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***Competitive Grant Assistance Program Grants Awarded***  
***Applications for Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Available in October***

Approximately \$6 million in funding, through the Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) will be awarded to 17 local units of government across Michigan. CGAP helps offset costs associated with mergers, consolidations, interlocal agreements, and cooperative efforts for local units and school districts.

“This program has been instrumental in helping municipalities implement innovative programs, incorporate best practices into their daily operations, and finalize collaborations and mergers,” said Governor Rick Snyder. “Treasury received strong interest from municipalities across Michigan, which demonstrates how serious many have become in supporting the good government goals of our state and getting the most out of local tax dollars.”

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

<b>Local Unit</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cass County	Collaborate with St. Joseph County for equalization services	\$84,340
City of Ithaca	Consolidate police services into the Gratiot County Sheriff's Office	\$11,247
Leelanau County	Collaborate with Bingham Township on a tax assessment database	\$22,188
Macomb County	Conduct a feasibility study of consolidated fire services	\$50,000
City of Melvindale	Consolidate fire services into the City of Dearborn	\$136,000
Monroe County	Collaborate to share IT services with three municipalities	\$57,846
Nelson Township	Collaborate to conduct joint trainings for three fire departments	\$15,000
Newaygo County	Collaborate to share IT services and create a virtual 911 consolidation	\$681,643
Oakland County	Consolidate Village of Holly 911 services into Oakland County	\$21,700
Oronoko Township	Collaborate with Village of Berrien Springs to develop a shared zoning and building ordinance	\$28,800
Village of Oxford	Consolidate Village of Lake Orion 911 services into the Village of Oxford	\$65,000

City of River Rouge	Consolidate 911 and lockup services with City of Ecorse and collaborate animal control services with City of Ecorse	\$127,150
Saginaw County	Collaborate with the Michigan State Police to establish a statewide records management system for law enforcement and jail	\$3,656,264
City of Springfield	Consolidate police services into the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office	\$135,000
Van Buren County	Collaborate to share IT services and maintain shared tax assessment information with local units	\$314,629
City of Watervliet	Merger of the City of Watervliet and Watervliet Township	\$565,000
City of Wayland	Conduct a feasibility study of consolidated fire services with Wayland Township and Leighton Township	\$16,000

When considering CGAP applications, special consideration and preference is given to proposals calling for complete mergers of two or more local units of government. Such an application, assuming it met all other requirements for CGAP funding, would likely receive approval for a grant award. In this round of funding, the City of Watervliet will receive \$565,000 for its merger with Watervliet Township; and in fiscal year 2012, Onekama Township received partial funding for its proposal to merge with the Village of Onekama.

Fiscal year 2014 applications will be available on Treasury's Web site in October and will be due by December 30, 2013. Treasury will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis, with initial reviews beginning in November 2013.

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