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## **MCA's Mission**

**To strengthen and inspire  
Community Action Agencies to  
champion solutions to poverty  
and to promote economic  
opportunity.**

## **Upcoming Events**

## Announcements

### **MCA Summer Conference is going Virtual**

We are excited to let you know that the Michigan Community Action annual Summer Conference is going virtual.

We appreciate your patience as MCA reconfigures the summer conference into a virtual learning space and we will fill you in on the details over the coming weeks. Those of you that have pre-registered for the traditional conference can wait and apply your registration fees to the virtual trainings or the Association can make arrangements for a refund if you wish. Read the full announcement [here](#).

### **The Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness releases tools and resources for eviction prevention**

Click the links below for fact sheets and legal information to help clients and staff advocates and resolve housing issues. These will be particularly important tools when the state eviction and foreclosure moratoriums expire.

- [Homeless System Response: Landlord Engagement](#)
- [Fair Housing Handout in Spanish and English](#)
- [Legal Aid Handouts](#)
- [Addressing Eviction and Discrimination Concerns briefing](#)

### **Top Tips and Sources to Find Grants for Your Nonprofit**

Money. The hot topics at nonprofit conferences big and small. Seen as the 'pain in the neck' and 'necessary evil' by many. Seen by others as, at the very least, an inconvenience and an annoying task. Whatever the dominant attitude towards money in your nonprofit, the incontrovertible truth is that nonprofits need money to survive. All organizations do.

And there are plenty of ways to get it. Individual donations, crowdfunding, corporate sponsorships, membership fees... With a plethora of funding sources available and a multitude of funding models to choose from, it's easy to get 'stuck' and feel confused.

In this article, we focus on one funding source specifically – grants – whether they're right for your organization and where you can find them. [Read more](#)

**Don't throw IRS Stimulus Cards away! Stimulus payments by debit card are arriving in unmarked envelopes.**

**June 03** - Training Committee  
10:00 AM EDT

**June 17**- Legislative Committee  
10:30 AM EDT

For a full list of events, visit [MCA's calendar](#).

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**The Michigan Community Action Update is a new, weekly round-up of important information for members of Michigan Community Action. We may send more frequent updates when important information breaks that impacts the Community Action network. We welcome your input and feedback.**

Please send your comments and ideas [here](#).

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## **MCA Officers/Board Members 2019-2021**

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The Better Business Bureau says some of its offices are getting calls from concerned consumers about a prepaid debit card that arrived in an unmarked envelope stating it was their economic stimulus payment.

These payments are legitimate!

Nearly four million people will receive an Economic Impact Payment card instead of a check, according to the IRS. [Read more](#).

## **House Passes Bill that Gives Small Businesses More Flexibility with PPP Loans to Include Extending Forgiveness Period**

Highlights of the proposed changes include:

- Reduces the amount of the loan that must be spent on payroll costs from 75% to 60% to qualify for full forgiveness
- Extends the time during which businesses must use the funds from eight weeks to 24 weeks
- Extends the deadline that businesses must rehire workers from June 30 to December 31
- Extends the two-year repayment term for the loan to five years for any portion that is not forgiven and must be repaid

[Read more](#).

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## **Webinars/Trainings**

**Live Webinar Series - Back to Workplace Readiness: A Focus on Business Growth & Strategic Planning** Every Friday at 1:00 pm ET. Hosted by Net@Work [Register and information](#)

- June 5 - Emotional Intelligence Strategies for Organizations
- June 12 - Recruiting, WOTC Prescreening & Electronic Onboarding – Are You Out in Front of it?
- June 19 - The Evolution of Employee Benefits
- June 26 - Further Conversations on COVID-19 Federal Stimulus

## **Community Action Partnership Announces Community Action Academy**

Register for a free account! Access the Partnership's online learning management system, [Community Action Academy](#), for access to eCourses and Resource Collections. eCourses are self-paced, on-demand online courses containing training materials such as videos, resources, lessons, and/or quizzes related to a particular topic, while resource collections simply offer an organized variety of resources on the topic.

## **Mutual of America invites you to a market update**

Please join your Mutual of America Participant Account Executive, Craig DeMarco CRPS and Mutual of America VP of Financial Consultant Services, Doug Psick for an informative WebEx presentation to assist with understanding how this current market environment is affecting your retirement accounts. [Register here](#).

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## **COVID-19**

### **Coping with Stress**

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## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

Was this e-newsletter forwarded to you? Sign up for email updates from Michigan Community Action, your statewide network of anti-poverty agencies [here](#).

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Find ways you and your family can reduce stress. [Read more.](#)

### Plan your return to work!

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity has provided resources to assist you. [Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety](https://www.michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety) is one-stop-shop for workplace safety resources as businesses reopen.

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## Remote Work Resources

### 23 Essential Tips for Working Remotely

Follow [these tips](#) on the following subjects to keep your whole team's productivity and morale high.

- Self-Care
- Communication
- Morale

### How to Handle the Stress of Working From Home

While many people regard working from home as a goal for overall work-life balance, those who find themselves actually doing their work from home report higher levels of stress, according to a 2017 study conducted by the United Nations. [Read more.](#)

**We're here for you: We've made a number of changes at MCA so that we can continue to serve you and the network, including closing the physical MCA office and making arrangements for MCA staff to work remotely since March 16, 2020. All direct phone lines, as well as the general line have been forwarded to mobile phones and staff are all accessible by email as well.**

**Thank you. Be well and stay safe, everyone.**

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