

Jan. 31, 2025

Update on pause of federal funding disbursement

Questions continue to surround the federal Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) pause on disbursement of billions in federal grants and loans. On Jan. 27, OMB, under President Trump, issued Memorandum M-25-13, directing all federal agencies to pause disbursement of financial assistance—including grants, loans and congressionally directed spending—except for Social Security, Medicare and other direct aid programs for individuals. However, prior to the OMB directive taking effect at 5 p.m. on Jan. 28, a federal judge in Washington, D.C., issued a temporary injunction blocking enforcement of the memo through Feb. 3. On Jan. 29, the administration formally rescinded the cease in funding directive, but announced that it will continue a comprehensive review of federal programs and awards to ensure alignment with its policy priorities under newly issued executive orders.



Townships receiving or expecting funding under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 or the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act should note there is an earlier memorandum, [OMB Memo M-25-11](#), requiring agencies to pause disbursements of funds under these acts pending review by the Trump Administration. MTA advises townships to closely monitor any federal grant or loans your township may be expecting, particularly before spending township funds if they are expected to be reimbursed by a federal grant.

Additionally, the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) released two special reports, [Impact of Executive Action on Federal Funding](#) and [Executive Actions from the Second Trump Administration](#) on the funding issues. MTA and NATaT will continue to provide updates and information as more clarity is available.

Reminder: Feb. 7 deadline to verify taxable value for revenue sharing payments

All townships will receive statutory revenue sharing in the current fiscal year and your township has until **Feb. 7** to verify your township's taxable values. This information is important as the new funding uses three factors to determine the new payments: taxable value, weighted population and yield equalization. Ensure your township receives its appropriate revenue sharing payments and verify the taxable values on the [2024 Ad Valorem Taxable Values report](#). The report lists the total ad valorem real and personal property taxable values (as of the May 2024 state equalization). *These amounts do not include*

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valuation change orders from the July or December board of review, Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission. Township taxable values also exclude village taxable values, as statutory revenue sharing calculations for townships exclude the village taxable values. Taxable values include the taxable value of renaissance zone property and exempt disabled veterans' homesteads.

If your township's taxable value listed in the report is correct, no further action is needed. **If it is incorrect**, your township should submit [Form 6167, Correction of 2024 Ad Valorem Taxable Values Used for the FY 2025 Statutory Revenue Sharing 3 Formula Payment Calculations](#) to the Michigan Department of Treasury by **Feb. 7**. Treasury has a [FAQs document](#) to assist with questions. Call (517) 335-7487 or email TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov with additional questions.



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Bills opening Legislature, governor's office to FOIA pass senate

A bipartisan package of bills identified as one of the Senate's top priorities was approved by a vote of 33-2 on Wednesday. [Senate Bills 1](#) and [2](#), introduced by Sens. Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield) and Ed McBroom (R-Waucedah Twp.), would end the long practice that the Michigan Legislature and Executive Office of the governor are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The bills are identical to two bills that were passed by the Senate last session and died in the House during lame duck. The bills were referred to the House Committee on Government Operations.

Treasurers asked to verify 2024 millage rates by Feb. 6

Township treasurers are being asked by the Michigan Department of Treasury to verify their 2024 total millage rates. Because the department uses these rates to audit homestead property tax credits, it is important the rates match what were on the July and December 2024 tax bills. Treasury has compiled the [2024 total millage rates report](#) and is requesting treasurers to confirm they are correct for their township. If the rate listed in the report is correct, no action needs to be taken. However, if the reported rates do not match the rates actually levied on the July and December 2024 tax bills, email erhardtj@michigan.gov by Feb. 6, and attach a copy of the relevant July and December 2024 tax bills. Note that the *only part-unit special assessment rates* that may be included are public safety special assessments levied township-wide, excluding villages.

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property?

Saturday, Feb. 1 is National Unclaimed Property Day. Michigan's Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, Public Act 2 of 1995, requires holders of unclaimed property, including uncashed checks or forgotten bank accounts, to report and remit property belonging to owners who cannot be located or for whom there is no known address. Townships holding unclaimed property are required to comply with PA 2 by providing the Michigan Department of Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division with complete and accurate information on [an annual unclaimed property report](#). Even townships may be owed unclaimed property! A quick search of the state's [Unclaimed Property online database](#) for "Twp" and "Township" shows that hundreds of townships have unclaimed money waiting for them. Is your township one of them?

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EGLE webinars: Intro for locals, municipal wastewater operators

Upcoming Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) of interest to townships include:

Intro to EGLE: Township officials and employees can increase their familiarity with the many environmental regulations in EGLE's jurisdiction in a Feb. 26 [webinar](#), which will also cover what to expect when EGLE inspectors visit businesses in your township and available EGLE resources to help you protect the people and environment in your community.

Municipal wastewater CE credits: Virtual [Basic Chemistry for Water Operators training](#) courses are approved for up to 0.8 continuing education (CE) credits in the technical category for drinking water and wastewater operators. The sessions run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14. Register by Feb. 5.

Climate resilience grant applications accepted

Applications for grants to advance community-based climate resilience efforts can be submitted until March 3 for the Climate Smart Communities Initiative

program. Applications must be put forward by a joint effort of a local unit of government, a community-based organization and a certified climate adaptation professional. Learn more about eligible projects and partnership on the grant program [website](#).



Electric vehicle readiness webinar Feb. 4

Townships can participate in a Feb. 4 [Introduction to Smart Charging webinar](#) focused on electric vehicle readiness hosted by the Great Plains Institute and Interstate Renewable Energy Council. The webinar will cover the U.S. Department of Energy's Charging Smart program and include testimony from communities that have utilized the program's free technical assistance. If you cannot attend the webinar live, a recording will be sent to all registrants.

Federal update for week of Jan. 27

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

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