



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

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF MEDC Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) GRANT

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to accept the \$2,520,760 grant award from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) for the W. Main Street improvements project.

DISCUSSION:

The Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its competitive funding round for Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI). The city has submitted an application for improvements along 0.5 miles of W. Main Street, starting from the west city limits to Center Street, including an additional 200 feet on each approach at Center Street.

As part of the water main replacement, a new water main will be installed beneath the CSX railroad, and all lead service lines will be replaced throughout the project's length. The roadway will be reconstructed with a new aggregate base, hot-mix asphalt (HMA) surfacing, updated drainage structure covers, ADA ramp improvements, necessary curb-and-gutter replacements, permanent signage, pavement markings, and slope restoration. In addition, the traffic signal controller that communicates with the pedestrian and vehicular signals at the intersection will be updated.

The city received a release of funds from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to complete the environmental review, engineering work, and to hire a certified grant administrator. The environmental review process has been successfully completed, and we are now accepting the grant agreement with the Michigan Strategic Fund for a total of \$2,520,760. The city will provide an 11% match, amounting to \$307,890, which brings the total project cost to \$2,828,650.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission accepts the \$2,520,760 grant award and approves the grant agreement with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Michigan Strategic Fund for the Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) grant for the W. Main Street improvements project, contingent upon the MEDC approval. The city will provide an 11% match, totaling \$307,890, and give the city manager permission to execute the contract.