

Economic Vitality Incentive Program/County Incentive Program Certification of Consolidation of Services

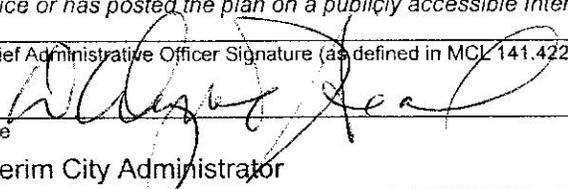
Issued under authority of 2013 Public Act 59. Filing is mandatory to qualify for payments.

Each city/village/township/county applying for Consolidation of Services payments must:

1. Certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) that the local unit listed below has produced and made readily available to the public, a Consolidation Plan as required by 2013 Public Act 59. The plan shall be made available for public viewing in the clerk's office or posted on a publicly accessible Internet site.
2. Submit to Treasury a Consolidation Plan.

City/village/township: This certification, along with a Consolidation Plan, **must be received by February 1, 2014** to receive the February and April payments or on or before March 31, 2014 to receive the April payment. Post mark dates will not be considered. For questions, call (517) 373-2697.

County: This certification, along with a Consolidation Plan, **must be received by February 1, 2014** (or the first day of a payment month) in order to qualify for that month's payment. Post mark dates will not be considered. For questions, call (517) 373-2697.

PART 1: LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION			
Local Unit Name City of Ecorse		Local Unit County Name Wayne	
Local Unit Code 822080		Contact E-Mail Address woneal@ecorsemi.gov	
Contact Name Wayne O'Neal	Contact Title Interim City Administrator	Contact Telephone Number (313) 436-4005	Extension
Website Address, if plan is available online ecorsemi/gov			
PART 2: CERTIFICATION			
<i>In accordance with 2013 Public Act 59, the undersigned hereby certifies to Treasury that the above mentioned local unit has produced a Consolidation Plan and has made the plan available for public viewing in the city, village, township, or county clerk's office or has posted the plan on a publicly accessible Internet site. The Consolidation Plan is attached to this signed certification.</i>			
Chief Administrative Officer Signature (as defined in MCL 141.422b) 		Printed Name of Chief Administrative Officer (as defined in MCL 141.422b) Wayne O'Neal	
Title Interim City Administrator		Date 1/27/14	

Completed and signed form (including required attachment) should be e-mailed to: TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov

If you are unable to submit via e-mail, fax to (517) 335-3298, or mail the completed form and required attachment to:

Michigan Department of Treasury
Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis
PO Box 30722
Lansing MI 48909

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	1st C/P Submission Y N	

Economic Vitality Incentive Program

Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan as of February 1, 2014

Local Unit Name: City of Ecorse

County: Wayne

This information is available on the City's web site at <http://ecorsemi.gov/> and is also available in written form at the City Administrator's Office at 3869 West Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

The City of Ecorse previously submitted a report for the first year as required dated December 2011 and an updated report as of February 1, 2013.

The first portion of this submittal is the Update of the first two years' reports to show progress/changes which have occurred during the last two years. The second portion of this submittal will discuss new proposals.

Update of First And Second Years' Reports

The 7 areas of Regional Initiative regarding Public Works continue to be in effect. These are on-going programs of cooperation. Item 8 is the manufacture of Street Signs. The City now buys these direct from a private company at a similar cost. Ecorse continues to avoid the necessity of investing in equipment and training. The City now installs its own signs as it has trained its staff to handle this task. The Greenway Project for the installation of sidewalks continues to benefit from the mutual cooperation of the cities.

The Federal Cops Grant project has now been completed including the commitment to keep the officer for the 4th year at City expense as required.

Seven areas of cooperative efforts by the Police Department with other Law Enforcement Units are all still continuing programs that have provided significant assistance and financial savings to the City of Ecorse. One direct benefit is the purchasing of Police cars annually through the State Purchasing Network. The City has received a portion of funds received from the seizure of property and money involved in illegal activities. The City

has received reimbursement of portions of Ecorse Police Officer's salaries as the result of Ecorse's participation in these joint efforts.

The City has now trained 17 out of 18 of our present Police Officers to be Public Safety Officers (PSO) providing Firefighting services. This is the result of a state grant made through the EVIP program jointly to the cities of Ecorse and River Rouge which has provided for this training in Firefighting through Schoolcraft Community College. As funds allow, the City has been providing the PSOs with more advanced Firefighting training.

The City completed the requirements for a SAFER grant to preserve Fire Fighter jobs. The City has applied for an additional SAFER grant, but has not yet received approval.

Although the City now has combined the Fire and Police Department into one Safety Department, there are still beneficial cooperative efforts with other governmental units in the area of Fire Fighting. The City continues to utilize \$ 50,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds per year towards the payoff of the remaining debt on the 2009 Ladder Truck. The Fire

Mutual Aid Agreement for automatic response by both the City of Ecorse and the City of River Rouge to any structural fires in either community. Mutual Aid agreements with the 17 member communities of the Downriver Community Conference still continue to provide mutual protection and specialized programs for the cities.

The City continues to receive CDBG funds through Wayne County. Ecorse Public Schools continue to share facilities with the City and to expand programs which are of benefit to the citizens of Ecorse at no additional expense to the City.

Ecorse continues to benefit from the successful cooperative efforts of the State and the City to secure changes in state law which allows for a third party to collect property taxes. This allowed the City to secure good bids on the bonds that were sold by the City. It also facilitated the reorganization of the City Treasurer's office eliminating one position. This annually saves the City at least \$ 25,000 plus the long term costs of health care and pension benefits for that position.

Both the City of Ecorse and the City of River Rouge benefit by sharing Library staff. Ecorse Library operates with only two part time employees which results in an estimated \$ 150,000 savings per year.

The consolidation of the Ecorse, River Rouge, and Lincoln Park Courts was completed with the move of all of the court operations to Lincoln Park effective July 1, 2013. The City of Ecorse has benefited from the improvement in the collection of more net income from the Court.

Over the past several years, Ecorse has successfully reorganized the command structure of the Police and Fire Departments and their merger into one Public Safety Department. This was also possible by having a private firm provide the initial Emergency Medical Services.

City Hall staff and Public Works staff have also been reorganized to provide these services in a more efficient and cost effective manner. The City has eliminated two part time employees at the City's Boat Launch site on the Detroit River by securing a private operator through a competitive bid process.

The City continues to work with the State of Michigan to evaluate the condition of the Sanitary Sewer System. Some portions of this work have been completed, but more work is anticipated in the future.

Proposed Service Consolidations

- 1.** The City of Ecorse is in the process of reorganizing the Building Department. New contracts were entered into with the Building Department Official and the City Engineer. The City Engineer's time was substantially reduced resulting in an estimated \$ 39,000 per year savings. The City is considering eliminating this position which would result in an additional \$ 36,000 per year savings.
- 2.** The City of Ecorse has been working with Wayne County for demolition of dilapidated structures within the City. Wayne County has allocated approximately \$ 170,000 for this purpose. Then they recaptured funds from other communities who had not completed their projects in a timely manner and have assigned another \$ 178,000 to this project. The City also partnered with Wayne

Metro on another MSP grant. \$ 495,000 have been expended on demolition and another \$100,000 is being provided. This is a total of \$ 943,000 allocated to be spent on projects in the City of Ecorse.

- 3.** The City of Ecorse and the City of River Rouge have been awarded ORTA grant through the Department of Treasury in the amount of \$ 327,150. The purpose of the grant is to facilitate the combination of dispatch services, jail holding facilities, and animal control services for both cities to be located in the City of River Rouge. The grant application identified substantial savings to both communities. The two cities are currently involved in evaluation of the project and the steps needed to implement this improvement.

In Summary, the City of Ecorse has been successful in improving the quality of life for our citizens as well as saving money in the City operations over the past several years through cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation.