

# **Annual Report FY 2011**

#### Michigan's SmartZones<sup>™</sup>



- Created by PA 248 (2000)
  - Specially created "technology parks" designed to spur growth of technology-related or research-oriented businesses and employment opportunities
- Provide services to facilitate commercialization of technologies emerging from Michigan universities and private companies

#### **SmartZones<sup>™</sup>: Acceleration and Incubation**

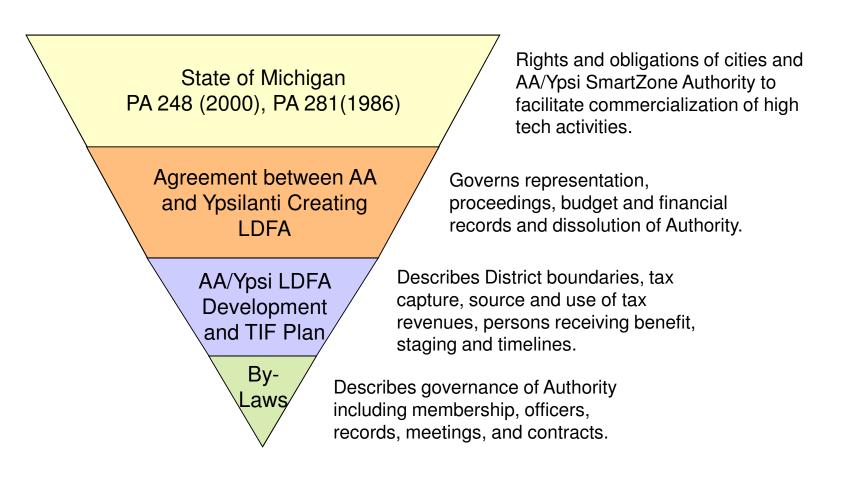
Business accelerator services include, but not limited to:

- Networking events
- Entrepreneurial training
- Business feasibility and planning
- Technology assessments and protection support
- □ SBIR/STTR assistance and training; grant writing
- Management and talent recruitment
- Incubator and business accelerator space w/ shared services
- Product development support
- Business and executive management mentoring
- Venture capital and angel investor preparation and introductions
- Micro-loan program

# Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone<sup>™</sup>

- Received SmartZone<sup>sm</sup> status on April 11, 2001
- Adoption of resolutions (AA and Ypsi) creating LDFA in June, 2002
- Appointment of LDFA Board
- LDFA Plan for AA/Ypsi SmartZone<sup>™</sup> adopted in November, 2002
  - TIF Boundaries essentially the existing DDA boundaries in each city
  - Financing mechanism allows "capture" of the incremental taxes for reinvestment with the boundaries of the authority
    - Ann Arbor 🗸 Ypsilanti 🚫
    - Capture of DDA increment takes precedence over the LDFA
    - LDFA does not capture AAPS debt service nor enhancement millage in AA AAPS remains whole with school property tax redistribution
  - Funding distribution LDFA funds used <u>exclusively</u> in the community in which they are generated
- LDFA Duration: 2003-2018

# **LDFA: Legal Authority**



#### **LDFA: Board Members**



- □ Skip Simms (AA Spark) ex officio
- □ Ned Staebler (MEDC) ex officio

# **LDFA: Contracted Services by SPARK**

- Business accelerator services
- Incubator space for 14 start-up tenants and "location" for virtual companies (SPARK Central, 330 E. Liberty)
  - Subsidized leases
  - Administrative support; internet services
  - Utilities and property taxes; insurance; maintenance
  - Advertising and promotion
- Accounting services to support agreement
- Marketing services plan that addresses public relations, collateral materials and internet initiatives that support LDFA funded programs and objectives

Eligibility: Ann Arbor physical address or "virtual" tenant of SPARK Central

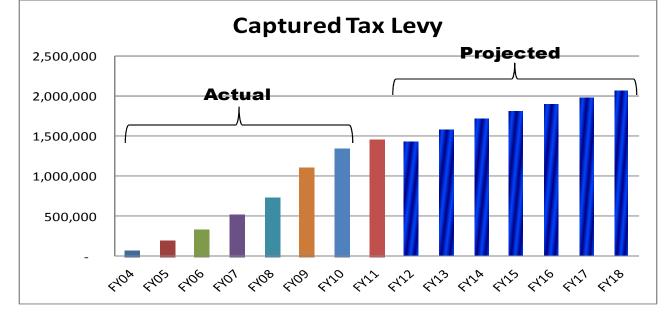
# **LDFA: Business Accelerator Services**



- Phase I initial contact and screening of business/technology proposition for programmatic fit, review by advisors/consultants and referral to Phase II services
- Phase II in-depth evaluation of prospective client to determine capability of business for consulting help in Phase III; 50% outsourced to qualified subcontractors
- Phase III substantial involvement to advance firms beyond start-up phase to seed stage; addressing strategic issues, development of business plan/schedule/budget, implementation of milestone plan; 100% outsourced to qualified subcontractors
- Education
  - Entrepreneurs Boot Camp
  - Business networking events
  - Cantillon Entrepreneurial Education Series e-learning and training

# LDFA: Tax Capture (Actual & Projected)

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Base Taxable Value	248,052,105	248,052,105	248,052,105	248,052,105	248,052,105	248,052,105	248,052,105
Taxable Value Captured Taxable Value	268,549,336 5% 20,497,231	280,359,588 4% 32,307,483	299,774,702 7% 51,722,597	324,354,314 8% 76,302,209	356,708,659 10% 108,656,554	382,137,545 134,085,440	7% <u>394,177,063</u> 3% 146,124,958
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PRE (Homestead) Taxable Value Non-PRE Taxable Value	5,117,832 25% 15,379,399 <sup>•</sup> 75%	8,174,889 25% 24,132,594 <b>*</b> 75%	10,555,824 20% 41,166,773 <sup>•</sup> 80%	20,671,707 27% 55,630,502 73%	26,962,637 25% 81,693,917 75%	, ,	2% 30,692,153 21% 3% 115,432,805 79%
PRE (Homestead) Captured Tax Lewy	15.353	24,525	31,667	62,015	80,888	86,639	92,076
Non-PRE Captured Tax Levy	184,345	289,265	493,446	666,715	979,077	1,260,859	1,383,428
Total Captured Tax Levy	199,699	313,790	525,113	728,730	1,059,965	1,347,498	1,475,504



## LDFA: FY2011 Financials

	FY 2010			FY 2011			
		Actual		Budget		Actual	
REVENUES							
Tax Revenue	\$	1,347,498	\$1	,400,000	\$	1,475,504	
Miscellaneous Revenue		-		-		-	
Investment Income		10,012		7,335		14,723	
Total Revenue	\$	1,357,510	\$1	,407,335	\$	1,490,227	
EXPENDITURES							
Business Accelerator Support Services		661,948		587,400		575,616	
Micro Loan		275,000		400,000		400,000	
Angel Investment Group Support		24,987		20,000		12,490	
Business Networking Events		23,060		30,000		30,885	
Entreprenuer Education		52,000		66,000		52,681	
Cantillon Web Based Education		27,925		5,000		2,400	
SPARK Central Incubator Operating Exp		137,950		160,000		154,773	
SPARK Indirect Services:							
SPARK Accounting		53,120		61,350		52,770	
Marketing		65,000		65,000		71,940	
City of Ann Arbor Legal & Admin Support		28,146		50,000		32,529	
Total Operating Expenditures	\$	1,349,136	\$1	,444,750	\$	1,386,084	
Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$	8,374	\$	(37,415)	\$	104,143	
RESERVES:							
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	469,575	\$	477,949	\$	477,949	
Surplus (deficit)		8,374		(37,415)		104,143	
Ending Fund Balance	\$	477,949	\$	440,534	\$	582,092	

## LDFA: FY2011 Metrics

- 43 companies rec'd Business Accelerator services
  - □ 93 retained jobs ---> 118 current FTEs = 25 new jobs
- 27 companies utilized Entrepreneurial Boot Camp
  - 68 retained jobs ---→ 70 current FTEs = 2 new jobs
- 47 companies were incubator tenants
  - 15 companies seated tenants, 2 graduated and stayed in the city
  - □ 92 retained jobs ··· + 148 current FTEs = 56 new jobs
- 9 companies received loans totaling \$317,000
- 111 educational programs and events hosted
  - □ 3,864 attendees (1,175 entrepreneurs)

# **LDFA: Planning for the Future**

- LDFA strategic priorities for business growth
  - Analyze effectiveness
    - Establish Metrics Subcommittee finalize new metrics
    - Demonstrate ROI on tax \$\$\$ e.g. past 5 yrs rolling performance
    - Contract performance audit
  - Capital development
    - Micro-loan fund
    - Enhanced interactions between entrepreneurs and angel investors
  - Determine priorities for future LDFA funds
    - Cantillon
  - Grow culture of entrepreneurship
    - Enhanced marketing and promotion
    - Encourage non-AA businesses to locate here
    - Facilitate interactions between technologists and entrepreneurs
  - Capital Infrastructure Needs
    - Support for community-wide technology infrastructure needs and improvements