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National Coalition for Community Capital (NC3) to Host Community Investment Funds Event with Support from MSU Regional Economic Innovation (REI)

East Lansing, MI — As part of its 2025 project year, the Regional Economic Innovation (REI) program is excited to announce its support of the National Coalition for Community Capital (NC3) in hosting the event, *Changing the Paradigm: Mobilizing Community Investment Funds*. This dynamic gathering will take place on March 7, 2025, at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan.



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The day includes Keynote Dan Gilmartin, CEO, Michigan Municipal League. Through his work with communities, Dan is recognized as a national leader in the fields of urban revitalization, placemaking, local government reform, transportation policy, and community wealth building. Under Gilmartin's leadership, the Michigan Municipal League has grown into an organization that instills impact on civic engagement and equity, grounded in the goal of improving the quality of life for all residents. Attendees can expect expert-led, interactive discussions, and invaluable networking opportunities with the necessary resources and connections to support their own community's investment fund.

Chris Miller, NC3 CEO stated, "We are honored to partner with REI on this initiative, as this event is a prime example of how NC3 can mobilize resources and expertise to create lasting change in any community, especially within economically distressed regions."

This in-person convening will bring together community builders, entrepreneurs, developers, and investors, facilitating connections that advance the community capital movement. The event aims to empower participants with local investment structures to pursue bold, community-driven solutions. Please learn more and [register for the event here](#) and consider sharing this exciting opportunity with your networks.

About the Regional Economic Innovation (REI) Program

The Michigan State University EDA University Center for Regional Economic Innovation (REI), housed at MSU University Outreach and Engagement, supports innovative economic development through community partnerships, technical assistance, and research initiatives in distressed Michigan communities. For more information, visit reicenter.org.

About the National Coalition for Community Capital (NC3)

NC3 works to build a more inclusive economy by educating, advocating and activating community capital - promoting and supporting community-based investments that empower people and places. To learn more, visit NC3now.org.

About Community Capital

Community Capital is capital sourced from a broad cross-section of the community and invested in the community – more than a legal and financial strategy. At its core, community capital is about equity, inclusivity, empowerment, and shared prosperity.

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