



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

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commissioners

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager 

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION GRANT

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to support the City of Hartford's letter of interest (LOI) to submit an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

DISCUSSION:

MSHDA has released the 4th round of Community Development Block Grant funding. The city manager submitted a letter of interest for the homeowner rehabilitation grant. If chosen, we will be able to submit an application for \$200,000. The funding can be used to repair and improve homes for Low- to Medium-income homeowners to address health, safety, and energy-efficiency needs.

MSHDA's homeowner rehabilitation program will have a meaningful and measurable impact on the city. Investing in owner-occupied homes will improve the safety, structural integrity, and code compliance of housing units. Reduce blight and stabilize neighborhoods. Preserve affordable homeownership and prevent displacement. Just to name a few benefits.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission supports the City of Hartford's letter of interest for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Homeowner Rehabilitation grant (MSHDA).