MICHIGAN IS RANKED DEAD LAST in the U.S. when it comes to state support for local government.

THE ISSUE:
Michigan communities – the true drivers of economic prosperity – can’t thrive in our broken municipal finance system. This means we can’t create great places that attract talent and business.

For more than a decade, we’ve seen:
- Money diverted away from revenue sharing by the state
- Steep drops in taxable values that are horribly restrained by conflicting tax laws
- Little or no ability to solve the problem locally

We need a new way forward.

MICHIGAN’S LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE LOST $8.6 BILLION in state revenue sharing since 2002.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL REVENUE BY SOURCE: 2016

- Revenue Sharing: 14%
- Property Taxes: 49%
- Permits, Fines, Grants, and Other Sources: 37%

TAXABLE VALUE FOR CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS FELL ON AVERAGE BY 13% STATEWIDE BETWEEN 2008 AND 2012 AND HAS NOT FULLY RECOVERED SINCE.
Local governments are largely responsible for delivering the services Michigan residents and businesses expect in safe, vibrant communities.

Decisions made at the state level affect a community’s ability to attract talent, business and families.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP FIX THIS?**

- Fully fund revenue sharing as mandated by state statute
- Resolve conflict between Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, allowing funding to better track with the economy
- Provide local governments with more sustainable revenue options to fund infrastructure and core services
- Sustain retirees’ health insurance benefits by allowing local governments to modernize the health plans they can offer

**SOURCES:**

† - U.S. Census Bureau. 2012 and 2002 Census of Governments: Finance
‡ - Michigan Department of Treasury. 2018. The Fiscal Health of Michigan’s Local Government

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