On October 26, 2012 MDARD announced the successful applicants for the Value Added and Regional Food System Grant Program.

MDARD received 63 total applications—24 for Food Systems or Food related projects. Projects requested $7.8 million, with $1.9 available in funding.
MDARD Food System Grant

• Grand Traverse Regional Market $200,000.00
• Forgotten Harvest Food Processing Center $200,000.00
• Local Food Processing & Controlled Storage SE MI $200,000.00
• The Allen Street Food Hub $188,565.00
• The YMCA Veggie Van $24,797.00
• U.P. Local Food Network $164,059.00
Projects

- Washtenaw Food Hub working to facilitate local food aggregation, storage, processing and distribution

- Forgotten Market Food Processing Center through the Eastern Market in Detroit will process fresh fruit and vegetables that will benefit the nonprofit emergency food sector
Projects

Grand Traverse Regional Market infrastructure improvements in Building 58 for a commercial kitchen, storage units, loading dock and processing and packing equipment

Allen Street Food Hub providing an incubator kitchen, storage, aggregation and distribution services, and regional links
Projects

- Grand Rapids YMCA increasing impact of Veggie Van
- U.P. Local Food Exchange will coordinate Local Food efforts between the three regions of the Upper Peninsula
What is Next?

- Governor’s Budget Recommendation early February
- Legislative Process
- Show success