### MDARD Food System Grant

- \* 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.

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•	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