



## City of Jonesville Local Development Finance Authority FY 2018-19 Annual Report

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This report is provided in accordance with the Michigan Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, Public Act 57 of 2018. It reports the Authority's operations during the 2018-19 fiscal year and is intended to fulfill the requirements of the annual synopsis of activities of the authority, required in Section 910(1)(h) of the Act. The authority fiscal year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Authority Accomplishments**

- Collaborated with the Jonesville City Council, Local Development Finance Authority, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to develop and approve the City of Jonesville Economic Development Strategy.
- Partnered on short notice with the Hillsdale County Economic Development Partnership (EDP), Michigan Works Southeast and Jonesville Community Schools to host a job fair to assist following a factory closing.
- Collaborated with the EDP and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on retention and expansion calls to support growth of existing businesses.
- Investigated broadband internet options and collaborated with local provider DMCI on an improved cost structure for commercial customers.

### **Projects and Investments**

- Continued annual investment of \$15,000 to support the collaborative economic development activities of the Hillsdale County EDP.
- Invested in the City's water system improvement project with a commitment of \$25,000 per year for 10 years to maximize affordability of water utility costs, especially for industrial customers.
- Completed change out of sign lighting to LED to reduce ongoing operational costs.
- Provided engineering support to investigate solutions to traffic concerns at Reading Ln. and Gaige St.

### **Events and Promotions**

- Provided advertising support for the December job fair.

### **Fund Balance and Capital Project Planning**

The LDFA retains an estimated fund balance at the close of the fiscal year of approximately \$1.25 million. Due to sizable future projects, as well as uncertainty of future revenues following the elimination of personal property taxes in Michigan, the LDFA has established several designated reserves. \$240,000 is reserved for future expansion, \$200,000 for special projects and development incentives, and \$240,000 for future infrastructure improvements. The balance of the reserve is undesignated for projects authorized in the Development Plan.

The LDFA has a street infrastructure project planned for the next 5 years whose cost would exceed \$400,000. Additional savings will be needed to accomplish the long-term goals of the Development Plan, including Industrial Park expansion. These investments are more likely to take place nearer the end of the term of the plan in 2036. Projects are summarized on pages 17-20 of the FY2019-20 through 2024-25 Capital Improvement Plan and the LDFA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, both available for review at City Hall or on the City's website, [www.jonesville.org](http://www.jonesville.org).