

MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 270 of 1984
CHAPTER 8E

125.20901 Definitions.

Sec. 901.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Affiliate" means an entity that, directly or indirectly, through 1 or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity. For the purposes of this subdivision, an entity is controlled by another entity if the controlling entity holds, directly or indirectly, the majority voting or ownership interest in the controlled entity or has control over the day-to-day operations of the controlled entity by contract or law.

(b) "Closing date" means the date on which a rural jobs and capital investment fund has received a grant, loan, or other type of economic assistance.

(c) "Earned job factor" means an amount equal to \$7,500.00 for factor 1 jobs with an hourly wage rate of at least 125% of the federal minimum wage, \$15,000.00 for factor 2 jobs with an hourly wage rate of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage, \$25,000.00 for factor 3 jobs with an hourly wage rate of at least 200% of the federal minimum wage, and \$35,000.00 for factor 4 jobs with an hourly wage rate of at least 125% of the federal minimum wage and employ veterans, senior citizens, ex-offenders, citizens with disabilities, or any citizen concurrently in a Michigan department of health and human services assistance program.

(d) "Full-time equivalent employees" means the number of salaried employment positions plus the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of hours for which employees with an hourly wage rate of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage were compensated for employment over the preceding 12-month period by 2,080 with respect to hourly employees.

(e) "Growth investment" means any capital or equity investment in a qualified business or any loan to a qualified business with a stated maturity at least 1 year after the date of issuance. A secured loan or the provision of a revolving line of credit to a qualified business is a growth investment only if the rural jobs and capital investment fund obtains an affidavit from the president or chief executive officer or equivalent position of the qualified business attesting that the qualified business sought and was denied similar financing from a commercial bank.

(f) "Investment authority" means the amount stated on the certificate under section 90m certifying the rural jobs and capital investment fund. A rural jobs and capital investment fund's investment authority shall be composed of equal amounts of grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance by the fund and private contributions.

(g) "New full-time equivalent employees" means the number of jobs performed by an individual who is employed for consideration for at least 35 hours of work each week based in this state and for whom the company, an employee leasing company, or a professional employer organization on behalf of the company, or other entity authorized under this act, withholds income and United States Social Security taxes.

(h) "Principal business operations" means the operations of a business are located at the place or places where at least 60% of its employees work or where employees that are paid at least 60% of its payroll work. A business that has agreed to relocate or hire new employees using the proceeds of a growth investment to establish its principal business operations in a qualified rural local governmental unit in the state shall be considered to have its principal business operations in this new location provided it satisfies this definition within 180 days after receiving the growth investment, unless the fund agrees to a later date. A business located in this state that has agreed to hire new employees in a qualified rural local governmental unit using the proceeds of a growth investment to establish its principal business operations in that qualified rural local governmental unit shall be considered to have its principal business operations in a qualified rural local governmental unit provided it hires the necessary employees within 180 days after receiving the growth investment or a later date, if agreed to by the fund.

(i) "Private contributions" means an investment of cash in a rural jobs and capital investment fund to match dollar-for-dollar the grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance up to the investment authority of the rural jobs and capital investment fund. A rural jobs and capital investment fund's private contributions shall be composed of not less than 10% of equity investments.

(j) "Qualified business" means an operating business that, at the time of the initial investment in the business by a rural jobs and capital investment fund, has fewer than 150 employees and is engaged in industries assigned a North American Industry Classification System code within sectors 11, 21, 23, 31 through 33, 42, 48, 49, 54, except 541110 through 541219, 56, 62, and 81 or, if not engaged in any of these industries, the fund determines that the investment will be beneficial to the rural area, the economic growth of this state, and the industry is not assigned a North American Industry Classification System code within sector 51.

(k) "Qualified rural local governmental unit" means a county in this state with a population of 225,000 or less.

(l) "Repayment amount" means an amount equal to 50% of a rural jobs and capital investment fund's investment

authority, minus the sum of the product of new full-time equivalent employees reported to the fund for each of the rural jobs and capital investment fund's annual reports submitted pursuant to section 90p and the appropriate earned job factor rate.

(m) "Rural jobs and capital investment fund" means an entity approved by the fund under section 90m that meets all of the following:

(i) The entity or 1 or more of its affiliates are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and meet either of the following:

(A) Is a rural business investment company under 7 USC 2009cc or a small business investment company under 15 USC 681.

(B) Is registered as an investment adviser under 15 USC 80b-1 to 80b-21.

(ii) As of the date of the application, the entity or its affiliates have invested at least \$100,000,000.00 in nonpublic companies located in counties throughout the United States with a population less than 50,000.

(iii) As of the date of the application, the entity or its affiliates have received equity investments from investors who are not affiliates of the applicant in an amount equal to at least \$100,000,000.00.

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125.2090m Rural jobs and capital investment fund; application; qualifications; duties.

Sec. 90m.

(1) Beginning 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this chapter, and in each subsequent year through 2029, the fund shall accept applications for approval as a rural jobs and capital investment fund. The application shall include all of the following:

(a) The total investment authority sought by the applicant.

(b) A copy of the applicant's license showing that the entity or its affiliate is a rural business investment company under 7 USC 2009cc or a small business investment company under 15 USC 68.

(c) Evidence that as of the date of the application, the entity or its affiliates have invested at least \$100,000,000.00 in nonpublic companies located in counties throughout the United States with a population less than 50,000.

(d) Evidence that as of the date of the application, the entity or its affiliates have received equity investments from investors who are not affiliates of the applicant in an amount equal to at least \$100,000,000.00.

(e) A nonrefundable application fee of \$10,000.00.

(2) The fund shall make application determinations within 60 business days from the receipt of an administratively complete application as determined by the fund, in the order in which the applications are received. The fund shall consider applications received on the same day to have been received simultaneously. The fund shall not approve more than \$30,000,000.00 in investment authority in a calendar year, through 2029. If requests for investment authority received simultaneously would result in the limitation provided in this subsection being exceeded, the fund shall proportionally allot the investment authority and grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance among the approved applications. Upon approval of an application, the fund and the rural jobs and capital investment fund shall execute a written agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance.

(3) The fund may deny an application submitted under this section only for the following reasons:

(a) The applicant does not satisfy all the criteria described in this section.

(b) The fund has already approved the maximum amount of investment authority allowed under this section.

(4) If the fund denies an application, the applicant may provide additional information to the fund within 5 days of the notice of denial. The fund shall review and reconsider the application and additional information within 30 days. A reconsidered application shall retain the original date of receipt provided under this section for purposes of priority.

(5) A rural jobs and capital investment fund shall do all of the following:

(a) Within 60 days after receiving the approval issued under this section, collect private contributions equal to 50% of the rural jobs and capital investment fund's investment authority.

(b) Within 65 days after receiving the approval issued under this section, send to the fund documentation sufficient to prove that the amounts described in subdivision (a) have been collected.

(6) If the rural jobs and capital investment fund fails to fully comply with subsection (5), the rural jobs and capital

investment fund's approval is forfeited, and the fund shall first award the corresponding investment authority to existing applicants who received investment authority lower than the amount requested under this section and then to new applicants.

(7) The fund shall disperse the grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance to the rural jobs and capital investment fund upon receipt and approval of the documentation described in subsection (5)(b) within 21 business days.

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125.2090n Rural jobs and capital investment creation fund; creation; deposit of money or other assets; investment; interest and earnings; money remaining in fund; use.

Sec. 90n.

(1) The rural jobs and capital investment creation fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund interest and earnings from rural jobs and capital investment creation fund investments.

(3) Money in the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The fund shall be the administrator of the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund for auditing purposes.

(5) The fund shall expend money from the rural jobs and capital investment creation fund, upon appropriation, only to make grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance to rural jobs and capital investment funds in this state.

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125.2090o Demand for repayment; conditions; growth investments; notification.

Sec. 90o.

(1) The fund shall demand immediate repayment of the grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance issued under this chapter if any of the following occurs with respect to the rural jobs and capital investment fund before it is certified to exit the program as provided in this chapter:

(a) The rural jobs and capital investment fund does not invest all its investment authority in growth investments in this state within 3 years of the closing date with 100% of its investment authority invested in growth investments in qualified businesses with principal business operations located in qualified rural local governmental units.

(b) The rural jobs and capital investment fund, after satisfying subdivision (a), fails to maintain growth investments at the levels required by subdivision (a) until the sixth anniversary of the closing date. For the purposes of this subdivision, an investment is maintained even if the investment is sold or repaid so long as the rural jobs and capital investment fund reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned or recovered by the rural jobs and capital investment fund from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in other growth investments in this state within 12 months of the receipt of that capital. Amounts received by a rural jobs and capital investment fund pursuant to periodic repayments shall be treated as continually invested in growth investments if the amounts are reinvested in 1 or more growth investments by the end of the following calendar year. A rural jobs and capital investment fund is not required to reinvest capital returned from growth investments after the fifth anniversary of the closing date, and those growth investments shall be considered held continuously by the rural jobs and capital investment fund through the sixth anniversary of the closing date.

(c) The rural jobs and capital investment fund, before exiting the program in accordance with this chapter, makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural jobs and capital investment fund having less than 100% of its

investment authority invested in growth investments in this state or available for investment in growth investments and held in cash and other marketable securities.

(d) The rural jobs and capital investment fund makes a growth investment in a qualified business that directly or indirectly through an affiliate owns, has the right to acquire an ownership interest, makes a loan to, or makes an investment in the rural jobs and capital investment fund, an affiliate of the rural jobs and capital investment fund, or an investor in the rural jobs and capital investment fund. This section does not apply to investments in public-traded securities. For purposes of this subdivision, a rural jobs and capital investment fund will not be considered an affiliate of a business solely because of its growth investment.

(e) The rural jobs and capital investment fund invests in any industry assigned a North American Industry Classification System code within sector 51.

(2) No more than \$5,000,000.00 in growth investments in a qualified business, including growth investments in affiliates of the qualified business, shall count toward the requirements of subsection (1)(a) and (b).

(3) Before demanding repayment under this section, the fund shall notify the rural jobs and capital investment fund of the reasons for the pending repayment. The rural jobs and capital investment fund shall have 90 days from the date the notice was dispatched to correct any violation outlined in the notice to the satisfaction of the fund and avoid repayment of the grants, loans, or other types of economic assistance.

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125.2090p Annual report; compliance.

Sec. 90p.

(1) A rural jobs and capital investment fund shall submit an annual report to the fund on or before the last day of February of each year until the rural jobs and capital investment fund has exited the program in accordance with this chapter. The annual report shall provide documentation as to the rural jobs and capital investment fund's growth investments and include all of the following:

(a) A bank statement evidencing each growth investment.

(b) The name, location, and industry of each qualified business receiving a growth investment, including either the determination letter set forth in section 90o or evidence that the business was a qualified business at the time the growth investment was made.

(c) The number of new full-time equivalent employees and the corresponding earned job factor at the qualified business in this state.

(d) The number of full-time equivalent employees at the qualified business on the date of receipt of the initial growth investment in this state.

(e) Any other information required by the fund.

(2) Within 60 days of receipt of an annual report, the fund shall provide written confirmation to the rural jobs and capital investment fund of the new full-time equivalent employees the rural jobs and capital investment fund has been credited for that year.

(3) By the fifth business day after the third anniversary of the closing date, a rural jobs and capital investment fund shall submit a report to the fund evidencing its compliance with the investment requirements of this chapter.

(4) The fund may adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter.

(5) The fund shall submit an annual report to each house of the legislature on or before April 1, 2020. The annual report shall include all of the following:

(a) The name and number of all the rural jobs and capital investment funds approved to participate in the program.

(b) The amount of investment authority awarded to each rural jobs and capital investment fund.

(c) Any investments made by the rural jobs and capital investment funds, including the location of the investments.

(d) Whether the rural jobs and capital investment funds are in compliance with this chapter.

(e) Any other information required by the fund.

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125.2090q Annual fee.

Sec. 90q.

(1) The fund shall charge an annual fee of 0.5% of the investment authority authorized for that rural jobs and capital investment fund.

(2) The initial annual fee is due and payable to the fund within 1 business day of receipt of a grant, loan, or other type of economic assistance. After the initial annual fee, an annual fee is due and payable to the fund on or before that last day of February of each year.

(3) An annual fee is not required once a rural jobs and capital investment fund has exited the program in accordance with this chapter.

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125.2090r Withdrawal from rural jobs and capital investment program.

Sec. 90r.

(1) On or after the sixth anniversary of the closing date, a rural jobs and capital investment fund may exit the program and no longer be subject to the provisions of this chapter. The fund shall respond to the application within 30 days of receipt and include a calculation of any repayment amount due.

(2) No distributions other than those permitted by section 90o(1)(b) may be made with respect to the equity interests of the rural jobs and capital investment fund more than the sum of the amount of equity capital invested into the rural jobs and capital investment fund with respect to the equity interests and an amount equal to any projected increase in the federal or state tax liability of holders of those interests related to the ownership of the rural jobs and capital investment fund until the rural jobs and capital investment fund has made payments to the fund equal to the repayment amount.

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