projects. Following is a list of local Energy Initiative projects submitted to the PSC for review:

Northeast Michigan Community Foundation

- . Grant Applicant: Immanuel Lutheran School
Amount: \$3,000
Purpose: To conduct a complete energy audit of the school.
- . Grant Applicant: Universal Energy Services
Amount: \$2,991
Purpose: To conduct an energy conservation training session and workshop for approximately 50 nonprofit organizations.

Midland Foundation

- . Grant Applicant: Midland Intermediate School District
Amount: \$42,210
Purpose: To conduct energy audits of seventeen school buildings. Six technical studies of schools selected from this group will also be conducted.
- . Grant Applicant: Midland County
Amount: \$14,070
Purpose: To conduct energy audits of six public buildings and technical studies of three buildings.

Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan

- . Grant Applicant: Ecology Center of Ann Arbor
Amount: \$150,000
Purpose: To conduct the Energy Conservation Education and Training Program. The Program will provide energy conservation workshops and technical assistance for nonprofits in southeastern Michigan.
- . Grant Applicant: Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO Council
Amount: \$10,000
Purpose: To support the Energy Conservation and Home Repair Summer Youth Project. Unemployed and disadvantaged youth will be trained to install low-cost energy conservation measures and to repair and rehabilitate homes of the elderly and handicapped.

Kalamazoo Foundation

- . Grant Applicant: Kalamazoo Nature Center
Amount: \$25,000
Purpose: To coordinate and administer local Energy Initiative projects.

Grand Rapids Foundation

- . Grant Applicant: MSU/Kent County Cooperative Extension Services
Amount: \$39,888 State Funds; \$27,950 Match Funds
Purpose: To conduct the Comprehensive Home Energy Conservation Project. This two-year project will provide educational and technical assistance to low and moderate income homeowners who are high energy users.
- . Grant Applicant: Council of Neighborhood Associations
Amount: \$3,921 State Funds; \$7,000 Match Funds
Purpose: To conduct the Neighborhood Association Energy Conservation Project. Energy audits will be conducted for seven buildings which house Neighborhood Association offices.
- . Grant Applicant: Jordan College Energy Institute
Amount: \$16,350 State Funds; \$3,300 Match Funds
Purpose: To conduct two intensive eight-week courses for nonprofit agency maintenance personnel.
- . Grant Applicant: United Way of Kent County
Amount: \$42,295 State Funds
Purpose: To conduct the Energy Management Program for United Way agencies. The program will include workshops and comprehensive energy audits for nonprofit agencies.

CMF RESPONSIBILITY - AREAS OF THE STATE NOT SERVED BY A PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Council has established a five-member Advisory Committee to assist with the distribution of Energy Initiative funds in areas of the State not served by a participating community foundation. Advisory Committee members include:

Richard M. Buss, Economic Development Officer, First of America Bank

Kenneth A. Aho, Energy Conservation Services Supervisor, Detroit Edison Company

Fred M. Gerow, Energy Manager, Grand Valley State College

Howard D. Kalleward, Council of Michigan Foundations Board of Trustees

Herbert S. Yamanishi, Field/Resource Consultant, Michigan League of Human Services

In November, 1987, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was mailed to over 1,500 nonprofit organizations throughout the State. Response to the RFP was limited, so an Energy Initiative brochure was developed with the assistance of the Advisory Committee and Detroit Edison Company. These brochures were recently mailed to nonprofit organizations throughout Michigan to increase the level of participation in the program. Several organizations have already expressed an interest in applying for Energy Initiative funds as a result of this mailing. In addition, Jane Morgan, Program Associate for the Energy Initiative, has attended several meetings throughout the State to promote the program. She has attended the Statewide Community Action Agency meeting as well as several Michigan United Way Round Table meetings. The meetings have provided an opportunity to explain the program in greater detail and respond directly to questions on the Energy Initiative.

INVESTMENT OF ENERGY INITIATIVE FUNDS

The Council of Michigan Foundations is required to invest State Energy Initiative funds in interest bearing accounts maintained with a bank or savings and loan association. The Council has selected Abbit Management to manage the investment of Energy Initiative funds. As of March 31, 1988, the Council has disbursed \$375,166 in Energy Initiative funds to participating community foundations, leaving a balance of \$2,785,731.