



Skilled Trades Training Fund: OCMWA

\$1,374,131 in grants provided

- 16.6% of state total
- \$6,442,118 in leveraged \$ = 15.2% of state total

1,763 jobs retained & created

- 12.6% of state total

Partnerships

Adult Education

- Continue/Expand Partnership with ZPS and Regional Adult Education

Economic Development

- Expand Demand Driven approach with local Economic Developers

Education

- JAG Program: Dropout prevention
- City of Holland
- Ottawa ISD

Business Services/ Skills Gap

- Actively engaged with over 300 employers
- Over 2,100 jobs filled in 2013

Funding and Budget

Federal Budget Agreement

- Adds stability for 2014/15
- Slight increase in funding?
- Budget review in May 2014

Skilled Trades Training Fund

- Advocacy for continuation and expansion in 2015
- Built into state budget

State Talent Goals

Better access points for hard to serve customers

Participation in Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant Applications

Joint meetings between public & private boards

A move towards non-profit workforce infrastructure

Elimination of one-county boards through mergers and consolidations

Regional/State Events

West MI Talent Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 24, 7:30 – 11:30am, Amway Grand, Grand Rapids
Governor’s Economic Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 16 – 18, DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
Region 4 Prosperity Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee structure established• Establish 5 goals/regional priorities• 3 Regional Events to gather input from all stakeholders – 1st will be March 17

Ottawa County Community Action Agency

2013 Highlights

Program Outcomes for 2013

Program	Funding Amount	Outcomes
Utility Assistance	\$130,421	342 families assisted
Weatherization	\$262,389	50 households assisted
Food Programs	\$54,400	8,887 people assisted
MI Enrolls/Medicaid	\$13,500	876 individuals enrolled
Migrant Assistance	\$5,000	82 households assisted with food, gas, medical, dental
Tax Assistance	*\$20,000	453 households

*This amount leveraged
\$627,000 in refunds

Highlights/Challenges

- Collaborated with Community Action House and Michigan Works on jobs initiative pilot for low income individuals
- Financial cuts for programs – down over \$2m
- Still have almost the same amount of programs but less staff to implement the programs – 5 people – stretched very thin. Down from 18 three years ago

2014 & Beyond

- Regional issues will dominate for MI Works and possibly CAA
- Seems to be more desire by some at state level to coordinate/collaborate rather than develop competing, fragmented systems
- Interdepartmental meetings – Governor's office, WDA, MEDC, DHS, UIA, Budget, MDOC