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

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Housing developers and nonprofits working to combat the affordable housing crisis can now apply for funding from the Kalamazoo County housing millage levied on Dec. 1, 2022. The online application portal opened Tuesday and will remain open until Feb. 17.

In its first year, the housing millage provided more than \$6.7 million to housing development and supportive services for multifamily, single family, creative projects, and rehab. Now in its second year, housing millage funding opportunities include multifamily, single family, and rehab.

"Kalamazoo County has made great progress the first year of the housing millage and the program has leveraged over \$100 million in outside funding to expand affordable housing," said Mary Balkema, Kalamazoo County Housing Director. "Kalamazoo County is honored to be the only county in the state to levy a housing millage."

"In Kalamazoo County, we believe everyone should have access to safe, affordable, housing and according to the housing plan, the population in the county is growing and housing construction is not keeping pace; it is estimated that 7,750 new housing units are needed to appropriately house the new households forming or looking to locate in the county," said Board of Commissioners Chair John Taylor. "We need creativity, innovation, private equity, tax credits and philanthropy now more than ever, and we are looking forward to our partners submitting proposals so the Board of Commissioners can evaluate the projects and award funding early in 2023."

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

- **Rehab of Single Family:**
<https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/3f533ed1-47b0-4326-976d-4c5389e0e381>
- **Single Family New Housing:**
<https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/6947e75e-da47-450c-82b7-b2d0845efd2a>
- **Multi Family Housing:**
<https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/616d43c3-9cad-471f-b1d1-6b1ab3701f4e>

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