



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

TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford Commission

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager

DATE: June 24, 2024

RE: Authorizing Application and Implementation of Michigan Shared Streets and Spaced Grant

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to authorize the application submittal and implementation of the Michigan Shared Streets and Space Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Hartford is eligible to apply for the one-time appropriation of Shared Streets and Spaces Grant (SSSG) funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The city strives for a more walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly community and is applying for funding. The project will construct approximately 1,800' of ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk from Center Street Apartments on S. Center Street south to 60th Avenue and then east along 60th Avenue to connect to the existing sidewalk at Woodside Drive.

This project will provide a safe pedestrian route to Redwood Elementary School from the Maple Hill Village mobile home park and Center Street Apartments. The new sidewalk along the north side of 60th Avenue will improve connectivity and provide a safe, direct route to the elementary school. This will benefit children, parents who walk their children to school, and those with disabilities. Instead of walking on the roadway, pedestrians will have a safe, ADA-compliant route to the elementary school. The total project cost is \$276,000; no match is required, and the grant could cover up to \$200,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford applies for the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant and commits to additional funding that may be required over and beyond the grant amount. If awarded, the city agrees to implement and maintain the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant project.