

City of Hartford City Manager Search



“The City of Hartford, Michigan is seeking a qualified leader who will serve our community with leadership, grace, and professionalism. We offer the next City Manager the opportunity to move our beautiful community forward. Considered the “Heart of Red Arrow Country” the City of Hartford is situated in Van Buren County, adjacent to Interstate 94 at exit 46, which is the State of Michigan’s major east-west transportation route, providing Hartford with an excellent connection to major Midwestern population centers.”

Richard Hall, Mayor
City of Hartford

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- **Population**
2,515
- **Full-Time Staff**
14
- **Part-Time Staff**
2
- **Total Annual Budget**
\$2.8 million
- **City Operations**
Police, Water, Sewer, DPW, and DDA
- **Salary Range**
\$80,000 to \$90,000



Welcome to the City of Hartford

“The Heart of Red Arrow County”

The City of Hartford, Michigan (population 2,515) is seeking a talented leader to serve as our next City Manager. The city employs a dedicated and impressive team of 14 full-time and 2 part-time staff members. The seven-member City Council has an excellent professional relationship and fully supports and recognizes the council-manager form of government.

Hartford is situated in beautiful southwest Michigan. Located approximately 100 miles east of Chicago, Illinois, and 160 miles west of Detroit, Michigan, the community lives right along the Interstate 94 corridor at exit 46. Regional urban centers are close by, the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan just 15 miles west, and the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan just 35 miles east.



The City of Hartford’s community supports wonderful events and activities for our community to enjoy such as concerts in the park, the

Miss and Mr. Hartford pageant, the Strawberry Festival, an active youth sports program, a Christmas parade and Christmas in the park, Holiday food baskets, bi-weekly meals to seniors, and so much more.



In addition to and in support of these wonderful events are organizations that serve the community such as the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, the Fire Department (a joint venture between the City and the Township), Hartford Hispanic Heritage organization, Hartford

Recreational Council, Lions Club, Senior Services of Van Buren County, Van Buren County Sportsman’s Club, and several church groups.

Hartford Public Schools are housed within the boundaries of the City of Hartford. The school system educates approximately 1,330 students and offers an abundance of educational and recreational opportunities. The school’s mission statement speaks volumes about their impact on the students and community “Hartford Public Schools is dedicated to fostering a love of learning in an innovative, cooperative, and safe climate which empowers students to be proactive, caring and respectful citizens that are prepared for their future endeavors.”



Within the City limits is the Hartford Motor Speedway, which has a 3/8 mile clay track. The speedway hosts events most Friday or Saturday nights from May through September. Hartford Motor Speedway offers support for the community and special events for the kids in the community throughout the year.

Just outside the City limits is the Four Winds Casino Hartford. This casino is managed by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. The casino boasts a design inspired by the traditions of the Potawatomi people. The Pokagon Band and Casino provide funding for various programs and equipment for the community including the library, school district, concerts in the park and the City itself.



Our next City Manager will inherit a well-run city with quality schools, a beautiful park, engaging community, and a city team that understands the meaning of public service.

City of Hartford City Manager

Ready to join our team?

To join the City of Hartford as the next City Manager, please submit a cover letter, resume, and five professional references to:

City of Hartford
19 West Main Street
Hartford, MI 49057

Or apply via email at:

CityManager@cityofhartfordmi.org

The deadline to apply for this position is **October 13, 2023**.

Please indicate in your cover letter whether you are requesting confidentiality as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

The City of Hartford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

