



Friday, June 9, 2023

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The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Friday, June 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This meeting will be hosted by Sumpter Township, located in the Township Hall: 23480 Sumpter Rd. Belleville, MI 48111.

<u>Item Description</u>		<u>Action</u>	<u>Presentation</u>
1. Call to Order			Supervisor Glaab
2. Roll Call			Mayor Brosnan
3. Introductions			Supervisor Glaab
4. Adoption of Agenda	6/9/2023	Approval	Supervisor Glaab
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes	5/12/2023	Approval	Mayor Brosnan
6. Directors' Reports			
A. Executive Director's Report		Approval	Ms. Sellek
B. Legislative Update		Information	Ms. Sellek
7. Presentations			
Jack Howard, Fusus Public Safety Advisor <i>Fusus Crime Center</i>			
Matt Paul, Executive VP for DTE <i>Reliability Improvement Update</i>			
8. Elected Officials' Comments			Supervisor Glaab
9. Public Comment			Supervisor Glaab
10. Other Business			Supervisor Glaab
11. Adjournment			Supervisor Glaab

Presentations are limited to 10 minutes



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CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Mayor Rhasea gave a brief welcome to the City of Wayne.

2. ROLL CALL- TURNBULL

Mayor Brosnan called the roll:
Supervisor Ann-Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township;
Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township;
Pro Tem Ms. Barbara Moroski-Browne, alternate, City of Northville;
Ms. Cynthia Jankowski, alternate, Northville Charter Township;
Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township;
Pro Tem Ms. Kim Dold, alternate, City of Garden City;
Mr. Tim Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights;
Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;
Fire Marshall Laura Ridenour, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Mr. Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Charter Township;
Mayor Mike Londeau, City of Westland;
Mayor Nick Moroz , City of Plymouth.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Inkster, and City of Romulus.

Others present: Representative from Debbie Dingell's office, Representative from Rashida Tlaib's office, and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

4. 3rd CIRCUIT COURT UPDATE-

Judge Melissa Cox gave an update on the 3rd Circuit Court.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-GLAAB

Motion by Heise, supported by Moroz to approved the agenda for May 12, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- BROSANAN

Motion by Heise, supported by Rhasea to approve the meeting minutes for April 14, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT- HEISE

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Rush to approve the April 30, 2023 treasurer's reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. Directors Report- SELLEK

MI SENATE BUDGETS \$20M FOR GLWA

On April 19, Highland Park passed a resolution asking the state to provide the authorization needed for the City to file Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

On May 3, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$20.3M in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for Highland Park to use to repay the estimated \$24M they are responsible for.

Senator Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit), chair of MDHHS subcommittee, stated the Legislature should make a direct appropriation to Highland Park "because the state would be on the hook for the city's debts should Whitmer authorize a bankruptcy..."

Conversely, the House MDHHS budget does not include money for paying off Highland Park's debt. Should the Senate MDHHS Committee budget pass the full Senate, the fate of \$20.3M to Highland Park will need to be determined during Conference Committee.

Highland Park and GLWA have until May 31 to negotiate a debt payment plan. Both parties need to present the potential plan to the court on June 6.

NEW STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Governor Whitmer recommended \$325M in her 2022-23 budget for a new hospital to be built in Northville for patients currently being served at Hawthorn Center and Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital.

The facility will be a modernized upgrade to the two existing hospitals, and the consolidation will allow for better efficiency. Adults and juvenile patients will maintain separate living and treatment facilities in the new space.

Hawthorn and Reuther serve nearly 200 patients and are among the remaining five in patient psychiatric hospitals in Michigan.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Municipalities are still able to participate in the opioid settlement until May 9. A copy of the information provided in April is below:

Eligible municipalities are encouraged to voluntarily participate in four opioid settlements that would bring over \$446 million to Michigan over 13 years—if max participation is reached.

The settlement agreements with Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, CVS Pharmacy, and Walmart Pharmacy are a result from ongoing efforts to hold companies responsible for contributing to the opioid epidemic we continue to face in this country.

Based on the settlement terms, there are 278 local units of government, from all 83 counties, eligible to participate in Michigan.

Eligible CWW Communities:

Canton Township
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Garden City
Inkster
Huron Township
Livonia
Northville Township
Plymouth Township
Redford Township

Romulus
Van Buren Township
Wayne
Westland

Other municipalities are eligible if:

- the municipality is currently litigating against the defendants; or
- the municipality has a population of 10,000 people or more.

Eligible municipalities that have not completed participation forms may email the Department of the Attorney General for additional instructions.

Spending priority would be placed on treatment and prevention.

CWW 45TH ANNIVERSARY

We will be holding a reception for CWW's 45th Anniversary on September 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia from 5:00p.m-8:00p.m. Invitations have been printed and will be sent out over the next 2 months.

We are asking that any elected officials or individuals wishing to present resolutions be there by 6:00p.m for the program portion. Please let CWW staff know if you are planning on making a presentation.

NEW CWW OFFICES JULY 1

CWW will begin moving from our current office space to the Americenter at 39111 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, on July 1.

POLICE WEEK

This year's police week will be recognized May 14-20.

NEXT CWW MEETING

Our next CWW meeting will be held in Sumpter Township on June 9.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- SELLEK

FEDERAL RECYCLING LEGISLATION

S.1189 The Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2023 Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) establishes a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, and for other purposes.

S.1194 Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States.

Both bills were reported favorably from committee.

AGGREGATE BILLS

A three-bill, bipartisan package (HBs 4526, 4527 and 4528) changing aggregate permitting requirements has been introduced and have had one committee hearing. These bills are re-introductions from the previous session.

The primary goal of the bills is to modify the current aggregate mining regulations. And they have been both strongly supported and strongly opposed.

Last session the bills passed the Senate but did not move in the House. On Tuesday, the bill package heard testimony in committee. Local government and environmental groups continue to remain opposed to the bills. However, both CEO Evans and Hackel have come out in support of the legislation.

Michigan Aggregates testified that without the expanded access to aggregates throughout the state, the future of the trade and Michigan's infrastructure could be catastrophic. The bills would move the mining permits from the hands of local governments to EGLE to be approved or denied.

The local government groups argued the usurp of local authority and ignores local zoning laws.

Reported by Gongwer, committee chair and one of the bill sponsors, Rep. Carter (D-Detroit) stated:

This package is very much aligned with the commitment of the governor to fix our state's crumbling roads and infrastructure, he said. "I believe aggregate permitting reform is a huge part of our overall commitment to improving infrastructure. As you will hear today, the need for aggregate reform in Michigan is fundamental and critical. Crumbling roads (are) driving record demand for limited permitted aggregate sites. The rising costs of road construction will require immediate action to ensure we are making taxpayer dollars stretch as far as possible.

Whether your municipality supports or opposes the legislation, please reach out to your representative if it is an issue of importance to your community. It is possible that testimony will continue next week.

2023-24 STATE BUDGET

The Senate matched the Governor's recommendations for both a 5% (\$14M) one-time revenue sharing increase and a 5% (\$14M) ongoing increase. The Senate also recommended a total of \$1.1B for constitutional revenue sharing, roughly the same as 2022-23. Differing from the House and Governor, the Senate did NOT include recommended increases for public safety initiatives.

Any pull back in funding on the Senate side was attributed to the decrease in estimated state revenue and the income tax rollback. The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference scheduled for May 19 will be critical in determining budget targets.

Also included by the Senate are placeholders for Proposals 1 and 2. Costs for early in-person voting through Proposal 2, are still being worked out by the Senate Fiscal Agency. However, there has been an estimation of initial costs of \$45M. And that does not include the costs to local governments.

The Senate also reduced the Governor's recommended \$200M for lead line replacement down to \$100M.

On the House side, the Transportation Committee recommended \$400M for local roads. Both the House and Senate included funding for rail grade separation.

With a budget goal of late May/early June, the Senate voted out all committee budgets this week.

Once the House and Senate pass their budgets, conference committees will begin their work to find agreement.

Once consensus is found, each Chamber will again vote on the budget. At this time, the democrat-controlled Senate will need at least 6 republican votes to order immediate effect to the budget. If immediate effect is not ordered, the state could be facing a month's long government shut down starting October 1.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Representative Rashida Talib gave an update on the current status on debt sealing and the various projects within our communities that have received funding from the Community Project fund.

Mr. Zach Hayward gave an update from Representative Debbie Dingell's office.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience spoke.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Rhesea spoke on the continued frustration the City of Wayne as well as other communities are facing with the cost required to news printing services. There was continued discussion between members of the board on the best form of action to reach a better compromise that will help alleviate this obligation. This topic will be brought to the CWW Executive Committee to form an action plan.

Mayor Bazzi spoke on the renovations to the Warren Valley golf course in Dearborn Heights which is now open and will be hosting the 2023 Marine Corps Challenge. Mayor Bazzi invites all his fellow members of the CWW board to attend.

Mr. David Schreiber spoke to the board about survey going out to the communities on broadband ranges. In the next couple of weeks Mr. Schreiber will be sending out more information to the Board with content for different forums to keep their residents informed on this survey. This survey is created to give a more accurate reading on true broadband coverage.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Londeau, supported by Rush to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:48 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried



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ITEM # 6-A

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
FOR MEETING DATE: June 9, 2023**

ITEM: CWW Update

PRESENTER: Jordyn Sellek, Executive Director

Executive Committee Authorization

Approval Item

The CWW Board does not meet during the months of July and August. Traditionally, the CWW Executive Committee has been authorized to act on standard board issues with the ability to call a special meeting for the full board if necessary. *The CWW Board Members may wish to adopt the below resolution designating the executive committee to act on behalf of the full board from June 10, 2023 to September 7, 2023:*

**A Resolution in Support of the Executive
Committee to Act for Full Board**

Whereas, the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) is a consortium of eighteen western Wayne County communities joined in an effort to improve local government and local services through cooperation and collaboration; and

Whereas, the CWW Board traditionally does not hold full Board Meetings during the months of July and August of each year; and

Whereas, if any issues of extreme urgency arise, a full Board Meeting would be called for all communities to attend;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Conference of Western Wayne Board authorizes the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Board from June 10, 2023 through September 7, 2023 with the next full CWW Board Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2023.

GLWA Highland Park Update

June 5, 2023 press release:

Interim Agreement Reached Between GLWA and the City of Highland Park Related to Staying Pending Collections Cases, Including Payment of \$24 Million Judgment for Water and Wastewater Services in the 2014 Case

After many hours of discussion over the last month, we are pleased to announce that GLWA and the city of Highland Park have reached an interim agreement related to temporarily suspending the 2014 and 2020 collections cases. Please see the news release below for more specifics on the agreement, and how we will move forward in good faith toward a more comprehensive resolution.

- *Both the 2014 and 2020 cases stayed (a pause or temporary suspension of court activities) until October 1, 2023*
- *Highland Park agrees to pay GLWA \$1 million by June 9, 2023, or stays will be lifted, and the judgment enforced*
- *All parties involved have committed to work together in good faith toward a comprehensive solution*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the city of Highland Park have reached an interim agreement related to staying the pending collections cases, including enforcement of the \$24 million judgment owed to GLWA by Highland Park for unpaid water and wastewater services in the 2014 case. Moving forward all parties involved will work in good faith toward a comprehensive solution.

Key elements of the agreement include:

- Highland Park paying and delivering to GLWA \$1 million by June 9, 2023, which will be applied to the judgment in the 2014 case or to a final settlement if one is reached. GLWA and Highland Park agree that the judgment of approximately \$24 million will continue to accrue interest until the full amount is satisfied;
- Upon receipt of the \$1 million by June 9, 2023, GLWA and Highland Park will request a stay of the 2014 case, from which the \$24 million judgment resulted, until October 1, 2023. In addition, GLWA and Highland Park will request a stay of the 2020 case (for monies owed post-2014) and an adjournment of the trial currently scheduled to begin in July) until on or after December 5, 2023 (on a date to be set by the court);
- If Highland Park does not make the \$1 million payment to GLWA by June 9, 2023, the stays are immediately lifted and GLWA may immediately enforce the judgment in the 2014 case. Enforcement of a judgment against municipalities involves serving the judgment on the city assessor who is then required to place the judgment on the city's tax rolls;
- GLWA and Highland Park understand the state of Michigan intends to file a position statement with the court in the 2014 case stating its support of the stay of the proceedings and explaining why the State is involved and intends to participate in efforts to resolve this matter and reach a final, comprehensive solution to all issues.

"I am pleased that we have been able to reach this interim agreement with the city of Highland Park," said Suzanne R. Coffey, GLWA Chief Executive Officer. "I am confident the effort exhibited by all parties, which has allowed us to get to this interim step, will carry forward and move us toward a more comprehensive solution for our region. In addition, we appreciate the state of Michigan's desire and intention to participate in the process moving forward, as they are key to any long-term solution."

May Revenue Estimating Conference

Revenues for FY 23-24 are down \$1.8B compared to estimates given in January. Much of the decline is due to tax changes enacted since the January conference. The decrease will focus on General Fund since most of the legislation enacted has attempted to hold School Aid harmless.

The tax changes will total over \$1M for FY 23-24 and just under \$2B for FY 24-25.

Regardless of the forecast decline, the state is confident there are enough resources to deliver on the priorities of the governor and the Legislature because many of the tax changes have been included in the budgets developed by the House and Senate.

The legislature's goal to finish the FY 23-24 budget remains July 1.

MI Fire Equipment Grants

Your community may be able to apply for up to a \$10,000 grant to purchase fire equipment for part-time, on-call or volunteer firefighters through the MI Fire Equipment Grant Program. The grant is available to qualified local units of governments for new fire gear for firefighters and can be used as reimbursement for fire equipment purchases made on or after Aug. 1, 2022. Municipalities must complete the application and supporting documentation and submit by July 10. Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in early August 2023, with final invoices to be submitted by Sept. 30, 2023. Email Treas-MIFireGrant@michigan.gov with questions.

CWW Summer Activities

The CWW staff will be working on several major projects over the summer months. Staff will be occupied with the CWW office move, the 2023 Salary Survey, the CWW 2023-2024 budget and State budget. Additionally, we will be working on the 45th Anniversary celebration scheduled for September 14.

Next CWW Meeting

Have a great summer. The next CWW meeting is Friday, September 9, 2023 in Redford Township.



Coalition for a Strong and Prosperous Michigan 2023-2024 Policy Priorities

Our coalition has been actively working to advance a bold vision to build Michigan's future and strategically invest in our residents, entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities since July 2021. We believe by working together, Michigan can be a magnet for talent, revive and strengthen the economy now and into the future, and support thriving communities that all can enjoy.

As community, business, and labor leaders, we developed a comprehensive Roadmap to invest, leverage, and amplify American Rescue Plan resources. This framework helped guide many of the investment decisions made by our state legislature and resulted in billions of dollars in investment in the areas we identified as priorities. As our coalition has evolved, our overarching objectives have remained the same.

- Utilize cost effective methods and available resources to invest in infrastructure, build capacity, and improve fiscal stability for people, places, and businesses.
- Create multi-sector partnerships between communities, state leaders, interest groups, businesses, labor, and philanthropy to leverage available resources, accelerating the impact of our investment.
- Initiate long-term change to sustain and amplify investment for us and our future.

To meet these ambitious goals, we suggest focusing investing and creating policy that addresses the following key areas:

- **Investing in Infrastructure Built for the Future:** Build and sustain resilient and reliable systems and structures.
- **Strengthening the Economy Through Thriving Communities:** Create opportunities for housing, workforce, and economic development that foster attractive places for people and businesses.
- **Improving Governance, Safety, and Well-Being in our Communities:** Support systems and structures that provide long-term sustainability for people, places, and businesses.

The decisions made during the current legislative session will define Michigan's future for years to come. The Coalition understands that our future success is inextricably linked, and the strategic investment of the state's available resources and policy implementation needs to support and strengthen these connections. Our bold vision to build Michigan's future capitalizes on the economic value of thriving communities, advances equity, creates community wealth, supports entrepreneurship, prioritizes the need for talent, and spurs business development.

As leaders representing people from every corner of Michigan, we have come together to offer our support for this comprehensive and interconnected set of policy priorities. We welcome an opportunity to work together on building a path forward to support Michigan residents, businesses, and communities with the tools and resources necessary to create future prosperity.

Investing in Infrastructure Built for the Future: Build and sustain resilient and reliable systems and structures.

Infrastructure is the lifeblood between the people we represent and the places they live. Strong, resilient infrastructure sustains local economies, improves quality of life, provides equitable access to jobs, and protects the environment. We support proactive policy and making strategic investment in our infrastructure that will allow us to improve our transportation network, remove lead service lines, build resilient water systems, and expand access to broadband.

- Roads, Bridges, Transit
 - a. Advocate that the state act on creating a sustainable model for funding roads, bridges, transit, and mobility in Michigan.
 - b. Support a Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) pilot in Michigan to study the potential impacts and benefits of this being a component of the solution to fund the state's transportation network.
 - c. Provide additional funding for local road agencies to fix non-federal aid eligible local roads and neighborhood streets.
 - d. Michigan Bridge Bundling Initiative
 - Support additional investment to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient bridges across Michigan.
- Water Sewer Stormwater
 - a. Statewide Water Assistance Program (\$100M)
 - Create a program that provides flexibility for municipal water suppliers to partner with the state to provide relief on customers' bill modeled after existing programs, fund improvements and upgrades to home plumbing, and fund installation of check valves, sump pumps, or replacement of sewer leads to mitigate flooding.
 - b. Lead Line Replacement (\$225M)
 - Support ongoing funding from the state to help communities replace lead service lines.
 - c. High Water Infrastructure Grants (\$85M)
 - Provide infrastructure and planning grants to mitigate effects of severe weather events, focusing on local projects that address flooding, coastline erosion, urban heat, and storm water management.
 - d. Incentivize Resiliency Planning and Infrastructure Coordination (\$50M)
 - Provided resources to local agencies to create resiliency plans and direct financial incentives to coordinate local projects with the public and private sector.
- Renewable Energy
 - a. Renewable Ready Communities (\$40M)
 - Provide grants to local communities for the creation of renewable energy facilities at a regional scale.
 - b. Michigan Clean Fleet Initiative (\$45M)

- Provide grants to counties, municipalities, airports, and regional transportation authorities for the conversion of their fleet operations to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.
 - c. Siting and Permitting for Wind and Solar
 - Incentivize local communities to host renewable facilities in a way that does not erode local control but to create an environment that fosters partnership between developers, utilities, and local government.
- Dam Safety
 - a. Provide grants for the removal of dams not essential to the containment of invasive species or for power generation and community safety. This investment will assist in the restoration of Michigan's aquatic ecosystems and grow the recreational water economy. (\$25M)
- Broadband
 - a. Maximize funding from the Connecting Michigan Communities (CMIC) and the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant programs.
 - Ensure efficient deployment of resources by providing funding for the deployment of broadband services in unserved and underserved areas to enhance the economic benefit of residents, communities, and businesses, and provide critical services such as telehealth to support physical and mental health needs.
 - Public and private entities should have an equal seat at the table for requesting and obtaining funds to deploy broadband infrastructure.
 - b. Broadband Deserts and In-Fill Broadband Grants (\$75M)
 - Provide grant funding to providers for the following purposes:
 - Eliminating gaps or inequities in coverage areas to ensure continuity in connectivity.
 - Increase network speeds to address education, work, or economic development needs.
 - c. Digital Literacy, Access to Devices, and Planning
 - Create materials, resources, model curricula, and lesson plans concerning digital literacy and cyber safety. (\$5M)
 - Provide broadband supported devices for individuals or households below the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) threshold. (\$35M)
 - Broadband support devices will be provided through education institutions and other career or tech training programs to address access to devices for education or to advance life-long learning.
 - Provide grant funding for local units of government to conduct community and regional broadband needs analysis. (\$25M)

Strengthening the Economy Through Thriving Communities: Create opportunities for housing, workforce, and economic development that fosters places that are attractive to people and business.

Housing is Michigan's most significant area of need and at the core of what anchors people to place. Where people go, opportunity will follow. Continuing to invest in services that provide stability to Michigan's most vulnerable, attract the next generation of our workforce, and cultivate the unique cultural character of our communities will secure prosperity throughout Michigan for generations to come.

- Develop and Preserve Housing Across the State
 - a. Increase Housing Supply
 - Support community specific solutions and resources to keep affordability and attainability of new housing stock achievable.
 - Support legislation amending the Brownfield Redevelopment Act to expand the definition of "eligible activity" to include "housing assistance" and "housing development" allowing a local unit of government to create a housing plan that would identify local housing needs and target tax increment financing (TIF) support for housing focused on households earning up to 120% AMI ([SB 129](#))
 - Support Housing Readiness funding to incentivize municipalities to identify barriers to housing development and to modify their zoning and permitting processes to efficiently facilitate housing infill and development projects (\$10M)
 - b. Stabilize Existing Housing Stock
 - Invest in rehabilitation, historic preservation, energy efficiency, weatherization, blight elimination, and neighborhood revitalization programs.
 - Sustainable funding for the Housing and Community Development fund to alleviate affordable housing needs and revitalize downtown areas.
 - Increase the current \$5M cap on historic tax credits that supports place-based projects and promotes the preservation of Michigan's historic resources.
 - Provide additional flexibility and encourage partnerships with county or municipal land banks to help stabilize or expand housing.
 - c. Support funding to incentivize employers to contribute to employee housing needs (\$20M)
 - Provide a one-time fund to pilot a 50% CIT credit for employers who make qualified investments in housing for those earning up to 120% AMI.
 - d. Implement the Statewide Housing Plan
 - Fund the 15 Regional Housing Partnerships being established to work collaboratively in developing regional plans working toward implementation of the statewide housing plan.
- Community Development
 - a. Support local economic development and placemaking efforts focused on downtowns and social centers of communities in the form of Community Downtown Economic Development Grants. (\$100M)

- b. Support the growth, development, and diversification of the state’s regional and local economies by directing funding towards Regional Empowerment Grants (\$200M) and the Michigan Main Street Initiative. (\$135M)
- Workforce Pipeline
 - a. Continue to invest in Michigan’s workforce to develop and attract talent and ensure Michigan workers have the skills, training, and opportunities they need for good-paying jobs.
 - Skilled Trades
 - Support for apprenticeships and work-based learning initiatives.
 - Going Pro and Michigan Reconnect
 - Support employer-based training and ongoing efforts to improve access to education and expand workforce talent.
 - Municipal Professionals and Personnel
 - Through collaboration, develop customized solutions to fill identified talent gaps in the municipal workforce to help ensure local government can find the talent they need to provide ongoing and high-quality services to their residents.
 - b. Invest in Michigan's Global Talent Attraction, Retention, and Recovery Plan
 - Support Michigan's Global Talent Attraction, Retention, and Recovery Plan that includes seven strategies for focusing on (1) attracting high-skilled New Americans, international students, and companies to Michigan while leveraging their skills, degrees, and experience; (2) retaining these new residents, as well as those already here, and (3) placing this skilled and credentialed workforce with Michigan companies to fill unmet talent needs, establishing Michigan as a center for global prosperity. (\$5M for second year funding, or \$20M for the final four years of funding)

Improving Governance, Safety, and Well-Being in our Communities: Supporting systems and structures that provide long-term sustainability for people, places, and businesses.

Superior quality of life is a combination of many factors. It takes fiscal stability, efficient public services, a modernized governance structure, and attention to the human experience. These aspects collectively create an environment where those who reside feel confident in their ability to actively engage their community and secure in the systems and resources provided to keep them safe.

We recognize that to address the challenges and changing dynamics throughout our communities, we must re-envision policies so that they empower governments to operate at their full potential and invest innovatively in services that enhance security.

- Support Community Specific Solutions and Resources
 - a. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
 - Dedicate general sales tax revenue into a restricted fund for the purpose of distributing those resources to cities, villages, townships, and counties.
 - b. Headlee/Proposal A Reform
 - Millage Reduction Fraction

- Remove the “popped up” values from the calculation of the Headlee rollback which currently works to negate that growth.
 - Headlee Roll-Ups
 - Allow millage rates to adjust both up and down depending on the relationship of property value growth or decline to general inflation. It is important to note that a millage rate could never increase above charter limits, maintaining the upper limit on millage rates.
 - c. Diversify Local Revenue Streams
 - Enact policies that would allow local units of government access to more flexible options to generate revenue as a method to diversify their revenue stream and account for the limitations created by property taxes and state shared revenue.
- Improving Local Governance
 - a. Open Meetings Act (OMA)
 - Simplify the OMA to make it easier for citizens to understand. Modernize the OMA to allow for public bodies to have virtual participation with reasonable guidelines for members unable to attend in-person.
 - b. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
 - Address voluminous requestors submitting multiple submissions within a defined period. Provide guidance to address scenarios where information is already publicly available and where the requestor is seeking to profit from requested information.
 - c. Public Notice Requirements
 - Modernize the public notice requirement to allow notices to be published online.
- Sustaining Public Safety Services
 - a. Michigan 2-1-1 Infrastructure Expansion
 - Improving connectivity for community members across the state with resources to address social determinant needs. Funding will support the costs of staffing, community engagement, and 2-1-1 infrastructure development/expansion, provide enhanced integration capabilities for both referring agencies (health systems/health plans), and community-based organizations (CBOs) addressing Social Determinants of Health. (\$20M)
 - b. Retention and Recruitment for Emergency Response
 - Establish a grant program for local units of government to support training retention, recruitment, and licensing for paramedics and EMTs. (\$15M)
 - Develop a mechanism to allow fire departments to recover training and certification costs in the event a sponsored employee transitions to a new department within a certain period. (Fire/EMS option to SB 32 '23)
 - c. Public Health Emergency Fund
 - Establish a protected fund to support local public health departments in securing resources to proactively plan for public health emergency disaster prevention and response. (\$5M)
 - d. Mental and Behavioral Health Resources for Emergency Responders

- Direct funding to services and resources that support first responders and response personnel (*police, fire, EMS, 911 dispatch*) experiencing post-traumatic stress syndrome and other mental health conditions. 911 dispatch is an integral part of public safety response and should also be included in the definition of “first responder”. (\$5M)
- Enhancing Community Well-Being
 - a. Parity Across Telehealth Services
 - In addition to expanding consistent broadband connectivity throughout the state, work to adjust policy to ensure fair and consistent insurance coverage and copay costs for telehealth services for both physical and mental health needs.
 - b. Balance Capacity Statewide for Access to Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - Invest in capacity and operations to balance capacity and direct care needs in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan and other less densely populated regions of the state.
 - Patients in these regions of the state struggle with access to care that meets area needs and provides a diversity of services present in more densely populated areas.
 - Support upgrades and modifications in existing facilities, the expansion of inpatient psychiatric, pediatric beds and site acquisition, design work planning for future facilities, or expansions to improve local response efforts.
 - Address high rates of substance use and co-occurring disorders in rural and underserved communities that are disproportionately affected but lack the necessary resources to address increasing needs fully and efficiently in comparison to more densely populated areas of Michigan.
 - c. Parks and Recreation
 - Invest in Michigan’s Active Transportation Network
 - Michigan’s network of trails, pathways and greenways is a magnet for tourism, economic development, talent attraction, and placemaking while offering a safe and healthy transportation alternative. Direct investment in this system will ensure that we can maintain, grow, and interconnect a statewide active transportation network, invest in placemaking, and activate our community spaces, which will pay dividends for Michigan’s physical, mental, and community health for generations to come.
 - Michigan Spark Grants
 - Additional investment into this extremely popular grant program would help meet the unmet needs from approximately \$300 million in applications from almost 500 applicants.