

Jan. 30, 2026

## Revised constitutional revenue sharing estimates

Check out your township's [FY 2026 Projected Constitutional and Statutory Revenue Sharing Payments](#). Based on the state's updated revenue estimates from the January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, the state Department of Treasury has updated the constitutional revenue sharing payment estimates for the balance of this fiscal year. Click on the link above and locate your township's estimated total for the current fiscal year.



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Join us for [MTA's 2026 Capital Conference](#) on **March 17**—but register before the **early-bird rate ends on Feb. 3** to receive discounted registration rates! This event puts you in the room with decision-makers shaping Michigan's future—legislators, state departments and MTA policy experts. You'll walk away with the knowledge, clarity and tools you need to navigate the evolving policy landscape and better position your township. This year's event focuses on major legislative and policy issues at the forefront facing township government:

- Zoning proposals—from renewable energy facilities and data centers to housing
- Property tax reform and potential considerations
- State revenue forecast and impacts to the state budget
- New grant programs for your township
- Election changes affecting local governments and your term of office
- 2030 Census—making every resident count

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February [Board of Review Trainings](#): Basic, advanced, and online options are coming to a location (or laptop) near you!

Feb. 18: *Now You Know* Lunchtime Webinar [Cloud Control: Navigating Data Center Impacts](#) (MTA members only)

March 17: [2026 MTA Capital Conference](#)

April 20-23: Registration is now open for [MTA's 2026 Annual Educational Conference & Expo](#) at the Grand Traverse Resort

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Township officials and staff can join a webinar on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. to learn about eligible projects and the application process for Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) recreation grant programs: the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, Recreation Passport Grant and Land and Water Conservation Program. [Online registration](#) is required. Grant applications are due April 1.

**Reminder: Annual Asset Forfeiture Online Report due by Feb. 27**

Every township is required to file an annual asset forfeiture report online with the Michigan State Police by Feb. 27, 2026, even if the local unit has no forfeitures to report. The report summarizes the local unit's activities regarding the forfeiture of property under the Public Health Code (controlled substances), Identify Theft Protection Act, Revised Judicature Act and Public Nuisance Act. Any property seized after Feb. 1, 2016, and forfeited (finalized) Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025, must be described in Section C of the [online survey](#). The 2026 Asset Forfeiture Report and 2026 Asset Forfeiture Report Instructions can be found [here](#). Once the form has been completed and submitted online, your township will be emailed a copy of the submission for your records. If you fail to complete the survey by Feb. 27, 2026, your township will be listed in the 2026 Asset Forfeiture Report under Chapter 28 as having failed to properly report the information required under the law. Contact [peacockb@michigan.gov](mailto:peacockb@michigan.gov) or (517) 449-2985 with questions.

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**Check for unclaimed property**

Michigan's Uniform Unclaimed Property Act requires townships and other 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. Even townships may be owed unclaimed property! Feb. 1 is National Unclaimed Property Day and townships are encouraged to conduct a simple search online to see if they have any lost or abandoned property. A quick search of the state's [Unclaimed](#)

**MTA QUICK LINKS**

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[Property online database](#) for “Twp” and “Township” shows more than 1,100 properties for townships have unclaimed waiting for them. Is your township one of them? Find out today!

### NEZ rehabilitated facility inflation rate adjustment

The Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Act authorizes a specific tax to be levied on real property (excluding land) with a valid NEZ certificate in lieu of the ad valorem tax. The [Rehabilitated Facility inflation rate adjustment](#) has been updated for 2026 and can be found along with other property tax exemption information on the state Department of Treasury’s [property tax exemption webpage](#).

### Building Michigan Communities Conference offers new elected officials track; limited space available

The [Building Michigan Communities Conference \(BMCC\)](#) is offering a new, carefully curated educational track exclusively for elected officials. In the four one-hour sessions in the Elected Officials Leadership Track, invitation-only attendees will gain a clear, practical understanding of how affordable housing works, from policy and financing to community readiness and supply, equipping them to make informed decisions and lead coordinated, locally driven housing solutions. Elected officials who wish to participate should complete [a brief interest form](#) today as space is limited and participation, available on a first-come, first-served basis, is subject to approval. Interest forms will be reviewed on a weekly basis and those accepted into the track will be provided a unique link to register for the conference. Selected participants are expected to register for the conference at the applicable rate and attend all four track sessions, taking place May 12 during BMCC 2026 in Lansing. Contact [communications-mshda@michigan.gov](mailto:communications-mshda@michigan.gov) with questions.



### ‘Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability’ webinar scheduled for Feb. 9

[Register today](#) for the state Department of Treasury’s next [Fiscally Ready Communities](#) webinar, “*Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability*” on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. The webinar will provide best practices for local governments’ fiscal health, including budgeting, long-term planning, dealing with uncertainty and financial policies and procedures. Participants will learn best practices for understanding the tax base and volatile revenue, forecasting revenue and expenditures, and tracking budget performance. Questions can be submitted in advance to [TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov), with the subject line “Fiscally Ready.”





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### Brownfield incentive webinar

Several state departments and agencies involved in brownfield incentive administration are hosting a webinar to keep brownfield stakeholders up to date on funding and successful implementation. It will also cover what factors set a project up for success to maximize use of funding. The webinar is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. and [registration](#) is required.

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### Upcoming grant opportunities for townships

Two federal grant opportunities are available to townships:

- The [FY 2026 Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants to Alleviate Health Risks program](#) supports low-income communities that face significant health risks due to lack of access or use of adequate and affordable water or waste disposal services. Funding supports projects in communities with populations of 10,000 or fewer to build basic drinking water and waste disposal systems, including systems to handle stormwater drainage. Applications are accepted year-round with [local USDA Rural Development offices](#).
- The [FY 2026 Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program](#) supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects. The program does not provide monetary awards, but partners with the funding agency's conservation and recreation planning professionals to help communities realize their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. Applications are due March 1, 2026.

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### Reminders for clerks

- **May 5 election deadlines:** On Feb. 4, configuration sets for tabulators must be selected if conducting early voting, and the local board of election commissioners must have informed their county clerk that a vote center will be established in the township. The deadline for ballot wording certification to local or county clerks is Feb. 10.
- **Permanent AV application list:** Townships that have discontinued their permanent absent voter (AV) application list must send a notice to all affected voters and update their status in the Qualified Voter File. Permanent AV application list statuses for voters in affected jurisdictions will be removed in the coming weeks.

- **Early voting cost savings:** The state Bureau of Elections (BOE) reminds local governments that, in the absence of a county early voting agreement, municipal agreements even with one other municipality could cut early voting costs in half. An early voting agreement with multiple municipalities could mean your townships is only responsible for one or two days of early voting as opposed to the nine required by the state Constitution.
- **Early in-person voting webpage:** The Michigan Department of State has an [early in-person voting webpage](#) with an FAQ that is updated regularly. BOE encourages clerks to share it in their communications with residents and on their township website or social media.
- **Train-the-Trainer 2026:** BOEs Train-the-Trainer course offers accreditation for clerks and staff in municipalities with a population over 10,000 who are authorized by election law to conduct certification training of election inspectors. Eleven sessions are planned in March throughout the state, with registration found in the [eLearning Center](#). Accreditation is not required if you do not conduct election inspector training sessions. For jurisdictions with under 10,000 residents that assist their county clerk with election inspector training, the county clerk must send an approved exception request for consideration to BOE's Training & Election Assistance Team.

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### Federal updates for week of Jan. 26

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

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