



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford Commission

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager *NB*

DATE: January 27, 2025

RE: MSHDA HOUSING READINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to accept the grant award of \$50,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

DISCUSSION:

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has the Housing Readiness Incentive Grant Program (HRI), which provides funding to implement actions that encourage increasing housing supply and affordability. This grant will significantly contribute to our efforts in updating the city's master plan. Eligible activities include supporting the adoption of land use policies, master plan updates, and zoning text amendments.

The HRI grant, awarded to the city for \$50,000, will update the City's current 5-year joint plan with Hartford Township without the Township. Since the Township has completed a separate master plan, the city will update the master plan separately.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission accepts the \$50,000 grant award from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).