

Economic Vitality Incentive Program/County Incentive Program FY 2014 Consolidation Plan (Previous Filer)

Local Unit Name: City of Houghton
Local Unit Code: 312020

Proposal Name: 2014 Satellite SmartZone with City of Marquette Update New

Status: Completed In Progress Delayed/Stalled Not Started Dropped

Status Description or New Proposal Description
The cities of Houghton and Hancock will work with the City of Marquette to establish a State of Michigan SmartZone that will assist with high-tech job growth in the western Upper Peninsula.
Jurisdictions/Organizations Involved
City of Houghton, City of Hancock, Michigan Tech Enterprise Corporation Smartzone, Michigan Technological University, and City of Marquette.
Estimated Savings/Improved Service or Efficiency
This plan will significantly improve job creation for the cities of Houghton, Hancock, and Marquette which will lead to increased property taxes paid to those cities. Once the Marquette SmartZone satellite is established, it will allow the Houghton and Hancock SmartZone to continue its tax capture within the SmartZone TIF District for another 15 years, and let the City of Marquette SmartZone capture taxes in their SmartZone TIF for 15 years which will result in a significant savings for each community for funding economic growth activities. Estimated savings for 2015 is \$200,000. In addition, both SmartZones will be able to coordinate services for job creation and retention in the western Upper Peninsula.
Barriers Experienced
None so far.

Estimated Timeline (Month, season, or quarter along with a year)		
	Date	Action/Steps
Start Date (Required)	August 2013	Agreement between the cities of Houghton, Hancock, and Marquette to start working on the MEDC SmartZone application
	June 1, 2014	Submit application to MEDC
	September 1, 2014	MEDC to announce if proposal is accepted
	January 1, 2015	Tax capture for the City of Marquette SmartZone begins

Significant Progress Dates		
Implementation Date (Required)	December 1, 2014	Agreement finalized between the cities of Houghton, Hancock, and Marquette

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Proposal Name: 2012 Franklin Township Sewer Project Update New

Status: Completed In Progress Delayed/Stalled Not Started Dropped

Status Description or New Proposal Description
This project was funded through a Rural Development grant and loan and was bid out last summer with construction starting October 1, 2013.
Jurisdictions/Organizations Involved
Cities of Houghton and Hancock, Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority, and Franklin Township
Estimated Savings/Improved Service or Efficiency
By allowing Franklin Township to connect to the Houghton/Hancock sewer plant, the township was able to save approximately \$500,000 and gave the cities of Houghton and Hancock additional revenue for their sewage treatment plant operations.
Barriers Experienced
None so far.

Estimated Timeline (Month, season, or quarter along with a year)		
	Date	Action/Steps
Start Date (Required)	December 19, 2012	Signing of the agreements
Significant Progress Dates	October 1, 2013	Construction begins
	October 1, 2014	Project completion
Implementation Date (Required)	October 1, 2014	Project completion

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Proposal Name: 2013 Transportation Study Update New

Status: Completed In Progress Delayed/Stalled Not Started Dropped

Status Description or New Proposal Description
This plan was completed in May of 2013.
Jurisdictions/Organizations Involved
Cities of Houghton and Hancock and Michigan Tech University.
Estimated Savings/Improved Service or Efficiency
By working with the university students to complete this study and obtaining a grant from the Ford College Community Challenge, we saw an estimated savings of approximately \$50,000
Barriers Experienced
It was a challenge for the group to find enough Michigan Tech University students to fill out the surveys for the study. Other than that, everything went according to plan.

Estimated Timeline (Month, season, or quarter along with a year)		
	Date	Action/Steps
Start Date (Required)	August 25, 2011	Received the Ford College Community Challenge Grant
Significant Progress Dates	September 1, 2011	Plan started
	May 1, 2013	Plan completed
Implementation Date (Required)	September	2011