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SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ARE POSSIBLE WITH COUNTY PROGRAM

Earlier this year, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners created the Oakland County Micro Loan Program. This initiative will help small businesses and entrepreneurs get access to capital to start and grow small businesses in Oakland County.

"This is an opportunity to bring more jobs to Oakland County. We need to support our small businesses and entrepreneurs who are having a difficult time securing money from traditional sources, stated Commissioner Gershenson.

The Oakland County MicroLoan program is a tool to help small businesses protect and create jobs. The Oakland County MicroLoan Program is the result of a partnership with the federal Small Business Administration, a local nonprofit, Center for Empowerment and economic Development (CEED), and the county. The initiative will make a half million dollars in lending capital to Oakland County small businesses, resulting in the protection or creation of 100 jobs.

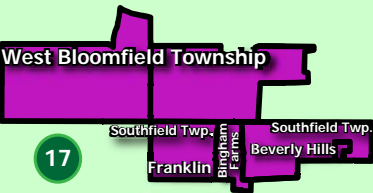
For more information, call the Oakland County MicroLoan Program at 248-460-3973 or download an application at www.miceed.org.

It is the hope of Commissioner Gershenson that small businesses will take advantage of this program and also utilize the services provided by Oakland County's Planning and Economic Development's One Stop Shop and business series programs. For more information visit the www.oakgov.com/oss or call 248-858-0720.



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Dear Neighbors,

Oakland County is a great place to live, work and play.

This newsletter shares just a few of the great services that your county government provides.

As your commissioner, I value your input on how to make the county better.

Please contact me with any of your suggestions.

Best Wishes,

Marcia Gershenson
Commissioner

FEDERAL E-VERIFY NOW A REALITY IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Businesses seeking contracts with Oakland County Government must use the Federal E-verify program to demonstrate that they are employing only legal workers. This requirement became a part of the county's purchasing policy after the Oakland County Board of Commissioners established the policy by resolution on July 30, 2009.

E-verify is an internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration. The system allows participating employers to verify electronically the employment eligibility of a prospective new employee. For more information about the E-verify program, call 248-858-0511 or go online to www.oakgov.com/purchasing. Register to use E-verify here: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>.

COMMISSIONERS HONOR ELEANOR SIEWERT



Commissioner Potts, former Birmingham Mayor Eleanor Siewert, Commissioner Marcia Gershenson and Chairman Bill Bullard, Jr., pictured honoring Siewert for community activism.

OAKLAND COUNTY RECEIVES STIMULUS MONEY

Last year, Oakland County was designated a Recovery Zone and received \$103 million in stimulus funds to help jump start private businesses. Economic development bonds totaling \$155.8 million was obtained for public infrastructure projects.

With recommendations from the Oakland County Administration and the County's Planning and Economic Development Division, the Board approved the Recovery Zone designation. This special designation enabled Oakland County to secure stimulus funds for projects like Oakland County's International Airport in Waterford. Amounts ranging from \$800,000 to \$1.2 million were set aside for use in building a smaller, more energy efficient, state-of-the-art, green-build airport terminal and administrative offices.

These funds, in conjunction with a \$200,000 Bureau of Aeronautics Grant and airport user fees, will pay for the airport's modernization cost, estimated to be more than \$5 million.



Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson serves District #17 – Beverly Hills, Birmingham Farms, Franklin and the Townships of Bloomfield, Southfield, and West Bloomfield