

Darwin McClary

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Subject: Request for agenda topic - Council meeting October 27, 2025

Darwin, Sonja,

I am requesting the following topic be added to next week's council agenda for discussion:

Topic: Strategic leveraging by the village of local, state, federal, and private grants to help offset the \$28.8 million of identified needs to support the Capital Improvement Plan.

Rationale: The village is facing \$28.8 million in necessary capital expenditures in the next six years as identified in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved by council this year. Of the \$28.8 million, just over \$5 million is expected to be covered by grants (which are not guaranteed at this time), with the balance of almost \$24 million to be paid through bonds, special assessments, and the village general funds. In other words, almost \$24 million is expected to be passed down directly to the Lake Orion village residents.

Many public entities aggressively pursue grant funding to help defray the cost of projects within their jurisdictions. The Orion Township, for example, employs a part-time grant-writer who actively pursues available grants, works with the respective township departments to prepare grant applications, submits the applications, and follows through to award.

Proposed Motion: Direct the Village Manger to investigate opportunities within the administration structure to more actively pursue grant funding to help the village offset the \$28.8 million funding required for the Capital Improvement Plan and come back to council with a recommendation at the November 3, 2025 council meeting.