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## ***State Farm grants CEDAM \$10,000 for Comprehensive Community Development Institute***

Lansing, MI - **The Community Economic Development Association (CEDAM) is pleased to announce a \$10,000 grant from State Farm to support the Comprehensive Community Development Institute (CCDI).** This training program will help our membership offer greater access to safe, affordable housing and address the effects of the foreclosure crisis. CEDAM is proud to partner with State Farm in this endeavor.

"State Farm is thrilled to support CEDAM's Comprehensive Community Development Institute. As a company with agents located throughout the state, many of us are able to interact first-hand with community development organizations making an impact close to our own homes. We are thankful that these organizations have access to top-notch training opportunities through CEDAM that give them the tools to increase their abilities," says, Lansing State Farm Agent, Jim Hanlin.

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The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a nonprofit organization, represents almost 400 organizations and individuals committed to rebuilding our neighborhoods and revitalizing communities throughout Michigan. CEDAM is a voluntary 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 to better lives. **For more information about the Comprehensive Community Development Institute, please visit [www.cedam.info/resources/training](http://www.cedam.info/resources/training).**

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