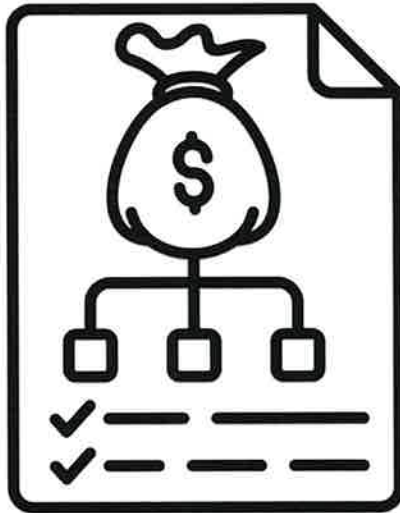


Public Safety Enhancements – Public Safety Trust Fund

- The State of Michigan is expected to allocate approximately \$1,740,353 to the City of Grand Rapids through the Public Safety Revenue Sharing Grants program.
- These funds are designated to support public safety related activities, with specific requirements for how they are distributed. State guidelines require that:
 - At least 75% of the funds support law enforcement
 - Up to 25% may be used for broader public safety purposes (Approximately \$ 400,000).
- Intended uses include:
 - \$200,000 for internal City projects like SAFE Taskforce, OPA's Violence Prevention and Intervention programs and community mediation efforts.
 - \$200,000 for External Community Grants Program

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Grant Parameters

- Minimum award: **\$10,000**
- Examples of eligible uses include
 - Violence prevention and intervention programs
 - Community-based safety initiatives
 - Training and workforce development programs
 - Community-based diversion or alternative response programs
- All funded activities must align with State requirements and demonstrate a clear connection to improving public safety outcomes.

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Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include community-based organizations and groups serving Grand Rapids residents, such as:
 - Registered nonprofit organizations (e.g., 501(c)(3))
 - Neighborhood associations or resident-led groups
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Schools or educational institutions
 - Informal community groups (with an identified fiduciary or sponsor organization, if required)
- Applicants must demonstrate a clear connection to the Grand Rapids community and the ability to successfully implement the proposed project.

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Application and Review Process

- The City will implement a transparent, community-focused application process modeled on established neighborhood grantmaking approaches.
- Applications will be reviewed by a cross-departmental committee with representation from: Office of Oversight and Public Accountability (OPA), Office of Equity and Engagement, Community Development Department, GRPD, and GRFD.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on:
 - Alignment with public safety goals
 - Demonstrated community impact
 - Feasibility and organizational capacity
 - Focus on prevention and risk reduction



Public Safety Enhancements (continued)

- Planning and community engagement activities, including outreach regarding the grant program, were originally anticipated to begin in July 2026.
- However, staff has revised the distribution timeline because the State has not provided the funding or a timeline for when the funds will be released to the City.

Revised Anticipated Timeline & Next Steps

- **September 2026** – Program launch, webpage goes live, and community engagement begins
- **October 2026** – Grant application period opens and proposals are accepted
- **November 2026** – Staff review and development of funding recommendations
- **November 17, 2026** – Public Safety Committee reviews staff recommendations
- **November 17, 2026** – City Commission considers Committee recommendation
- **On or before December 1, 2026** – Grant recipients are notified