

# Fueling Michigan's Future The Comeback Continues

### **Budget Highlights**

Budget total: \$52.1 billion

General Fund budget total: \$9.8 billion
School Aid Fund total: \$12.2 billion

### **Education Highlights**

- \$11.7 billion for K-12 education alone, a \$1 billion increase in state funding for classrooms over FY 2011.
- \$150 million toward the foundation allowance, which equates to a range of \$83 to \$111 per student.
- \$270 million for retirement liabilities to help districts ensure retirement promises are kept.
- \$80.3 million for our public universities, an increase of 6.1%.
- \$8.9 million for community colleges an increase of 3%.
- \$65 million for early childhood education, eliminating the waiting list.
- \$2 million to pilot voluntary year-round school programs to enhance learning.
- \$27.8 million for evaluation tools and systems for teachers and administrators.
- \$1.8 million in for dual enrollment, allowing students to earn college credits while still in high school.
- \$80 million to reward K-12 schools that incorporate best practices.
- \$50 million in technology infrastructure grants to help districts meet online learning needs.
- \$5 million to assist with consolidation of school districts or services.
- \$10 million in emergency reserves for financially distressed school districts.

#### **Tax Relief Highlights**

- Provides \$102.7 million to expand the Homestead Property Tax credit.
- Benefits low- and middle-income working families, seniors and those with disabilities.
- Generates increased tax refunds for 1.3 million taxpayers.

#### **Job Growth Highlights**

- \$385,000 to create the Office for New Americans to attract immigrants with advanced academic degrees.
- \$5 million for the Automotive, Engineering and Manufacturing Technology Fund.
- \$10 million for the skilled trades training program helping address job-to-talent mismatches.
- \$100 million in bond funds for an engineering talent investment program.
- \$50 million in bond funds for a community college skilled-trades initiative.
- \$2 million for the Food and Agriculture Industry Growth Initiative.
- \$2 million for the Pure Michigan campaign, a smart investment for the economy.
- \$15 million for community revitalization and business attraction efforts.
- \$2 million for increasing the visibility of arts and culture programs.

### **Health Investment Highlights**

- \$15.7 million in gross funding for the Healthy Kids Dental program, allowing expansion into Kalamazoo and Macomb counties and the addition of 100,000 more kids receiving dental care.
- \$2.5 million to expand rural prenatal health visitations.
- \$15.6 million to support recommendations by the Michigan Mental Health and Wellness Commission.
- \$3 million for university autism programs aimed at training autism treatment providers.



- \$6.1 million for jail diversion programs, diverting people with mental illness or developmental disabilities from the criminal justice system and providing them with needed medical attention.
- \$1.7 million to increase the number of inspectors for food and dairy safety.

# <u>Transportation, Technology and Preventive Maintenance Highlights</u>

- \$254 million to improve roads and bridges and transportation systems across the state.
- \$28 million for upgrades and replacement of outdated state computer systems.
- \$5 million in increased funding for infrastructure investments in state facilities, avoiding future upkeep that would result in higher costs, bringing the total investment to \$33 million.

# Senior and Veteran Highlights

- \$5 million for home-delivered meals and in-home services for seniors, eliminating the waiting list.
- \$9 million to help seniors and residents with disabilities who might otherwise be living in a nursing home to receive needed care and services in their own homes, eliminating the waiting list.
- \$1 million for training and awareness of recently passed elder abuse laws.
- \$5 million to create a state tuition assistance program for Air and Army National Guard personnel.
- \$750,000 for the Veteran Service Coalition to help manage the workload of Veterans Services Organizations.

# **Public Safety Highlights**

- \$17.8 million to train an additional 100 state troopers and 31 motor carrier officers.
- \$25.3 million to replace equipment within the Michigan Public Safety Communications System, helping ensure emergency first responders can share information quickly.
- \$750,000 to implement an electronic warrant-to-disposition system to improve the timeliness of arrests.
- \$6.7 million to enhance cyber security and protect computer systems.
- \$500,000 to expand initiatives focused on anti-bullying and hate crimes.

# **Environment and Natural Resources Highlights**

- \$3.5 million to hire and train 25 additional DNR conservation officers to enforce conservation laws.
- \$6 million to combat invasive species.
- \$2.5 million to make Michigan the "Trail State."
- \$4 million for wildfire protection and forest management to hire new foresters.
- \$1 million is provided for the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps.
- \$6.5 million for the repair and maintenance of state parks.
- \$1.9 million for the Hazardous Waste Management Program.
- \$1 million for recycling to increase the number of counties with convenient access to recycling.
- \$4 million for water quality initiatives to develop a comprehensive water strategy.
- \$3 million devoted to clean up leaking underground storage tanks.

### **Local Government Highlights**

- \$36 million to support governments across Michigan through the Economic Vitality Incentive Program.
- \$764.9 million in constitutional revenue; \$211.2 million in county payments.
- \$2.5 million for the Regional Prosperity Program to encourage local collaboration.
- \$17.5 million annually over 20 years to assist in the Detroit bankruptcy and reduce impacts on city pensioners.

# Fiscal Responsibility Highlights

- \$120 for the Budget Stabilization (Rainy Day) Fund, bringing the total balance to \$700 million.
- \$122 for the newly created Michigan Health Savings Fund, a sub-fund of the Rainy Day Fund.
- Total in state savings accounts: \$822 million (Rainy Day Fund and health sub-fund).