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Gov. Rick Snyder announces grants helping distressed municipalities with water, public safety, appraisal issues
$8 million awarded for projects to improve services, quality of life

Gov. Rick Snyder today awarded $8 million to eleven municipalities to fund various improvement projects, including water system and street lighting enhancements and technology upgrades through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Program.

Municipalities are eligible for the grants if they are experiencing one or more conditions indicative of “probable financial stress,” as defined by Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act.

“Municipalities receiving this special funding are some of the areas hardest hit by the Great Recession,” Snyder said. “I am pleased we can offer funding assistance to help these local governments improve various public services their taxpayers and residents expect and deserve.”

Under the grant program, funding may be used to pay for specific projects, services, or strategies that move a city, village, or township toward financial stability. There was $8 million appropriated for the program with a $2 million cap, per local unit.

The following communities will receive funding this year, with projects and amounts noted (alphabetical order):

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<th>Local Unit</th>
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<td>City of Benton Harbor</td>
<td>Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and accurate assessing records. Additionally, community enhancement through blight management and sidewalk replacement.</td>
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<td>City of Benton Harbor</td>
<td>Water system enhancement through water main replacements and fire hydrant repairs.</td>
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<td>Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting.</td>
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City of Flint  | Water system enhancement through leak detection and pipe assessments. | $900,000  
City of Hamtramck | Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and accurate assessing records. | $167,860  
City of Hamtramck | Upgrade City Hall security. | $50,000  
City of Hamtramck | Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting. | $404,600  
City of Highland Park | Water system enhancement through meter replacement, leak detection, and system repairs. | $2,000,000  
City of Inkster | Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and accurate assessing records. | $73,460  
City of Inkster | Water system enhancement through fire hydrant repairs. | $150,000  
City of Inkster | Provide a backup power source for public safety. | $30,000  
City of Inkster | Public safety enhancement through the creation of a multi-jurisdictional narcotic team. | $240,000  
City of Inkster | Public safety enhancement through police officer training. | $41,970  
City of Inkster | Public safety enhancement through the deployment of an additional police officer. | $320,000  
City of Lincoln Park | Public safety enhancement through updated technology. | $143,490  
City of Melvindale | Public safety enhancement through fleet replacement of police vehicles and updated technology. | $88,000  
City of Pontiac | Community enhancement through blight management. | $125,000  
City of River Rouge | Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting. Additionally, infrastructure replacements to City Hall. | $591,508  
Royal Oak Township | Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting | $86,559  
Royal Oak Township | Public safety enhancement of police services. | $217,593  

All appropriated funding has been spent. No future rounds will occur in FY 2015.

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