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Competitive Grant Assistance Program Grants Awarded
Funding Will Assist Local Government Consolidation and Collaboration Projects

The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that 32 Michigan communities will receive Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) funding, totaling more than \$10.5 million, in the second round of awards for fiscal year 2012. Nearly half of this round of CGAP funding was designated for public safety initiatives. CGAP, formerly known as Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) grants, was initially proposed by Governor Snyder shortly after taking office in 2011 to help offset costs for municipalities in the consolidation or sharing of services among local units of government. These awards bring the total amount awarded for fiscal year 2012 to \$14.8 million.

“This program has proven itself to be instrumental in helping municipalities collaborate on innovative programs and incorporate best practices,” said Gov. Snyder. “This next round of grants will continue to support the good-government goals of our state and communities as we work to be most efficient with state and local tax dollars.”

The following communities will receive CGAP Grants with projects and amounts noted (alphabetical order):

Local Unit	Project Description	Amount
City of Dearborn	Consolidate IT services with City of Dearborn Heights	\$263,000
City of Dearborn Heights	Consolidate fire department services with City of Garden City	\$43,500
Delta County	Collaborate with 16 local units on tax assessment database	\$332,165
Delta Charter Twp.	Continue consolidation with Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority	\$30,000
City of Dewitt	Consolidation of building inspection with Dewitt and Bath Townships	\$16,250
Emmet County	Integrate Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet County with state dispatch radio system	\$80,000
City of Farmington Hills	Consolidate IT services with City of Farmington	\$130,000
City of Grand Haven	Conduct feasibility study of telephone service delivery	\$18,750

City of Grand Rapids	Collaborate with Michigan Municipal Services Authority (MSA) to develop cloud computing environment	\$3,600,000
City of Harper Woods	Cross-train police officers as fire fighters	\$62,900
Huron Twp.	Consolidate 911 and detention facilities with Sumpter Township	\$202,386
Kent County	Conduct study on Community Development program to reduce costs	\$40,000
City of Lansing	Retain consultant to establish platform for collaboration with neighboring cities and townships	\$75,000
City of Leslie	Develop shared master plan with Leslie Township	\$30,000
Lyon Twp.	Conduct study on benefits of collaborating on wastewater treatment facility	\$51,500
Macomb County	Consolidating dispatch and communications operations	\$1,505,000
City of Marquette	Collaborate with Marquette and Chocoley Townships on recreation authority business plan	\$12,500
City of Marshall	Collaborate with Michigan State Police to share services and facilities	\$674,254
City of Monroe	Cross-train police and fire and create joint public safety department	\$49,000
Oakland County	Collaborate to maximize usage of City of Pontiac's wastewater treatment plant	\$22,320
City of Pontiac	Consolidate fire services with Waterford Township	\$248,742
City of Port Huron	Collaborate with City of Marysville to standardize and combine fire records systems	\$20,985
City of Roseville	Consolidate with City of Eastpointe to create a recreation authority	\$342,000
City of Roseville	Conduct feasibility study on use of water reservoir with Cities of Fraser and Eastpointe	\$20,000
City of Saginaw	Consolidate law enforcement with Saginaw County	\$156,266
Saginaw County	Consolidate records, data, information and intelligence with other sheriff offices	\$881,944
City of Southgate	Consolidate assessing and equalization services with Cities of Allen Park, Lincoln Park, and Woodhaven	\$25,000
City of St. Joseph	Consolidate 911 services with Berrien County	\$199,508
Washtenaw County	Continuation of consolidation of 911 services with City of Ann Arbor	\$35,000
Watervliet Twp.	Consolidate water department with City of Watervliet	\$287,500
Wayne County	Collaborate with multiple agencies on inter-agency initiative to reduce gun violence	\$304,000
City of Westland	Consolidate fire department services with City of Wayne	\$791,787

As noted above, CGAP awards include \$3.6 million for the City of Grand Rapids, to develop a Financial Management System that will eventually be available to local governments through the Michigan Municipal Services Authority (MSA). As a new public-private partnership, the MSA was formed through an inter-local agreement between Grand Rapids and the City of Livonia in order to deliver shared services and functions to local governments. Governor Snyder approved the agreement earlier this year.

“Given the economic realities we face today, it is more important than ever that municipalities, school districts and intermediate school districts institute best practices, develop innovative collaborations, and leverage their limited resources,” said State Treasurer Andy Dillon. “The MSA can offer local counties, townships, cities, villages and districts access to best practices and standardized services, giving them new tools to increase efficiencies and save tax dollars.”

The Grand Rapids CGAP grant fulfills an initial focus of the MSA on best practices in hosted financial management systems. “We are very excited to be a charter member of the MSA,” said Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell. “This first investment provides the MSA with an accessible financial management system that can be used by municipalities statewide. The work that we are doing will not only impact citizens on the West side of the state, but will create a template for local units throughout Michigan to collaborate and lower costs.”

“As communities across Michigan struggle with their budgets, it becomes increasingly important for local and state government to work together to develop efficient, cost-effective methods of delivering services to our residents,” said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. “We look forward to the MSA focusing its resources on reducing costs and improving operations, not only in Livonia, but in communities across the state.”

Applications for the fiscal year 2013 CGAP Program are now available on Treasury’s Web site. The FY 2013 applications are due by December 3, 2012. In total, \$15 million is available to all cities, villages, townships, counties, school districts, and intermediate school districts.

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