



TO: Tribal Government Officials and Economic Development Planners

FROM: Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

DATE: April 1, 2025

RE: Inter-Tribal Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project Survey

2025 CEDS Project Survey Background

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is updating its list of Tribal economic development and public works projects for 2025 for participating tribes. We will submit this list to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a part of our 2025-26 “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Update” (CEDS).

EDA grant funds can be used for the construction of roads, water, sewer and other publicly-owned infrastructure needed to create and retain large numbers of jobs.

We want the Tribes to be as successful as possible in qualifying for federal grants to help the Tribes compete successfully in the global economy. While the focus of this inventory and the CEDS process is on projects that may qualify for funding from the EDA, the agency is looking to inventory all projects, programs and activities that may impact the Tribes economic well-being. This could include projects that may be eligible for funding through other programs, such as USDA-Rural Development, CDBG, MDOT, FHWA, etc. Projects that you wish to be considered for the “Priority Projects Listing” must be identified on the enclosed Priority Project Questionnaire Form.

How to Fill out Your 2025 CEDS Project List and Project Survey Forms

We have enclosed the following in seeking your input to the 2025 CEDS process:

1. Tribal Project List
2. Project Questionnaire Form
3. Project Submission Form
4. Project Criteria

Please update your Project List with any new project proposals, deletions, or other changes. For your convenience, please note any change directly on the 2025 project list. If there are no changes, please write “No Changes”. If the status of a project has changed, please note it in the “Status” column. Finally, please indicate if a project has been completed.

The enclosed survey form will allow you to report back on completed projects and/or activities that have transpired in your community during the past 12 months, as well as projects that you have secured funding for, projects you are seeking funding for and finally any problems or issues your community is currently facing.

We would like your input on identifying new priority projects in your community. Please complete the attached Project Submission Form for each new project. **In addition, please provide detailed demographic information from your respective Tribe.**

How to Return Your 2025 CEDS Project Survey Information

You can mail or fax your updated project list and project surveys forms (see information below) or email them to the agency at eda@itcmi.org. You may also fax your information to us at (906) 632-1810.

If you have any questions or comments about this process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this matter. It is greatly appreciated!

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY SURVEY 2025

The following set of questions is intended as an opportunity for you to provide us with information to gauge economic development activity within the Tribes for the past 12 months. Project specific information that is provided will be placed directly in the CEDS. **Extensive details on funded/planned or unfunded projects should be described in the attached project submission form.**

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFO (phone or e-mail): _____

1. Please list any/all projects completed within your municipality or service area within the past 12 months, examples include: business attraction, retentions, transportation/road improvements, recreation, community development, etc.:

2. Which County(ies) is your Tribe located in?

3. Please list below any projects for which you would like to pursue funding within the next two years (PROJECTS FOR WHICH YOU DO NOT HAVE FUNDING.)

54. Please list any new developments that are PLANNED for your area within the next year. We are primarily interested in new or expanding businesses, industries or water, sewer and road projects. (PLEASE COMPLETE A PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT).

6. What are some of the major problems currently facing your Tribal community? Examples include: loss of business or industry and tax base, deteriorating downtown, lack of recreation or cultural opportunities, major problems with water or sewer systems, roads or bridges, lack of low-income housing, environmental problems, etc. Use additional sheets if needed.

7. Are you aware of/or actively pursuing any high-tech or innovative projects in your Tribal community (such as Alternative Fuels, Hi-Tech manufacturing, etc?) that you could provide us with details about?

8. What economic development activities and tools does your Tribal community currently use?

(Place "X" to select as an area)

Category	Regularly	Infrequently	Rarely	Don't Know	N/A
Business Attraction					
Business Retention					
Recruitment					
Community Development					
Downtown Development					
Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)					
Tax Abatement					
Brownfields					
Community Assessment					
OTHER:					

9. What are three issues facing the TRIBE? (Check only three)

Issue	(Place "X" to select as an issue)
Limited Job Opportunities	
Need for New Industries	
High Speed Internet Access (Broadband)	
Lack of Affordable Housing	
Health Care	
Poor Image	
Crime	
Child Care	
Support for Local Businesses	
Utility Costs	
Need for water/sewer systems	
OTHER:	

10. What types of economic development is your Tribe actively pursuing?

Type	(Indicate with "X" your selection)
Retail	
Light Industrial	
Heavy Industrial	
Restaurants	
Tourist Oriented	
Office	
High Tech	
Alternative Energy	
OTHER:	

Please mail or fax (906) 632-1810 your completed survey no later than December 20, 2025. If you have any questions, or additional comments, please call us at (906) 632-6896 or email at eda@itcmi.org.

2025 Priority Project Information Sheet
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Please return to:
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 2956 Asmun Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-6896, Fax: (906) 632-1810
 E Mail: eda@itcmi.org

TRIBE: _____
 Project Title: _____
 Project Contact Person: _____
 Telephone or Email: _____

Please complete by circling the option or completing the blank.

1. How many permanent and part-time jobs are directly created and/or retained within the Region as a result of this project?	# of full time jobs _____ # of part time jobs _____
2. Are matching funds secured for the project?	___Yes ___No
3. Has the preliminary engineering been completed?	___Yes ___No
4. Is the project located in a community suffering from high levels of unemployment or other economic distress?	___Yes ___No
5. Will the proposed project address any of the EDA Investment Policy Guidelines? Indicate by checking the appropriate number. (see attached information on the guidelines)	_1 _2 _3 _4 _5 _6
6. What is the estimated number of indirect jobs created or the possibility of related developments as a result of this project being implemented?	# of indirect jobs _____
7. Is there a clearly demonstrated need for the project?	___Yes ___No
8. Will the project enhance the attractiveness of the Region for new growth or improve the "quality-of-life" for the Tribe/Region?	___Yes ___No
9. Is the project a wise and prudent environmental use of the Region's natural resources?	___Yes ___No
10. Is there a strong local commitment to the project? Check One: ___Letter of Intent ___ Letter of Commitment	___Yes ___No
11. Is the Project Supported by the Tribe, EDC, EDO or the County?	
12. Is the Project listed in a Comprehensive Plan, CIP, previous CEDS or similar document/program?	___Yes ___No Identify Planning Document:
13. Project Costs Total(\$)	Comments:
STATE:	TRIBAL: _____ LOCAL: _____ PRIVATE: _____

EDA Investment Priorities

1. Critical Infrastructure:

Economic development planning or implementation projects that support development of public facilities, including basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, or telecommunications infrastructure.

2. Workforce:

Economic Development planning or implementation projects that –

- a. Support job skills training to meet the hiring needs of the area in which the project is to be carried out and that result in well-paying jobs; or
- b. Otherwise promote labor force participation.

3. Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

Economic development planning or implementation projects that –

- a. Support the development of innovation and entrepreneurship-related infrastructure;
- b. Promote business development and lending; or
- c. Foster the commercialization of new technologies that are creating technology-driven businesses and high-skilled, well-paying jobs of the future.

4. Economic Recovery Resilience:

Economic development planning or implementation projects that enhance the ability of an area to withstand and recover from adverse short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, including effects from industry contractions or economic impacts from natural disasters.

5. Manufacturing: Economic development planning or implementation projects that encourage job creation, business expansion, technology and capital upgrades, and productivity growth in manufacturing, including efforts that contribute to the competitiveness and growth of domestic suppliers or to the domestic production of innovative, high-value products and production technologies.