

Michigan Township **INSIGHTS**

Feb. 9, 2024

Budget process moving with executive budget recommendation

Gov. Whitmer's proposed 2024-25 fiscal year budget was presented this week, kicking off the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed \$80.7 billion recommendation is a 1.2% decrease over the current fiscal year's budget and provides several one-time funding proposals for one-time purposes. Highlights of the budget proposal impacting townships include:

- \$1.1 billion in estimated constitutional revenue sharing, representing a \$5.4 million increase
- City, Village and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) increase of \$29.4 million: 5% or \$14.7 million increase in the base, 3% one-time incentive for obligation of federal COVID relief funds and 2% one-time funding for public safety
- \$150 million for road and bridge projects: \$95 million used to match federal aid and \$55 million to support local bridge and culvert projects
- \$5 million for Training, Recruitment and Retention grants to support local law enforcement agencies
- \$3.5 million for firefighters' health care program to support enhanced screening services
- \$2.5 million to support behavioral health services for first responders and public safety staff
- \$5.5 million for community violence intervention services to communities
- \$4.3 million for one-time grants related to firearm injury prevention
- \$80 million for contaminated site cleanup
- \$40 million to provide loans and grants to communities to support projects associated with lead service line replacement
- \$1 million for Housing Readiness Incentive grant program for grants to local governments

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- \$50 million for the Housing and Community Development program to address need for affordable housing
- \$50 million for the Revitalization and Placemaking program to rehabilitate vacant, underutilized, blighted and historic structures
- \$2.5 million for rural prosperity grants to enhance services and programming in rural communities
- \$18.8 million to continue existing support for early voting, ballot drop boxes and prepaid postage
- \$500,000 for a hazard mitigation assistance program for local governments to implement projects that reduce the impact of future disasters on communities
- \$10 million deposit in the Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund that supports immediate response and recovery activities in a disaster or emergency
- \$10 million for Michigan’s Public Safety Communications system for ongoing lifecycle updates to support equipment, security and maintenance

MPSC takes steps to open implementation proceedings on renewable energy law

With the enactment of [Public Act 233 of 2023](#)—which provides



siting authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for utility-scale wind, solar and energy storage facilities under specified conditions and is effective on Nov. 29, 2024—the MPSC initiated the process to begin implementing the new law. The commission will address PA 233 implementation in Case No. [U-21547](#). Individuals can sign up on the case webpage to be notified of any filings and review any public comments received. Additionally, a [siting implementation work page](#) will host information on workgroup meetings (time, date, participation information, agenda, presentations, meeting recordings, etc.), along with updates on commission activities and background information. There is an e-mail sign up at the bottom of that page if you wish to receive information on all the meetings and information that is sent out.

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Bills to extend temporary license for EMS candidates passes House

First responders, emergency medical technicians and paramedics can currently obtain a nonrenewable temporary license if they have applied for licensure but have not completed the required examination for up to 120 days. This period would be extended to allow the temporary license to be valid for one year under [House Bill 4613](#), sponsored by Rep. Dave Prestin (R-Cedarville Twp.), that passed the House this week. A companion bill, [HB 4614](#), sponsored by Rep. John Fitzgerald (D-Wyoming), was also passed to require those with temporary licenses to practice only under the direct supervision of someone who holds a permanent license. The bills now move to the Senate for consideration.

Volunteer stream cleanup and monitoring grants available

Funding proposals for two 2024 grant programs are now accepting applications through the Michigan Clean Water Corps ([MiCorps](#)), a network of volunteer monitoring programs that collect and share surface water quality data throughout the state.

- **Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program:** A total of \$25,000 (ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 increments) is available to support local government efforts to clean up garbage from Michigan's rivers, streams and creeks.
- **Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program:** A total of \$75,000 is available across three grant types—startup, implementation and maintenance—for volunteer benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring and habitat assessment in wadable streams and rivers.

The request for proposals for each opportunity can be found at the [MiCorps Stream Monitoring and Cleanup Grants page](#). Except for the startup grants, the grants require a 25% local match commitment. Applications are due by **5 p.m. March 8**.

Questions should be directed to Dr. Paul Steen, Huron River Watershed Council, at (734) 519-0449 or PSteen@HRWC.org; or Tamara Lipsey, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, at (517) 342-4372 or LipseyT@Michigan.gov.

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Firefighters can attend 'Science to the State' session

Whether you are a member of volunteer, part-paid or career fire department, learn more about how



firefighting affects your health, safety and resiliency. Attend one or both upcoming *Science to the State* sessions on **Friday, March 1**, in Southfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or **Saturday, March 2**, in Lansing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Firefighters, fire officers, fire chiefs, mental health professionals, risk managers, HR professionals and local government officials are encouraged to attend. Register at www.michiefs.org to learn about science-based concepts and methods to manage your physical and mental health. The cost is \$28 per person (includes lunch).

Register for Treasury's upcoming Chart Chat webinar

Township officials and employees can attend the Michigan Department of Treasury's upcoming [Chart Chat webinar](#) at 2 p.m. on **Thursday, Feb. 22**. The webinar series provides local governments with critical information related to accounting and auditing topics, measuring local government fiscal health, and other important Treasury updates. This event will cover the budget manual, numbered letters update, deficit elimination process and fiscal year 2024 uniform assumptions.

A promotional banner for the MTA Educational Conference & Expo. On the left, there is a logo with a stylized green and blue starburst and the text 'One Team' in blue. Below it, 'MTA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO' is written in bold blue letters, followed by 'APRIL 22 - 25, 2024' in smaller blue text. A green call-to-action button says 'CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!'. On the right, there is a photograph of a modern glass skyscraper at night, with the Michigan Townships Association logo in the bottom right corner.

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MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

Webinar will take 'A Dip into Digital Defense'

To learn how to help keep your township accounts secure, join a joint Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and Michigan Cyber Command Center presentation on **March 12**, from

10 to 11 a.m. [A Dip into Digital Defense](#) will explore two integral facets of online security: identifying and removing information online, and password security and implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication to help keep your accounts secure. The presentation will primarily focus on security aspects of the water sector, but there will be beneficial information presented for anyone interested in online security.

Election reminders

Logic and accuracy testing deadline. There are two separate deadlines for the public logic and accuracy test: five days before early voting and five days before Election Day. Because testing on the earlier date meets both of those deadlines, testing of all equipment can be done by the earlier date, which will be Feb. 12 for any jurisdiction in which early voting begins on Feb. 17.

2024 presidential primary electronic pollbook addendum. The Feb. 27 presidential primary requires tracking a voter's ballot selection of a Democratic ballot, Republican ballot or a ballot without a presidential primary where applicable, which requires temporary changes to certain election and electronic pollbook procedures.

Updated manuals and resource documents have been updated, so clerks are encouraged to check the state Bureau of Elections eLearning Center for updates.

Input on future of MDOT's Complete Streets program extended to Feb. 29

The public comment period has been extended by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as it works to align its [Complete Streets](#) policy with its mission to serve and connect people, communities and the economy through transportation. Local officials can submit comments online at the [Complete Streets Survey](#) until **Feb. 29**.



Assessing classes coming to MTA Conference this April

[MTA's Pre-Conference classes](#)—coming to the Grand Traverse Resort on April 22—take you in-depth on timely township topics, including two workshops crucial for your township's assessing team:

- *Assessors Renewal—March Madness: This morning class is a motivational journey that walks you through the planning, preparation and navigation of the assessment cycle. Approved by the State Tax Commission (STC) for four hours of assessors' elective credit.*
- *Understanding Assessing Basics: A full-day, in-depth review of assessing fundamentals led by experts from the STC. Satisfies the training requirement for all uncertified assessing support staff.*

Learn more or get the [registration form here](#), or [register online now](#).

Federal update for week of Feb. 5

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for an update of federal actions impacting townships.