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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):

Local Unit	Project Description	Amount
City of Benton Harbor	Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and accurate assessing records. Additionally, community enhancement through blight management and sidewalk replacement.	\$475,000
City of Benton Harbor	Water system enhancement through water main replacements and fire hydrant repairs.	\$434,960
City of Ecorse	Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting.	\$350,000
City of Flint	Water system enhancement through improved waste management.	\$1,100,000

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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