

SaveMI City



Invest. Attract. Grow.

Our business leaders know how hard it is to attract well-educated, talented workers. Talent chooses where to go based on opportunities to live, play, and learn. They're looking for thriving cities and towns with great community infrastructure. How do we provide the services and amenities talent is looking for?

Solution No. 1:

Restore Michigan's Investment in Our Communities

Since 2002, the state has diverted \$8.6 billion away from cities, villages, townships, and counties with cuts to revenue sharing—a main source of income for local government.

Specifically, we should:

- **Restore revenue sharing by fully funding the state's statutory revenue sharing formula, increasing support for local communities by \$600 million each year.**

Solution No. 2:

Ensure the Property Tax System Tracks with the Economy

Property taxes are the largest source of revenue for local services, but Michigan's system doesn't allow property taxes to rebound after they drop in a recession. **Specifically, we should:**

- **Change property tax laws by removing conflicts between the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A to allow local government revenue to grow with the economy.**



Solution No. 3:

Provide More Local Funding Options

Michigan places many restrictions on local municipalities' revenue-generating options. These rules significantly limit a community's ability to invest in itself. **Specifically, we should:**

- **Provide more options for communities to fund critical services, including additional special assessment authority, expansion of local taxing authority, and grants for public safety.**

Solution No. 4:

Reduce the Cost of Government

Aging infrastructure and skyrocketing growth in legacy costs constrain a community's ability to invest in critical services important to current and prospective residents. **Specifically, we should:**

- **Change existing laws to discourage wasteful duplication of infrastructure and services, and equip local governments with tools to modernize legacy benefits.**



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