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Romeo DDA, 4CCF announce sublease

ROMEEO, Michigan - Romeo DDA and Four County Community Foundation are coming together in a new, mutually beneficial partnership. Sharing space via a sublease, the DDA and 4CCF will be able to work more closely together.

“The Romeo DDA is excited to welcome such a respected and well-established philanthropic organization to the community,” says DDA Board member Danielle Lee. “Working closely with 4CCF, the Romeo DDA will be able to explore possible grant opportunities as well as local community connections. The Romeo DDA is excited to share the office space for the good of the community.”

Last year, the DDA board discussed the idea of subleasing offices to 4CCF to grow a relationship between the two organizations. 4CCF started out in Romeo, and the city is in the middle of [the organization's service area](#), so returning to their hometown provides a spacious, central location to continue helping Romeo and the surrounding communities grow, according to Kathy Dickens, 4CCF Executive director.

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“4CCF is all about leveraging partnerships to help our communities thrive,” says Dickens. “We are excited to benefit from doing our work in such a beautiful office space and also excited to partner with the DDA and their many connections in Romeo and beyond. Significantly, this space will allow us to have our board meetings, youth advisory meetings, and other community collaborations in our own office. We have always had to find alternate meeting places since our beautiful Historic Currier House in Almont did not have the appropriate space. It will be great to do all of our work in one spot.”

The final agreement on the sublease was reached this month between the organizations and sponsor People’s Driven Credit Union.

Since Romeo DDA has a modest budget to work with, the extra funding through potential grant opportunities with 4CCF can help continuing to grow and improve downtown in ways that would not be possible otherwise.

“The larger scale projects such as, sidewalk repairs, sustainable floral decor and facade repair require a larger financial contribution which the DDA on their own cannot afford. The DDA is excited to gain 4CCF guidance about grant research and writing to help with those bigger ticket items.” Lee says.

“We believe this collaboration will also bring neighboring communities to Romeo. Having the 4CCF headquarters in Romeo is an asset to our Downtown and Village. We hope to provide a welcoming space for their organization as well as help promote the great work they do.”

Romeo Downtown Development Authority

The Romeo DDA Board consists of all volunteer business owners and residents with a significant interest in making downtown Romeo someplace special. Romeo has a unique and valued history, with buildings that possess architectural features that go back well over a century. But Romeo as a community is a living, vibrant place that combines a variety of talents. Romeo’s DDA Board reflects these qualities. To learn more, visit downtownromeo.net or follow the Romeo DDA on social media @RomeoDDA.
