

The Economic Development Administration Community Economic Adjustment Program (CEAP) Fact Sheet

In the fall of 2006, the University of Michigan's Center for Economic Diversification received a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) to partner with the Center for Automotive Research Group (CAR) to assist communities in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin that are experiencing economic hardship due to the current and ongoing automotive industry restructuring in general, and manufacturing plant closures in particular. The CEAP is designed to serve as a response to the socioeconomic dislocation caused by the adverse impacts of automotive manufacturing plant closures.

The CEAP connects communities that are experiencing significant distress resulting from automotive manufacturing plant closures to support services and/or funding opportunities available through federal, state, and non-profit resources. In addition, the CEAP works with communities and local social service agencies to identify appropriate funding sources and can assist in the proposal preparation process.

The CEAP program is a three phase process:

1. **Focus Group:** convenes 20-25 key stakeholders to identify the critical needs of the region as they relate to the automotive industry's restructuring as well as potential projects and proposals that might be pursued to assist the community during the socioeconomic recovery process. This helps to identify the most critical needs in the region.
2. **Workshop:** is attended by local stakeholders during which Federal, State, and Non-Profit agency representatives introduce programs and services and meet with community leaders individually to discuss projects and subsequent proposals for development. The Workshop provides opportunities to network and gather information on the grants and services that are available.
3. **Work Session (Proposal Assistance Preparation/Writing):** assists stakeholders in identifying potential funding sources in addition to preparing specific project proposals.

Workshops Conducted (12 to date):

Indiana

Connersville (July 25, 2007)
Kokomo-Wabash Region (November 19, 2008)

Michigan

Washtenaw County (February 6, 2008)
Grayling (March 26, 2008)
Tri-County Regional (August 12, 2008)
Lenawee County (August 20, 2008)
Genesee County (August 27, 2008)
Wixom (December 4, 2008)

Ohio

Brook Park (November 14, 2007)
Southeast Ohio (June 19, 2008)
Toledo-Maumee Region (September 24, 2008)
Moraine-Kettering Region (October 15, 2008)

Upcoming Workshops:

Indiana

Anderson-Muncie (January 28, 2009)

Michigan

Pontiac (December 15, 2008)
St. Joseph-Benton Harbor (TBS)
Kent County (TBS)
Warren-Sterling Heights (TBS)
Port Huron-Marysville (TBS)
Monroe (TBS)

Ohio

Lorain (TBS)

Wisconsin

Janesville (TBS)

