

Corning is investing nearly a billion dollars in Saginaw County and is hiring more than 1,100 employees!

33rd ANNUAL REPORT





Established in 1992, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) is a private, non-profit economic development organization. SFI collaborates with business, education, government and community partners to position Saginaw County as a great place to live, work and locate a business.



The Discover Great Lakes Bay Talent Attraction and Retention Initiative promotes the Great Lakes Bay Region as a vibrant place to live, work, and thrive, focusing on attracting and retaining top talent through community engagement and career opportunities. Thousands of Regional jobs available!

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Letter from the Chair

As we move into 2025, I am excited to share the progress and momentum driving economic development in Saginaw County. Over the past year, we have seen transformative projects come to life, strengthening our economy and enriching our community.

Investments in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and infrastructure have paved the way for sustainable growth. Local businesses are thriving, creating hundreds of new jobs and attracting talent to the region. Significant progress has been made in revitalizing our downtown areas, enhancing quality of life, and fostering innovation. Our collaboration with public and private partners has been the cornerstone of these achievements. From securing grants to facilitating workforce development programs,



Saginaw Future remains committed to building a vibrant, inclusive economy.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I encourage all you to spread the message that we are an incredible Region to be a part of.

Discover Your Center. Discover Great Lakes Bay.

Seth Perigo

Chair, Saginaw Future Inc. Board of Directors



2024 Attractions	Investment	Jobs
Cignys	\$800,000	~
New Beginnings Learning Center	\$850,000	12
Obesity Medicine & Metabolic Wellness Center	~	4
Old World Pizzeria	\$30,000	6
Ryan Studio & Company, LLC	\$14,251	1
Saginaw Community Food Club & Kitchen	\$5,000,000	4
The Savoy	\$500,000	15
Shaheen Development	\$1,900,000	~
Solar Technology LLC	\$900,000,000	1,150
Wallace Scones	~	~

TOTALS

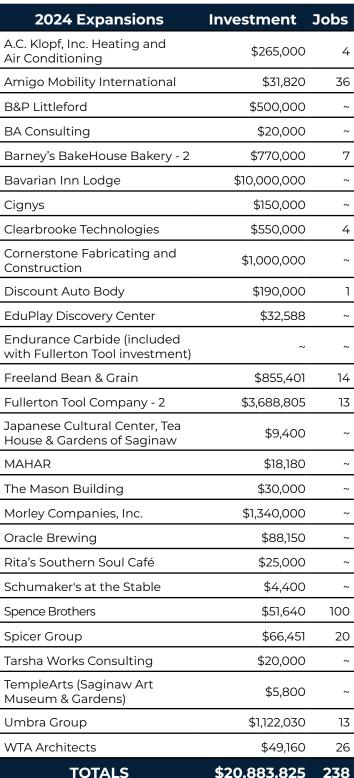
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The Shine Bright Saginaw Mural is the second-largest mural in the United States.









Services & RESULTS

SFI collaborates with business, education, government and community partners to position Saginaw County as a great place to live, work and locate a business.

Our Results	2024	1992-2024
Business Expansions	29	724
Businesses Attracted	10	210
Jobs Created/Retained	1,430	36,190
Government Contracts	412	12,306
Total Value of Contracts	\$40,190,931	\$901,190,434

SFI and its economic partners worked on 12 small business and workforce development grants valued at nearly \$499,000 for Saginaw

Corporate Watch Calls **237**Talent Attraction
& Retention Events **2**

Leads **134**Communications **194**Business Development **43**Reports and Promotion

GreatLakesBaySites.com
Nearly 1,000 commercial & industrial properties marketed

SAGINAW FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

County of Saginaw

NEW INVESTMENT

- · Great Lakes Tech Park
- Economic Development Corporation of the County of Saginaw
- Saginaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Saginaw County Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund
- · Annual Economic Report
- Bond Rating Agency Research and updated

economic data

\$929,978,076 \$9,586,911,240

- Sites/buildings for potential
 County facilities
- Provides research and assistance for specific requests

City of Saginaw

- Management of the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority
- · Saginaw Soup
- · Citywide economic development assistance

Region 5

- Coordinate meetings for six economic development organizations in eightcounty region
- Represent Region 5 on MEDC Collaborative Development Council
- · Lead projects for Region 5

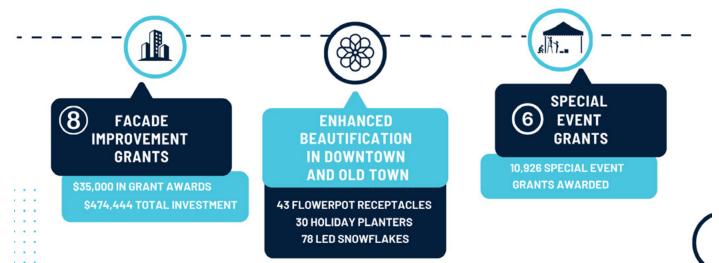




SAGINAW DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)



Saginaw Future entered into an agreement for services with the city of Saginaw in 2015 to administer the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority (DDA). SFI has assisted the DDA in passing a 2-mil tax levy which collects approximately \$125,000 annually. Those funds are utilized to enhance, promote, and foster growth and development in Downtown and Old Town Saginaw.





Saginaw FUTURE INC.

Mission & Vision

To advance economic growth in Saginaw County.

To be the leading organization in Saginaw County, providing proactive and focused economic development assistance, striving for diversified growth, job creation and retention, increased business investment and tax base, and a positive environment for businesses to thrive.

Services & Expertise

Saginaw Future assists companies to secure or identify funding sources, incentive packaging, provides site location services, pursues government contracts, connects with export assistance, job training and other resources. SFI also serves as an advocate for business investment projects, connects with resources to address workforce needs and serves as a community liaison through our service contracts with local and state government partners. SFI also continues to promote efforts to attract and develop talent.















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*Denotes Executive Committee



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AB GHOSH Hemlock Seminconductor



GAVIN GOETZ AT&T



MARY CATHARINE HANNAH** County of Saginaw



SHANE HUNT MyMichigan Medical Center Saginaw



KRISTEN KARWAT Garber Management Group



TORRIE LEE Buena Vista Charter Township



KYLE MCCREE Consumers Energy



ANGIE MILLER Mid-Michigan Area Labor Council



KATHY MOODIE UMBRA GROUP



BRENDA MOORE** City of Saginaw



MARK PINKERTON Frankenmuth Insurance



JUSTIN POMERVILLE UA Local 85 Plumbers, Steamfitters & HVACR Service



BRIDGET SMITH City of Frankenmuth



ERIC SNIDERISICH Mobile Medical Response, Inc.



JAMES TERRY PF Markey



GREG TURNER Pumford Construction



KRISTEN WENZEL** Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!



CHAD WURTZEL UAW Region 1-D

Discover Your Center Corning, Cignys, Umbra



Corning Incorporated is constructing a \$900 million manufacturing facility in Saginaw County, Michigan, to meet the rising demand for solar power. Located in Richland Township, the state-of-the-art facility will create more than 1,100 jobs, with starting wages exceeding the region's median and comprehensive employee benefits. The million square-foot facility, built by Corning on behalf of its subsidiary Solar

Corning Inc. is Building a \$900 Million Solar Manufacturing Facility in Saginaw County

Technology LLC, will produce U.S.-made solar components using Corning's advanced materials science expertise. This project underscores the company's dedication to renewable energy and sustainability, positioning Michigan as a leader in clean energy manufacturing. Corning is also a partner in a chemical processing facility in Thomas Township, Michigan, supporting the semiconductor and solar industries.

Cignys is a high-end design, engineering, machining, and fabricating company specializing in custom solutions for military, aerospace, auto and more. The company is investing \$150,000 in its headquarters located at 68 Williamson in the City of Saginaw. Cignys is also opening a new facility at the former Caster Wheel location at 1840 Sheridan Rd. in the City of Saginaw. This long-shuttered building will require new lighting, heat, mechanical, electrical, and other interior improvements. The company will also add new equipment to the facility for an estimated \$800,000 investment.

Cignys Invests in Two Saginaw Manufacturing Facilities





Training and Contracts for UmbraGroup

UmbraGroup, located in the City of Saginaw, produces ball screws, high precision mechanical and mechatronic components for the aerospace market. Saginaw Future's APEX staff has worked extensively with the company for many years and helped to secure six new contracts totaling \$384,504. Saginaw Future also worked with its partners at Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! to secure a Going PRO Talent Fund award for the company to train eight employees.



Highlights New Investments in Manufacturing

Fullerton Tool Receives Industry 4.0 Grant



Fullerton Tool Company, a third-generation manufacturing company, obtained an Industry 4.0 grant that paid for a machine monitoring software program that delivers real-time data on the efficiency of each machine on the shop floor. This program allows the company to track productivity and optimize operations. SFI and the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association assisted with the grant.



Cornerstone Expands in Richland Township

Cornerstone Fabricating and Construction expanded in Richland Township with an additional \$1 million investment made in 2024. Cornerstone designs and builds systems for a variety of customers including, GM, Ford, Chrysler, Union Electric Power Company and Anheuser Busch. The company recently constructed a 10,000 square-foot facility, which includes a paint booth, powdercoating oven and shipping area.

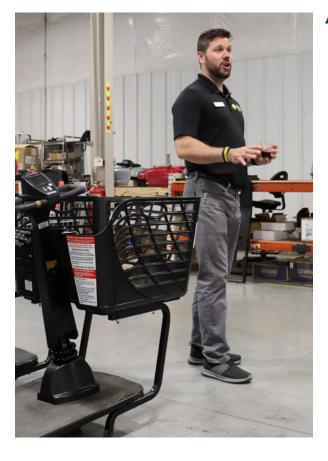


Leaders In Precision Cutting Tools

Endurance Carbide and Fullerton Tool Company are leaders in precision cutting tools/carbide solutions and continues to play a significant role in Saginaw County's manufacturing sector. During 2024, the companies with common ownership invested a total of \$3,688,805 in new technology and equipment, and 13 new jobs were created. Fullerton Tool with locations in the City of Saginaw and Thomas Township, produces high-quality end mills, drills, reamers and more. Endurance Carbide is a Bridgeport Charter Township manufacturer of carbide wear parts.



Highlights AMIGO, B&P, DISCOUNT AUTO



Training Grant for Amigo Mobility

Amigo Mobility International, based in Bridgeport Charter Township, is a pioneering company specializing in the design and manufacturing of personal mobility solutions. Founded in 1968 by Al Thieme, Amigo is credited with inventing the first power-operated vehicle or mobility scooter, revolutionizing personal mobility for individuals with physical challenges. The company offers a wide range of products, including mobility scooters, motorized shopping carts, and custom solutions for retail and healthcare industries. Amigo was recently awarded a \$31,820 Going PRO training grant to support workforce development through the training of 36 employees. SFI worked with Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, which administers the program.



New Warehouse for B&P Littleford

<u>B&P Littleford</u> designs and manufactures a wide spectrum of mixers, dryers, extruders, compounders, kneaders, reaction vessels, Podbielniak Centrifuges, and centrifugal separation equipment for large- or small-scale manufacturing applications.

The company is located on Hess Ave. in the City of Saginaw and constructed an 18,000 sq. ft. warehouse facility onsite. Saginaw Future assisted the company with property acquisition and a Brownfield Plan to support the project.

Discount Auto Body Purchases New Equipment

Discount Auto Body is purchasing additional equipment to provide contracted services in house. This will allow Discount Auto to make the necessary vehicular repairs on site at 1316 E. Genesee Ave. in the City of Saginaw. Discount aims to be a full-service auto body collision shop and SFI assisted the company with securing a Saginaw Economic Development Corporation loan. The project will result in a total investment of \$190,000, create one job, and completely rehabilitate a blighted corner on the E. Genesee Ave. Corridor.



SAGINAW FUTURE INC. 2024 INVESTORS

\$30,000+ Leadership Circle

- Arnold & Gertrude Boutell Memorial Fund, Administered by Huntington Bank
- · Covenant HealthCare
- · Frank N Andersen Foundation
- · Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation
- Nexteer Automotive

\$20,000+ Platinum Partner

- Consumers Energy Foundation
- · Dow
- · Garber Automotive Group: Garber Buick Garber Chevrolet Saginaw Garber Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
 - Garber Nissan Hyundai
- Hemlock Semiconductor
 Operations LLC
- · Morley Companies, Inc.
- · Shaheen Development

\$15,000+ Gold Partner

- Local 85 Plumbers,
 Steamfitters and HVACR
 Service
- · Mobile Medical Response, Inc.
- MyMichigan Health Center
 Saginaw

\$10,000 + Silver Partner

- Cignys
- · Huntington Bank
- **· UMBRAGROUP**
- William McNally Family Foundation

\$5,000 + Bronze Partner

- · Bierlein Companies, Inc.
- DTE Energy
- · Frankenmuth Insurance
- · Fullerton Tool Company

- · Hausbeck Pickles & Peppers
- · Independent Bank
- · ITC Holdings Corporation
- · John E. Green Company
- · LIUNA Local 1098
- · MSA Ventures II, LLC
- PNC Foundation
- Saginaw Control and Engineering
- Saginaw Valley State
 University
- · Spence Brothers
- Spicer Group
- · UAW Region 1-D

\$2,500 + Ambassador

- · 1st State Bank
- · Allen & Marie Nickless Foundation
- · Champagne & Marx Excavating, Inc.
- · Covenant Medical Staff
- · Duperon Corporation
- · EDP Renewables
- · Fifth Third Bank
- · Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Inc.
- · Glastender, Inc.
- · GRANGER CONSTRUCTION
- · IBEW Local 557
- · Isabella Bank
- · Kurek Tool Inc.
- · Lake State Railway Company
- · LB Transportation Group
- · McDonald Auto Group
- · Mercantile Bank
- · Merrill Technologies Group
- · Michigan Sugar Company
- Mid Michigan Truss & Components LLC
- PF Markey
- · Pumford Construction, Inc.
- · R&R Ready Mix Inc.
- Rehmann
- · Saginaw Bay Underwriters
- · Saginaw River

Development LLC

- Sargent Docks/SaginawRock Products
- · Shively Bros Inc.
- · Smith Bovill Attorneys
- · Standard Electric Company
- · Star of the West Milling Company
- · Three Rivers Corporation
- · Tri-Star Trust Bank
- · Wickson-Link Memorial Foundation
- · Wolgast Corporation
- · Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

\$1,000+ SFI Patron

- · A&D Home Health Care
- · A.C. Klopf Inc.
- · Alice E Turner Memorial Trust
- · Amigo Mobility International, Inc.
- · Amsted Automotive Group
- · Beattie Master Pool & Spa
- · Blue Thumb
- · Braun Kendrick
- · BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND
- · Century 21 Signature Realty
- CMU Medical Education Partners
- · Crossroads Title Agency
- · Dale Carnegie Training
- · Delta College
- · Employee Benefit Resources
- Enbridge
- · Endurance Carbide
- Fischer Family Funeral Services
- · Frankenmuth Credit Union
- Future Insurance Agency, Inc.
- · Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas & Luplow P.C.
- · General Motors Saginaw
- · Horizons Conference Center
- · Ken and Veronica Horn



- · Howard Structural Steel, Inc.
- · J. R. Heineman & Sons
- · John R. Burt Enterprises
- · Jolt Credit Union
- · Kapex Manufacturing LLC
- · King Communications
- · Mahar Tool Supply Company, Inc.
- · MBS International Airport
- · Mike Young Buick GMC
- · MSA Ventures, LLC
- · NBS Commercial Interiors
- · Pinnacle Design
- · R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc.
- Remer Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
- · Robert E & Martin Stark Foundation
- Serra Chevrolet of Saginaw +
 Serra Toyota of Saginaw
- · Severance Tool Industries, Inc.
- · Solutions 4 Automation
- · SPACE, Inc.
- · Team One Credit Union
- The Mayan Agency
- · The Straits Corporation
- ·The Wirt-Rivette Group
- · Wildfire Credit Union
- · William A. Kibbe & Associates, Inc.
- · Wolohan Realty LLC
- · Yeo & Yeo

\$100 + SFI Supporters

- · A.C. Coppolino Insurance Agency
- AeroMotion by Textron Aviation
- AKT Peerless
- · American Maintenance and Cleaning Services
- · Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC
- Answer Heating & Cooling, LLC
- · Art Sample Furniture

- · Chesaning Manufacturing Co./dba Jetool
- · Dart Bank
- · Deisler Funeral Home
- · Emil Rummel Agency, Inc.
- Essex Energy
- · Fairfield Inn & Suites Frankenmuth
- · Financial Plus Credit Union
- · Frankenmuth Woolen Mill
- · Freeland Bean & Grain
- Health Advantage CreditUnion
- · InCal Technologies
- · Looby Baumgarten, P.C.
- · Masud Labor Law Group
- Mid-Michigan Area Labor Council
- Panda Promotional Products
- · Rifkin Scrap Iron & Metal
- Schaefer & Bierlein Chrysler
 Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat
- SpringHill SuitesFrankenmuth
- · The Standing Company
- TPI Powder Metallurgy Inc.
- · Trademark Commercial
- · Wanigas Credit Union
- WTA Architects
- · Yeo & Yeo Technology
- · Zatkoff Seals & Packings
- · Zehnder & Associates, PC

Sponsors

- AT&T
- Consumers Energy Foundation
- DTE Energy
- Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!
- Michigan Economic
 Development Corporation
- Nexteer Automotive

In-Kind

- · Award and Sports
- Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau
- · NetSource One, Inc.
- · Reimold Printing Corporation
- · WNEM-TV5

APEX Funding

- Michigan Economic
 Development Corporation
- · U.S. Department of Defense

Local Government Contracts

- · County of Saginaw \$200.000
- · City of Saginaw \$102,500
- · Saginaw DDA \$38.000
- Saginaw Charter Township\$7,500
- Thomas Township \$7,000
- Buena Vista Charter
 Township DDA \$6,600
- · City of Frankenmuth \$6,125
- · Richland Township \$5,000
- Bridgeport Charter Township DDA \$4,000
- Village of Chesaning \$3,500
- Tittabawassee Township \$3,000
- Carrollton Township\$1,800
- Kochville Township DDA \$1,500
- · Village of St. Charles \$500
- Chesaning Township\$500
- City of Zilwaukee

City of Frankenmuth RELATED PROJECTS







Massive Bavarian Inn Project

SFI continues to work with Michael Keller Zehnder and the <u>Bavarian Inn Lodge</u> (BIL) on the expansion of its indoor waterpark. The project includes more than 100,000 sq. ft. of waterpark space and more than 45,000 sq. ft. of Family Entertainment Center Space. Since the original project was announced, an additional \$10 million in capital investment and an additional 10,000 sq. ft. have been added. One of the features is an adult only swim up bar.

EduPlay Receives Funding

EduPlay Discovery Center has two childcare centers with the first being located at 518 N. Franklin St. in the City of Frankenmuth. The EduPlay Discovery Center North is the new childcare center that opened last year at 385 E. Morley Drive in Buena Vista Charter Township near Nexteer Automotive. EduPlay recently received a Going PRO Talent Fund award for nearly \$33,000 to assist in training, developing current employees and new hires.

New Wallace Scones Location

Wallace Scones produces frozen scones that you can bake at home and utilizes Michigan sourced ingredients. The company has multiple locations in the state and will add a 1,000 sq. ft. site at 154 S. Main St. in the City of Frankenmuth. SFI provided site location assistance and worked closely with the building owner. Lazy Dog Pizza previously occupied the location and will be moving to the former Farmers Market.

#DiscoverYourCenter



Facade Grant for the Japanese Cultural Center

The Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House & Gardens of Saginaw repaired signage on S. Washington Ave. in the City of Saginaw that will enhance its legibility, aesthetics, and visibility to traffic. Constructed in 1971, the main entry of the Japanese Cultural Center also opens up to the Tokushima Saginaw Friendship Garden, constructed jointly between the sister-cities of Tokushima, Japan, and Saginaw.

Updates support the renewal of ten post and beams that have decayed and needed replacement. The total cost of the project is \$9,400. SFI assisted the organization with a \$2,350 DDA façade improvement grant.



New Signage for SAM & Gardens

TempleArts recently rebranded the Saginaw Art Museum to Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens and the organization has updated the front exterior of the museum with new signage. Part of the project includes window signage that will make people aware of the historic garden located on the grounds of the museum. Additionally, the south corner of the Saginaw Art Museum & Gardens façade will receive wrap-around signage that will market to individuals traveling along W. Remington St. and a section of its digital sign will be replaced. TempleArts anticipates that its new signage will better identify its building to over 100,000 people annually. The cost of this project totals just over \$5,800 and SFI assisted with a \$1,450 DDA façade improvement grant.

New Saginaw Community Food Club & Kitchen

The <u>Saginaw Community Food Club & Kitchen</u> is a non-profit grocery store that prioritizes choice, participation, affordability and access to healthy food. The store will be in a new building on the block of Franklin, Meredith and Holden Streets; just west of MyMichigan Medical Center Saginaw. This broadly supported project is an innovative solution to food insecurity that provides members with an ability to shop with points based on income levels to access fresh, wholesome food. The building will also provide individual kitchen stations to enable staff and volunteers to help members cook, clean, and prepare foods that may be unfamiliar. Overall investment is projected at \$5 million, supporting four new jobs and upwards of 50 volunteers.

Tittabawasse Township



Government Contractor of the Year

BGT Aerospace specializes in the design, manufacture, assembly, and testing of mechanical components, with an emphasis on military aerospace. The company was honored with the Northrop Grumman 2024 Supplier Excellence Award for Strategic Excellence and the SFI APEX Accelerator Government Contractor of the Year.



New Investment for Freeland Bean and Grain

The Freeland Bean and Grain (FB&G) project involved demolishing an obsolete structure and replacing it with a new 2,500 sq. ft. building. The new facility will be used for bagging, palletizing, storage, and loadout of black edible beans for export. The capital investment for this project is \$855,401 and will retain 14 jobs. SFI assisted FB&G and the community with a real property tax abatement.



Barney's Bakery Invests in Second Location

Barney's Bakehouse Bakery has grown its product line and expanded at its second location in Freeland. Barney's offerings are served at mid-Michigan bars and restaurants and can be found on the shelves at five Jack's Fruit & Meat Market locations. The company invested \$750,000, received a small business HUB grant and more.



More Capacity for Clearbrooke Technologies

Clearbrooke Technologies services include toll blending, bottling and private labeling, as well as industrial processing. Clearbrooke purchased a high-capacity tube filling machine with mixing tanks and added equipment, including a digital scale for production equipment. The \$550,000 investment will retain two jobs and create two new jobs. SFI assisted Clearbrooke with an application for an Industry 4.0 grant.

Discover

Great Lakes Bay

Spicer Group Invests in Downtown Saginaw Headquarters



Spicer Group is located at 230 S. Washington Ave. in Downtown Saginaw and recently invested in its headquarters. Several exterior granite panels were repaired for a total investment of more than \$46,000. SFI helped connect Spicer to the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority (DDA) façade grant program. The DDA elected to support Spicer's façade investment by awarding a \$2,347 grant. Additionally, Spicer Group received a \$19,757 Going PRO training grant to support workforce development.



100 New Employees for Spence Brothers

Spence Brothers hired 100 new employees in 2024, and was recently awarded a Going PRO training grant in the amount of \$51,460 to further educate and train current management and supervision staff, as well as new employees across a variety of aspects within the construction field. Key concentrations of training will include Construction Sustainability, Building Information Modeling and Project Manager Development Program.

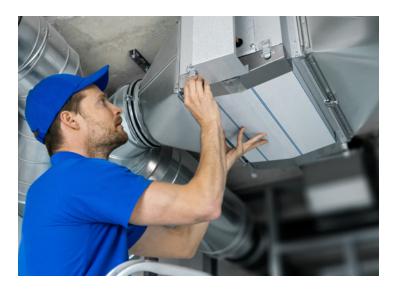


Tarsha Works Consulting Receives Grant

Tarsha Works Consulting (TWC) is a full-service business professional firm with more than 20-plus years of experience. Services include business coaching, professional and personal development, proposal development and more. The firm offers services individuals, groups, startups, existing businesses and nonprofits. TWC was the recipient of a \$20,000 small business HUB grant that will streamline administrative operations. The grant funds will be used to purchase training tables, high-back chairs and an all-in-one industrial efficient printer/copy machine.

Saginaw County **PROJECTS**







MAHAR Awarded Training Fund Award

MAHAR has been in business over 70 years and specializes in providing high-quality machinery products and supplies to automotive, aerospace, marine, medical, defense, construction, food equipment, and more. The woman owned business is located at 112 Williams St. on the City of Saginaw Riverfront. MAHAR received a \$18,180 Going PRO Talent Fund Award to assist in training, developing and retaining current and newly hired employees.

Renovations for A.C. Klopf

A.C. Klopf Inc. conducted a major renovation project that included the installation of new materials and updates improving the building's façade and curb appeal. Efficiency and structural updates were also included. The company, located at 524 S. Franklin St. in the City of Saginaw, provides heating and air conditioning services. The capital investment totals over \$265,000. SFI assisted the business with a \$10,000 DDA façade grant.

Grant for BA Consulting

BA Consulting is a creative agency specializing in image consulting, branding, and business coaching, SFI assisted the business in successfully securing a \$20,000 HUB Grant to advance its business objectives. Assistance included reviewing the grant criteria, crafting a compelling application, and ensuring alignment with the agency's vision of empowering clients through innovative branding.

Saginaw County **PROJECTS**



Large Investment for Morley

Morley Companies, Inc. continued to be one of Saginaw County's largest employers, employing over 2,500 associates and investing \$1.34 million in 2024. Morley was founded in Saginaw in 1863 and now serves over 50 of the world's leading Fortune 500 & Global 500 firms from its Saginaw Charter Township headquarters.



New Obesity & Wellness Center in Saginaw County

The Obesity Medicine & Metabolic Wellness Center is one of the leaders in obesity medicine and the leading clinic in the Great Lakes Bay Region for specialized prevention and treatment of obesity. The company recently announced plans to open its first clinic in Saginaw County located at 33 White Tail Creek Road in Saginaw Charter Township.



Saginaw Twp. Child Care

New Beginnings Learning Center will serve children aged four weeks to five years, fostering a positive and inclusive environment. The facility encompasses a child care area of 9,000 sq. ft., and a church area of 3,000 sq. ft. The \$850,000 expansion will lead to 12 new jobs. SFI provided comprehensive support and assisted in securing a \$20,000 HUB Grant for New Beginnings. The grant is a critical funding source for its new location at 2740 McCarty Rd.



1st Place Ryan Studio & Co

Ryan Studio & Company is a fashion accessories company started in 2022 and specializes in handbags and totes. Ryan Studio operates exclusively through e-commerce channels. reaching a broader audience through VIP loyalty members, Facebook, subscribers, and website engagement. After winning first place in the "Pitch at the Cup" competition, the company was able to put \$5,000 towards the expansion of its product line and production costs.



#OldTownSaginaw



Redevelopment Project in Old Town Saginaw

Shaheen Development is redeveloping 122 S. Hamilton St. in Old Town, which will transform the obsolete property into a retail and professional office space. The site consists of a threestory, 10,935 square foot vacant building constructed in 1864 with a total budget of \$1.7 million.



Facade-work for Schumaker's at the Stable

Shumaker's at the Stable operates out of an old livery built in 1882 in Old Town Saginaw. While Shumaker's owns and operates the business, Mr. Denny Whalen remains the property owner. The 143-year-old building will have repairs made to its front gable and façade edging. SFI and DDA assisted with a \$2,200 façade grant and the total project investment is \$4,400.



Old World Pizzeria Opens - 6 New Jobs

Old World Pizzeria is a new Old Town Saginaw eatery that has established itself as a New York Style Pizzeria that offers customers the option of pizza by the slice and whole 18' pies. Old World Pizzeria was a previously underutilized space on N. Michigan Ave., which is a main thoroughfare.



New Patio and Brew Tanks for Oracle Brewing

Oracle Brewing is expanding its footprint and operation in Old Town. Oracle will be opening a new front patio space with expanded seating. SFI assisted with a DDA façade grant and the total investment for the patio is \$3,300. Oracle is also expanding its brewing operation with new tanks that will double production and was assisted by a \$25,000 Industry 4.0 grant.



Downtown Saginaw PROJECTS









Training Grant for WTA Architects

Wigen Tincknell Associates (WTA) was founded in Saginaw in 1947 and continues to operate as a full-service architectural firm. WTA was awarded a \$49,160 Going PRO training grant to support the training of 26 current employees in 2025.

New Facade for Rita's Southern Soul Cafe

Rita's Southern Soul Cafe is located at 110 N. Washington Ave. in Downtown Saginaw. This investment included replacing all front windows and doors including the boarded windows on the second story. The Saginaw Downtown Development Authority supported this project with a \$5,000 façade grant.

Seeking Renovation RFPs for The Mason Building

The Mason Building in Downtown Saginaw was designed in the 1860s and is currently owned by the <u>Saginaw County Landbank</u>. SFI assisted with the removal of the metal façade, originally installed in 1961, through a DDA façade grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Major Renovations for the Savoy Bar & Grill

The Savoy Bar & Grill was recently acquired by new owners. Built in 1914 and 7,380 sq. ft. in size, the Savoy is centrally located and is undergoing a renovation that includes a completely updated kitchen and more. Total investment is \$500,000 with the creation of up to 15 jobs.



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