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Online applications now available for Kalamazoo County housing millage funding to address affordable housing crisis

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – As Kalamazoo County continues its commitment to tackling the affordable housing crisis, developers and nonprofits are invited to apply for funding from the Kalamazoo County Housing Millage levied on Dec. 1, 2023. The online application portal opened today and will welcome submissions until Jan. 31, 2024.

In its initial two years, the “Homes for All” Housing Millage made significant strides, contributing over \$13.4 million to housing development and supportive services. These funds supported a range of projects, including the motel to apartment conversion of the LodgeHouse, two new single-family homes in the city of Portage, rehab work in the cities of Galesburg, Kalamazoo, and Portage, and many more. More information on these projects can be found in the Housing Millage’s [annual report online](#).

"The first two years of the Housing Millage have seen Kalamazoo County make remarkable progress, leveraging over \$150 million in external funding to amplify the impact of affordable housing initiatives," said Mary Balkema, Housing Director. "It's a testament to our community's dedication. We are proud to be the only county in the state to implement such a crucial Housing Millage."

As we enter the program's third year, funding opportunities continue to encompass multifamily development projects, single-family homes, rehabilitation efforts, supportive services, and creative initiatives.

"We believe everyone deserves access to safe and affordable housing," said John Taylor, Board of Commissioners Chair. "With the county's population growing 5% since 2011 and housing construction lagging, the need for new affordable housing is estimated to be at 7,750 units. We are calling for creativity, innovation, private equity, tax credits, and philanthropy to partner with us to solve this crisis. We eagerly anticipate proposals from our partners, enabling the Board of Commissioners to evaluate projects and allocate funding in early 2024."

To access the AmpliFund portal which provides the funding opportunities, please click on the links below:

- **Rehab of Single Family:**
<https://gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/14b85bfd-4d81-4393-ab99-cc77cc69e113>
- **Single Family New Housing:**
<https://gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/8b265d25-4cb4-40e3-9061-a97a452e6a58>

- **Multi Family Housing:**
<https://gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/5730197e-9a8e-4f52-bfa8-d60d835fb10b>
- **Creative Projects:**
<https://gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/6eadf181-2c92-4da0-9655-90bfd775b341>
- **Supportive Services:**
<https://gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/34477318-f556-43b1-98f9-922ecec0b1b2>

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