

# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Iomar Whitt, Finance Director  
**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Revenue Sharing  
**DATE:** May 11, 2026

In 2026, the state legislature will disburse funds to cities, villages and townships as part of their new Public Safety Revenue Sharing program. White Lake Township will receive \$21,757 in 2026. The funds must be used for public safety purposes with \$16,318 or 75% of the funds restricted for law enforcement purposes, and 25% or \$5,439 is restricted for "other non-law enforcement related public safety purposes".

The amount of \$16,318 that is restricted for law enforcement will be deposited in the Police Fund and spent on law enforcement officers.

I recommend the board spend the remaining \$5,439 on operational firefighter services as it's the largest public safety expense not related to law enforcement.

The state provided a list of examples of non-law enforcement-related activities.

- Public safety initiatives to improve recruitment or retention efforts
- Training programs
- Equipment purchases
- Programs designed to reduce identified risks to public safety
- Crime diversion programs
- Operational emergency medical or firefighter services
- Capital improvements to public safety buildings/structures

The legislature intends to fund the program for three years. Please see the attachment to learn more about the Public Safety Revenue Sharing program.



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**May 2026**

**Public Safety Revenue Sharing – Cities, Villages and Townships  
Fiscal Year 2026  
Program Information**

**Overview**

For fiscal year (FY) 2026, the legislature authorized the distribution of \$42,562,500 (\$35,062,500 ongoing funding + \$7,500,000 one-time funding) in Public Safety Revenue Sharing payments to cities, villages and townships ([2025 Public Act 22, Section 959\(1\)\(b\)](#) and [Section 992\(2\)](#)). Payments are based on each local unit's share of violent crime counts as certified by the Michigan Department of State Police (MDSP) for calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

**Distribution Timing**

Payments are expected to be distributed in May 2026.

**Distribution Calculation**

Distributions are calculated by determining the Average Violent Crime Count for each local unit by computing the average of a local unit's two highest violent crime counts from the three most recent Annual Crime Reports as certified by the MDSP. The averages are then summed for all local units to determine the Statewide Total Violent Crime Count. Next, a Proportional Factor is computed for each local unit by dividing its Average Violent Crime Count by the Statewide Total Violent Crime Count. Then the Distribution Amount is determined for each local unit by multiplying the local unit's Proportional Factor by the total funds available for distribution.

The maximum payment any local unit may receive is 25% of the total amount available for distribution.

**Calculation Formulas:**

***Average Violent Crime Count*** (for a Local Unit) =

Sum (local unit's 2 highest violent crime counts for the three most recent MDSP Annual Crime Reports) / 2

***Statewide Total Violent Crime Counts*** =

Sum (Average Violent Crime Counts for each Local Unit)

***Proportional Factor*** (for a Local Unit) =

*Average Violent Crime Count* (for a Local Unit) / *Statewide Total Violent Crime Count*

***Distribution Amount*** (for a Local Unit) =

*Proportional Factor* (for a Local Unit) X *Total Amount Available for Distribution*

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### **Crime Data**

Violent Crime Counts are based on the 3 most recent annual crime reports published by the MDSP as of October 1, 2025. The violent crime counts are based on the finalized crime data (for counts of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) that the MDSP received for each local unit for the most recent three calendar years.

The Annual Crime Reports, as certified by MDSP, include only crimes reported by local law enforcement agencies and county sheriff departments. As a result, crimes reported by state, tribal, and railroad law enforcement agencies were excluded, as were those reported by college and university police, airport police, and metropark police. In some local units, the Michigan State Police was the only reporting agency, and those crimes are not included in this report. Cities, villages and townships that did not submit crime data are shown as zero.

### **Use of Funds – Requirements/Restrictions**

Local units must use these funds only for operational or capital expenses that serve the purposes of public safety. At least 75% of the distribution must be used to fund a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officers. Up to 25% of the distribution must be used to fund other non-law-enforcement related public safety purposes, such as:

- Public safety initiatives to improve recruitment or retention efforts
- Training programs
- Equipment purchases
- Programs designed to reduce identified risks to public safety
- Crime diversion programs
- Operational emergency medical or firefighter services
- Capital improvements to public safety buildings/structures

All local public safety initiative expenses must be related to public safety and designed to reduce identified risks to public safety and cannot include unproven intervention solutions to community violence. In addition, these funds cannot be used for any of the following:

- Pension or other post-employee benefit (OPEB) payments
- Lawsuits or claims payments
- Debt service payments
- Acquisition or use of a vehicle weighing more than 15,000 pounds that is designed or used for a tactical police purpose
- Acquisition or use of facial recognition technology
- Acquisition or use of a chemical weapon

Local units may subgrant all or part of their distribution to another local unit as long as the funds are used for public safety purposes and are in compliance with the Use of Funds – Requirements/Restrictions.

### **Definitions**

- “Chemical weapon” means a munition or device that is specifically designed to cause death or other harm through a toxic chemical that would be released as a result of the employment of the munition or device.
- “Facial recognition technology” means an automated or a semiautomated technological process that assists in identifying or verifying an individual based on the individual’s face.
- “Violent crime” means that term as defined by the director of the MDSP in accordance with the department’s incident crime reporting program and the corresponding annual crime reports.
- “Violent crime count” means the number of violent crimes based on victim counts, as certified by the director of the MDSP. When a victim is connected to multiple offenses, the victim is counted under the highest-ranked offense, as defined by the director of the MDSP.
- “Violent crime rate” means the number of crimes per 100,000 people, determined by dividing a particular city, village, or township violent crime count by the population, then multiplying by 100,000 and rounding to the nearest whole number.

### **Questions?**

Additional information can be found on [Public Safety Revenue Sharing Webpage](#).

Please direct all questions to the Revenue Sharing and Grants Division by phone at 517-335-7484 or email at [TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov).