

## CEM GRANT 2024

Michigamme Township has been awarded a Community Energy Management (CEM) Grant through Michigan's Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). The CEM program is far reaching to support Michigan communities with the process of energy management in an effort to minimize energy waste, improve energy cost, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create environmentally protective solutions for Michigan's energy future.

Michigamme Township will use the \$74,745 they were awarded for the following projects, to be completed within the next year. The Community Building will be outfitted with LED lighting fixtures throughout, two new energy efficient stoves will be installed to service the Community Kitchen. The Community Library will be insulated in the attic and walls, new led lighting, fans, movement sensors, and bringing the wiring up to code will improve the electrical. All the windows will be replaced with energy efficient versions while still preserving the existing stained-glass panels.

Some of the monies are also allocated for the recycling of all the old bulbs through Veolia Environmental Services. Michigamme will receive rebates for their improvements from the Upper Michigan Energy Resources, Efficiency United.

Secretary of The Michigamme DDA, Julia Anderson-Leake, wrote the grant on behalf of Michigamme Township and will coordinate the program to completion. The township will benchmark and track energy use, conduct an energy audit, improve efficiency, and transition to renewable.