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Local Government Grant Applications Now Available ***\$15 Million Available for Consolidation and Collaboration Projects***

Applications for the Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP), formerly known as the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Grant Program, are now available on Treasury's Web site. The new applications, for Fiscal Year 2013 grant awards, are due by December 3, 2012. In total, \$15 million is available to all cities, villages, townships, counties, school districts, and intermediate school districts.

"These grants have received significant interest from municipalities around the State, and have supported the good-government goals of dozens of local units since first being awarded last fall," said Governor Snyder, who proposed the grant program shortly after taking office in early 2011. "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."

Under the revamped CGAP grant program, school districts and ISDs are now eligible to apply for funding to help offset costs associated with mergers, inter-local agreements, and cooperative efforts for local units. The CGAP Grant panel will give preference to applications calling for complete mergers of local units, consolidations of departments or services between two or more local units, and complete consolidations of departments within a local unit.

For more information about CGAP Grants, including an application for local units of government, visit www.michigan.gov/revenuesharing.

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