

# Land Bank Brings State & Federal Demolition \$\$\$ to the Flint Area

## **About the Michigan Blight Elimination Grant (MBEG):**

In August, the Land Bank received \$3,713,240.00 from the State of Michigan to demolish blighted structures within project areas that meet grant guidelines. While pre-demolition work is currently underway, we have requested an amendment to our grant that would allow us to demolish about 20 commercial structures in addition to approximately 160 blighted houses and two large apartment complexes in the Flint area.

### **MBEG Guidelines from the State of Michigan for selecting structures for demolition:**

- **Promote public safety** near schools, hospitals, business districts, or core neighborhood institutions.
- **Have a positive or stabilizing effect on property values in the project area** to prevent further decline and stabilize property values.
- **Complement or enhance any existing economic development** in or near the project area (such as downtown development).
- **Be backed by local government support, community engagement in the planning process, and community support for the proposed project.** Includes matching funds or sources and encompasses the extent to which local investment or planning will contribute to the sustainability of project benefits.

## **About the Hardest Hit Fund (HHF):**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Land Bank applied for \$25 million from the State of Michigan to demolish selected blighted houses that meet grant guidelines. If awarded, we will demolish and green up to 2,050 houses in the Flint.

### **HHF guidelines from the State of Michigan for selecting houses for demolition:**

In the grant application, we were required to demonstrate that we had ownership or control of the property and that the demolition of each proposed structure:

- Is critical for **investment in or improvement of infrastructure, public parks or other locally or state endorsed projects.**
- Assists in the **stabilization of neighborhoods** with high rates of foreclosure prevention services and/or homeownership, or other tipping point indicators.
- Removes a visual impediment along a **key corridor**
- Is in **direct support of proposed investment of public or private funds** including properties that will be redeveloped for residential or commercial use.
- Is directly **adjacent to or across from recent public or private investment, proposed investment, or other asset** designated as critical investments or institutions by state or local officials.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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**How many blighted structures will be demolished?** Up to 2,050

**When will the demolitions happen?** Between September 2013 & September 2015

**What structures will be demolished?** Pending State approval, a list of addresses will be posted to [www.thelandbank.org](http://www.thelandbank.org) by September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **How does the Land Bank select contractors to complete the demolition work?**

Demolition contractors must comply with many federal, state and local laws and requirements. To become a pre-qualified contractor, come to an informational meeting at the Flint Public Library on Thursday, August 22 from 4:00 -5:30. Or, visit our web site: [www.thelandbank.org](http://www.thelandbank.org) for a copy of the pre-qualification materials.

### **How will the funds be used to create jobs in Flint?**

We strongly encourage demolition contractors to hire Flint residents. We give companies extra points in the selection process if they hire local workers and if they are local and/or minority owned (African American, women, disabled, etc.). Please see our pre-qualification materials at [www.thelandbank.org](http://www.thelandbank.org) for more details.