



CENTRAL U.P.

REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE

Stakeholder Meeting

February 11, 2016

2016 RPI Grant Update

Funded Projects

- Talent Attraction and Retention Strategy
- Placemaking Mini-Grants
- Regional GIS
- Pure Michigan Partnership
- UP Health Assessments
- Support for EDOs
- Airport Study
- MAR Statewide Plan
- UP Wide Smiles

2015 RPI Projects

- ▶ To be completed in 2016:
 - ▶ TMA, Regional Recreation, Regional Sustainability
- ▶ Sustained project support
 - ▶ Broadband
 - ▶ CTE
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Community Health
 - ▶ Energy Affordability

Goals for 2016

- ▶ Update 10 year plan and performance dashboard
- ▶ Strengthen regional partnerships
- ▶ Foster collaborative approaches to solving regional problems

2016 CEDS Update

- ▶ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- ▶ Must be updated every 5 years to be eligible for funding
- ▶ Similar to RPI plan/process

- ▶ Currently working to identify projects to be included in the plan
- ▶ Council will have the opportunity to rank projects & approve plan

Next Meeting

March 10th at 10:00AM in Escanaba