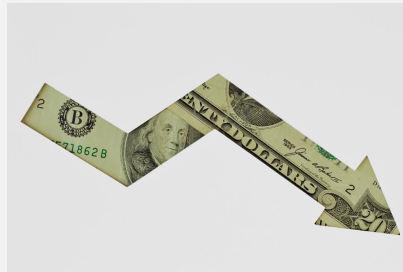


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State revenues revised downward

State revenues for the current and upcoming state fiscal years were revised today at the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) due to decreased state revenues.



The [consensus revisions](#) indicate a decrease from the January 2025 CREC. For the current fiscal year, combined revenue for both the General Fund and School Aid Fund estimates were decreased by \$136 million from January estimates, and estimates for the upcoming fiscal year are projected to be \$320 million lower. Higher than anticipated eligibility for tax cuts, along with lower corporate income tax and personal income tax revenues drove the decrease in state revenues.

CREC establishes an official economic forecast of major variables of the national and state economies, as well as a forecast of anticipated state revenues. Economists from the House Fiscal Agency, Senate Fiscal Agency and state Department of Treasury presented their economic and revenue forecasts for fiscal years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27. CREC sets the revenue estimates for the governor and the Legislature for their work on the upcoming FY 2025-26 state budget, and projects sales tax revenue for constitutional revenue sharing.

2025 PPT reimbursement millage data available

Although not required, townships can review and correct errors in the Michigan Department of Treasury's eligible millage rate calculation for the 2025 personal property tax (PPT) reimbursement. The calculations can be found on [Treasury's 2025 PPT Reimbursements website](#) under the "Millage Rate Comparison Reports" heading. If you identify an error, the township will need to complete the [Form 5613, Millage Rate Correction for the 2025 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations](#) to notify Treasury of the error(s) by Aug. 1. In addition to the correction form, you must provide substantiating documentation to support the millage correction. Reporting forms (along with the associated deadlines) and additional information are available on the [PPT Reimbursements website](#) under [Forms and Instructions](#). Contact TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov or (517) 335-7484 with questions.

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Senate

Statutory revenue sharing for all townships, cities and villages would increase by 10% under the Senate's budget recommendation for FY 2026. [Senate Bill 173](#), sponsored by Sen. John Cherry (D-Flint), would distribute the increased funds through the three-factor formula that was implemented in the current fiscal year. The current year appropriation provided statutory revenue sharing to ALL townships for the first time in nearly two decades.



Additionally, a new Community Crime Reduction Initiative is proposed that would assist local units in reducing crime. Under the proposal, grants would be awarded to eligible units with \$60 million for counties and \$40 million to *eligible* townships, cities and villages. To be eligible, a township, city or village would have to have a population of 7,500 or more and a per capita taxable value of \$45,000 or less. This initiative is an alternative to the public safety and violence prevent fund legislation passed recently by the House. SB 173 now moves to the House for action.

House approves DNR Trust Fund funding

Funding for 20 township projects, included in the 85 projects recommended by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, was approved by the House Appropriations Committee this week. [House Bill 4392](#), sponsored by Rep. Ken Borton (R-Hayes Twp.), provides \$41.8 million in matching funds for 17 land acquisition projects and 68 land development projects. The bill next goes to the Senate for action.



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School safety changes involving local law enforcement pass House

Two bills requiring local law enforcement collaboration to develop school district safety plans were passed by the full House this week. [House Bill 4222](#), sponsored by Rep. Kathy Schmaltz (R-Summit Twp.), would require K-12 schools to adopt or update their emergency operations plan in consultation with local law enforcement by July 1, 2026, and update it at least every three years afterwards. Also approved was [HB 4258](#), sponsored by Rep. Angela Rigas (R-Caledonia Twp.), which would require Michigan State Police to report any tips regarding student and school safety to the local law enforcement



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agency and school officials as soon as possible and not later than 24 hours after receiving the tip. The bills are a part of a larger school safety package and move to the Senate for consideration.

Bill allowing drain special assessments on DNR lands advances

A bill supported by MTA that allows drain special assessments on land owned or controlled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) passed the House by a vote of 104-2 this week. Under current law, all state-owned land other than state highways is exempt from such assessments. In some instances, this has resulted in a small number of adjacent property owners paying for an entire drain that resides mostly on state land. [House Bill 4118](#), sponsored by Rep. Bill Schuette (R-Midland), would end the DNR exemption and require the state to pay its share of the cost to construct a drain. The bill advances to the Senate for further action.

Property tax exemption program application deadline reminders

To ensure processing and certification for the following tax year, local units are reminded of the 2025 application deadlines, and corresponding contact information. Assessors are also reminded of 2025 deadlines for various assessing officer reports.

- June 16—Assessing Officer Reports: Attainable Housing; Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Homestead Facilities; Residential Housing; Solar Energy Facilities; submit to pte@michigan.gov
 - June 16—Exemption Applications: Air Pollution Control; Water Pollution Control; to pte@michigan.gov or Property Tax Exemption Section P.O. Box 30760, Lansing, MI, 48909
 - Oct. 15—Assessing Officers: Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption; Commercial Facilities; Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption; to pte@michigan.gov
 - Oct. 15—Assessing Officers: Industrial Facilities Exemption; to Treas-StateSharePropTaxes@michigan.gov
 - Oct. 31—Exemption Applications: Industrial Facilities; Neighborhood Enterprise Zones; Obsolete Property Rehabilitation; Commercial Rehabilitation; New Personal Property; Charitable Nonprofit Housing; Commercial Facilities; Attainable Housing; Residential Housing; Solar Energy Facilities; to pte@michigan.gov or Property Tax Exemption Section P.O. Box 30760, Lansing, MI, 48909
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Treasury seeks comments on Numbered Letters

Local governments receive guidance from the Michigan Department of Treasury on accounting and auditing through Numbered Letters. Treasury is in the process of changing the Michigan Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing Statements to Numbered Letters, and is seeking public comments until May 22. Revisions in [Exposure-Draft-2025-1-Memorandum](#), [Numbered Letter 2005-7 Definition of Financial Reporting Entity](#), [Numbered letter 2002-8](#) include updating formatting, ensuring all weblinks are accurate and content updates. Submit comments to LAFD_Audits@michigan.gov with the subject line, “Numbered Letters Exposure Draft,” or Michigan Department of Treasury Local

Youth employment webinar with federal, state labor departments

Employers that regularly hire minors must be familiar with state and federal requirements that protect young workers. A joint presentation and Q&A on youth employment from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Labor is scheduled for May 29 for employers, young job seekers, parents and school officials. No registration is required; simply join via [Teams](#) at 2:30 pm on May 29.

Reminders for clerks

- The [May 2025 Post-Election Audit List](#) has been posted in the Bureau of Elections (BOE) eLearning portal. All audits must be completed within 30 days of canvass certification. Jurisdictions being audited can expect to hear from their county clerk's office or the BOE soon.
 - The 2024 Federal Election Security Grant claim is open. The deadline to submit the application and supporting documentation is May 30. The Election Security Grant covers costs incurred between Oct. 1, 2024, through post-election activities until Feb. 28, 2025. To review a list of eligible expenses categories and details for reimbursement requirements, review the 2024 Security Costs Reimbursement Program summary found in eLearning.
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June classes dive into ESTA changes, cemetery management

Join MTA next month for a one-day, two-topic event coming to four locations across the state—choose one session or attend both at a discount!

- **Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) & Your Township:** This morning session offers insights on the new law requiring paid sick leave for all employees, its impact on your township and policy changes you should make immediately.
- **Cemetery Challenges & Solutions:** This afternoon class reviews legal obligations, fees and budgeting aspects, roles of advisory committees, sextons, caretakers, the clerk and township board. Special thanks to [Trimedia Environmental & Engineering](#) for their generous sponsorship of this session.

[Learn more here](#) or [register online now](#) to secure your seat today!

Federal updates for week of May 13 and updated special report

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for the latest on federal actions impacting townships. NATaT has also again updated its special report on executive actions and their impact on federal funding. The [Special Report - Trump Administration Executive Action](#) has been updated to reflect announcements and information as of May 15. NATaT will continue to closely track executive actions and provide updates on the federal level of

importance to communities.

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