

SPECIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 2023-24 COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE MATCHING GRANTS

In Michigan, local coastal communities have an outsized role to play in protecting the Great Lakes, as the power for most land-use planning and zoning decisions resides at the local level. With generous matching funding from **Michigan's Coastal Management Program (CMP)**, the nonprofit Land Information Access Association (LIAA) is collaborating with coastal communities across Michigan to help build resilience principles into local master plans and policies. The goal of this project is to help Michigan's coastal communities effectively plan for and respond to the challenges of our ever-changing shoreline in a holistic and resilient manner. Services are at the discretion of each participating community and can include any manner of municipal planning processes that have a direct impact on community resilience, from a baseline sustainability assessment to working with master plans, zoning ordinances, hazard mitigation plans, waterfront and harbor plans, transportation plans, downtown plans, brownfield redevelopment, or other activities intended to improve coastal resilience within the participating communities.

LIAA has years of experience helping communities chart a path towards a more resilient future. Through funding from CMP, our team has worked with communities along the Great Lakes to help them better understand overall vulnerabilities as well as the problems unique to coastal areas. This matching grant program aims to assist localities at any stage of the planning process.

There are five key requirements for participation in the *Coastal Community Resilience Matching Grant* program:

1. The municipality(ies) must be located on a Great Lake coastline.
2. The municipality(ies) must be committed to adopting the project's deliverables into its relevant local plans and policies.
3. The municipality(ies) must provide a direct contact (elected, appointed or staff) to assist in developing the project during the specified timeframe.
4. The municipality(ies) must commit to providing half the cost of the services provided by LIAA (a 1:1 cash match).
5. Projects must be completed before June 30, 2024.

To be considered for a grant of services under this program, a municipality must conduct a pre-grant meeting with LIAA staff. To schedule a meeting please contact Community Planner Barry Hicks at 231-929-3696 or bhicks@liaa.org.

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