

Oct. 17, 2025

Updated revenue sharing numbers

Earlier this week, constitutional revenue sharing projections for fiscal year 2026 were revised to reflect a lower negative impact of \$46.4 million for six months of the fiscal year, due to the lag in sales tax collections for constitutional revenue sharing payments. Previous estimates showed a funding loss of \$93 million for the full fiscal year and \$69 million for nine months of the fiscal year—as the removal of the sales tax at the pump takes effect on Jan. 1 (and not the beginning of the fiscal year). However, because constitutional revenue sharing payments are based on previous months' sales tax collections (i.e., February payments are based on November and December sales tax receipts), estimates have been revised to a \$46.4 million loss to municipalities. View your township's updated [Constitutional/CVT Revenue Sharing Estimates for FY 2026](#) for both statutory (unchanged) and constitutional (loss of \$46.4 million) revenue sharing. This impacts the estimates of the constitutional revenue sharing loss **for FY 2026 only**; the full impact of the loss compared to the last fiscal year remains at \$93 million. Because constitutional revenue sharing is based on sales tax collections, should sales tax revenues come in higher than projected, the year-over-year loss may be less, and if they are lower than projected, the loss will be greater. However, based on the enacted state budget and road funding, there will be a specific loss—in FY 2026 and moving forward—that would not have occurred had the loss of sales tax at the pump been backfilled.



Bills would limit both medical and recreational marijuana licenses

Two bills were discussed this week to limit the licensure of both medical and recreational retail marijuana licenses. [Senate Bill 597](#), sponsored by Sen. Sam Singh (D-East Lansing), would amend the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act to prohibit the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) from issuing a marijuana retailer license if it would result in more than one marijuana retailer for every 10,000 residents in the applicant's municipality. Similarly, [SB 598](#), sponsored by Sen. Jeremy Moss (D-Bloomfield Twp.), would amend the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act to prohibit CRA from issuing a medical provisioning center license if it would result in more than one provisioning center for every 10,000 residents in the applicant's municipality. The license limit would be effective beginning on Jan. 1, 2026, under both bills. Further consideration of the bills is anticipated next week.

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'Getting Grant Ready' webinar on Sept. 25

[Register today](#) for the state Department of Treasury's next [Fiscally Ready Communities](#) webinar, "Getting Grant Ready," on Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. The webinar will help local governments align grant opportunities with community goals, assess capacity to manage grants, and develop proactive policies and procedures. Participants will learn best practices for identifying, applying for and managing grants to strengthen fiscal sustainability and maximize funding impact. Questions can be submitted in advance to TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov, with the subject line "Fiscally Ready."

Review and comment sought on Uniform Chart of Accounts revisions

The Michigan Department of Treasury provides direction to local governments in the form of the Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCA). To ensure this information is up to date and useful, the department is updating the UCA manual and is seeking review and comment on the [draft manual](#) and [revisions to the UCA manual](#). Among the revisions are format changes, include a phrase where point off for activity and account numbers can be numbers or letters, and account description and Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement updates. Submit written comments until Nov. 16 to LAFD_Audits@michigan.gov with the subject line "UCA Revisions Draft," or to the Michigan Department of Treasury Local Audit and Finance Division, P.O. Box 30728 Lansing, MI 48909-8228. Questions? Call (517) 335-7469.

Webinars on watershed, coastal management grant programs

The state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy is hosting webinars to share information on two grant opportunities.

- The state's [Nonpoint Source \(NPS\) program](#) provides grants and technical assistance to local officials tasked with watershed management. An Oct. 28 [webinar](#) will cover the grant application schedule and requirements, program priorities and eligibility, and tips for successful applications. Funding can be used by local units of government, watershed councils and alliances, and nonprofits that improve water quality within a watershed to cover organizational needs, conservation activities and educational efforts.
- Local governments interested in applying for the 2027 [Coastal Management Grant Program](#) are invited to learn more about the program at an Oct. 21 [webinar](#). Eligible projects include port and harbor revitalization, efforts to minimize coastal hazards, restoration and protection of health coastal ecosystems for public use, and stormwater

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Nov. 1 invasive species grant deadline approaching

Townships can apply for up to \$400,000 to support invasive species projects without a match requirement through 2026 [Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program](#) (MISGP); the application deadline is Nov. 1. Michigan's 22 cooperative invasive species management areas are also eligible for up to \$70,000 in grant funding for projects spanning large geographical areas. Eligible projects, application guidance and more information can be found in the [MISGP handbook](#).

Reminders for clerks

- **Nov. 4 election voter registration deadlines:** Oct. 20 is the deadline to register to vote in any manner besides at the local clerk's office to be eligible to vote on Nov. 4. Any voter registered by mail with a registration form postmarked after Oct. 20 also must be sent a notice. The notice is generated in the Qualified Voter File (QVF) by clicking on the "Voter Notice" button.
 - **Voting equipment testing reminder:** Preliminary equipment testing for the November election should begin soon after you receive ballots. Local election commissions are responsible for conducting accuracy tests. Election officials are encouraged to review the [Test Procedures Manual](#) and step-by-step instructions on [Public Accuracy Testing for Voter Assist Terminals](#) in the state Bureau of Elections (BOE) eLearning.
 - **Virtual training:** The BOE Training Team is offering 30- to 45-minute virtual sessions on specialized election administration tasks. The next three sessions cover Election Day electronic poll book on Oct. 21 at 10:30 a.m., election night reminders on Oct. 23 at noon, and Election Day emergencies on Oct. 30 at noon. Signups and recordings of past sessions are also available in the eLearning Center.
 - **Accessible voting resources:** The BOE has [three poster sizes](#) featuring the voter assist terminals designed to be posted in clerks' offices and polling locations.
 - **Cybersecurity:** The Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency has several [resources](#) to refresh cybersecurity training and help you stay safe when you are online.
 - **Video surveillance requirements:** On Jan. 1, 2026, municipalities must video monitor all drop boxes during the 75 days before each election. BOE has funding available to purchase drop boxes or reimburse costs incurred from drop boxes or security cameras already purchased. To order a drop box, use the [Municipal Clerk Drop Box Order Form](#). To submit a reimbursement request for an eligible drop box and/or security camera, use the [Postage, Drop Box and Security Camera Reimbursement Instructions and Form](#).
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Michigan microplastics virtual summit

Microplastics are a growing concern in Michigan, where they are appearing in lakes, rivers, drinking water, wildlife and even the air. The first Michigan Microplastics Summit will be held Oct. 22 as

part of [Microplastic Awareness Week](#). Hosted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, this free virtual event includes presentations discussing the fate and transport of microplastics, analysis methods, human and ecosystem health impacts, and interactions with other contaminants. View the full agenda and register online on the [program website](#).

Workplace violence prevention training

The next free Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration workplace violence prevention training is scheduled for Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, hosted both online and in person at the Oakland University Human Health Building, 433 Meadow Brook Road in Rochester. The two key topics covered are identifying the potentially violent individual in a workplace setting and behavioral threat assessment and management. [Registration](#) for the virtual and in-person options is required.

Member input on MTA's 2026 legislative issues

As a member township official, you can review and provide input on the MTA legislative policy platform. The legislative policy objectives—reviewed, updated and approved annually—guide the Association's government relations efforts and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review the current [2025-2026 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed additions and revisions by Monday, Nov. 24. Member-proposed policy changes will be reviewed by MTA policy committees and will be presented at the 2026 MTA Annual Meeting in conjunction with our 2026 Annual Educational Conference in April. Contact legislation@michigantownships.org with questions, comments or suggestions.

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Federal updates for week of Oct. 14

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

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