



January 9, 2014

Governor Snyder Awards GVMC \$250,000 Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant

Last week we received word that GVMC on behalf of our 13 county West Michigan Region was awarded a \$250,000 grant to develop a Regional Prosperity Plan. The award letter can be found below.

As you know from past editions of the Weekly Update, a Steering Com-

February Board of Directors Meeting Changed and Special Quarterly Luncheon Announced

In order to participate in an exciting new opportunity and two significant emerging issues, we are moving our next Board of Directors Meeting to **FEBRUARY 20, 2014 with the Quarterly Lunch Immediately following.**

Board of Directors Meeting

February 20, 2014

10:30-11:45

Metro Health Campus

**Vic Krause Conference Room
(inside the hospital)**

Our meeting will focus on Community Conversation lead by the Center for Michigan.

The Center for Michigan is a non-profit think-and-do tank, that strives to be the state's "Citizenship Company". The Center would like to take this opportunity to gather as many opinions as possible about Michigan from a broad group of elected officials. GVMC provides them with a very unique opportunity to bring together a diversified group of city, county and township officials. **We welcome other members of your board to participate in this activity with the Center for Michigan. Please invite your Board Members to join us for this special session!!!**



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December 23, 2013

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Mr. Weiss,

I wish to thank you for applying for grant dollars from the Regional Prosperity Initiative, within the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB). As you know, this initiative developed by Governor Snyder is in its first year and as such it was our hope to see strong applications developed from the local regions.

The strength of your region's collaboration and work will be critical to Michigan's reinvention. Michigan is not one economy but a series of regional economies driven by public, private and non-profit interests from economic development, workforce development, talent, higher-education, adult education and other important local and regional stakeholders.

You applied for a Collaborative Level grant. I am pleased to notify you that your application has been reviewed and approved for the full requested amount of \$250,000. My staff will coordinate with the individual listed as a point of contact on your application to ensure that the DTMB is able to make this payment to your organization in a timely manner.

At this time, final decisions regarding the transition grants have not been made. You will be notified of that decision no later than February 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

John E. Nixon, CPA
State Budget Director
Director, Department of Technology, Management & Budget

mittee has already been named. The Committee includes representative from regional planning, workforce and economic development, adult and higher education, and at large members. The first meeting is next week in Muskegon.