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Downtown Façade Project

Ishpeming

COMPLETED 2016

Project overview

The city of Ishpeming is an historic mining community located in Marquette County. When a bypass was constructed decades ago north of downtown for US-41 traffic, the downtown began to struggle. Competition from malls, and large retail stores in nearby Marquette and those located on the US-41 corridor have negatively impacted the downtown's ability to attract and retain businesses. Many businesses have moved leaving the downtown with vacant or underutilized buildings. The efforts of the participating property owners will play a major role in the redevelopment of the downtown. This private/public partnership will improve the visual appearance of the downtown area by eliminating or lessening the deteriorated, blighted or unsightly façades in downtown Ishpeming.

- 308 E. Cleveland Avenue: private property owned by Pioneer Square LLC
- 115 E. Cleveland Avenue: private property owned by Corbin Lutz
- 101 N. Main Street: private property owned by Wazzu LLC
- 121 S. Main Street: private property owned by David L. Aeh

MEDC investment: \$389,238 Community Development Block Fund grant

Private investment: \$460,789

Local investment: \$122,522