

Power of We Consortium

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Commissioners

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Department

Ingham County MSU
Extension

Ingham County Prosecuting
Attorney

Ingham Intermediate School
District

Lansing School District

Michigan Department of
Human Services – Ingham
County

Michigan Department of
Energy, Labor & Economic
Growth Development –
Rehabilitation Services

Mid-South Substance Abuse
Commission

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POWER OF WE CONSORTIUM CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS AWARDED

(Lansing) – Lansing’s ITEC (Information Technology Empowerment Center) is one of fourteen area nonprofit organizations that will share over \$300,000 to build their boards of directors, purchase new computers, create new media tools, and increase their volunteer outreach, thanks to grants announced from Ingham County’s Power of We Consortium.

Organizations serving at-risk youth, re-entering prisoners, and homeless populations residing in the City of Lansing will benefit from training, hands-on technical assistance, and grants through the Consortium’s Capacity Building Program.

“ITEC will emerge from the capacity building process stronger in every way: in its focus on its mission, better engaged with the community it serves, with stronger leadership and better at its core mission of teaching math and science to economically disadvantaged students,” said Kirk Riley, ITEC Executive Director.

Bread House Community Outreach, an outgrowth of Bethlehem Temple Church of Lansing, is another program benefitting from the Capacity Building Program.

"Bread House Community Outreach is so pleased to receive this grant and technical assistance to allow us to improve our capacity to provide food, clothing, after school tutoring, mentoring, GED preparation, job and life skills development, housing and wellness support to the Greater Lansing community," said Debra Riley, Executive Director.

The Power of We Consortium (www.powerofwe.org) is a “network of networks” that brokers relationships, information and resources to tackle community issues that are beyond the capacity of any single organization to address. The Consortium also supports AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps State Programs, placing service members in high need areas of Ingham County.

The *Power of We Consortium* has secured \$500,000 in Federal Funds through the Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration of Children and Families, complemented by \$125,000 (25%) in local cash match and in-kind investments, including \$31,500 (6%) from nongovernmental sources.

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Accelerating Change in the Capital Area-through the Power of We Consortium

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The following organizations will receive financial awards:

Bread House Community Outreach
Capital City Baptist Church
Closing the Digital Gap
Deepwater Transitional Program
Eastside Community Action Center
First Tee of Mid-Michigan
Greater Lansing Ballet Company
Informational Technology Empowerment Center (ITEC)
Junior League of Lansing
NBI Bryans
People of Purpose
Shared Pregnancy Women's Center
The North Star Center
Xicano Development Center

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