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## ***W. K. Kellogg Foundation grants CEDAM \$150,000***

Lansing, MI - **The Community Economic Development Association (CEDAM) is pleased to announce receipt of a \$150,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.** This grant will allow CEDAM to further its mission of advancing community-based economic development to revitalize and rebuild Michigan communities through its 2011 fiscal year. CEDAM is proud to partner with W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

CEDAM staffs several state-wide collaborative efforts that address the most vital of needs in our communities. In 2007, CEDAM launched the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force, providing advocacy and coordination of foreclosure prevention activities state-wide. Additionally, CEDAM staffs the Asset Building Policy Project that supports efforts to assist vulnerable Michigan families obtain financial security. In 2002, CEDAM began addressing the concerns of rural communities through the Michigan Rural Network. More than 350 non-profit professionals have been trained through CEDAM's signature Comprehensive Community Development Institute and Real Estate Development Training program. In May, CEDAM will also be launching a cable-access television show, *On the Bright Side*, which will highlight all of the incredible work that is happening across the state in community development.

"Without the generous support of partners such as the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, CEDAM would not be able to maintain the same level of commitment to our programs and to support the efforts of our membership required in these difficult times," says, CEDAM's Executive Director, Jamie Schriener-Hooper. "We are proud to stand on the frontlines of these issues alongside our members, forging collaborations, providing technical assistance and continuing to work to sustain and revitalize Michigan communities."

*The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930, supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean and southern Africa. For further information on the foundation, please visit [www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org).*

*The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a nonprofit organization, represents hundreds of organizations and individuals committed to rebuilding our neighborhoods and revitalizing communities throughout Michigan. CEDAM is a membership association of primarily nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), community action agencies, and other nonprofits that provide affordable and supportive housing to our most vulnerable citizens, encourage downtown and commercial corridor revitalization, provide workforce and entrepreneurship training, and help families develop and maintain assets. For more information about CEDAM, please visit [www.cedam.info](http://www.cedam.info).*

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