

The following list represents many of the policy and funding issues MAC is pursuing — but is not an exhaustive look at the issues we advocate for on behalf of Michigan’s 83 counties.

Creating a Fair Revenue Sharing System for Counties

- Revenue sharing is the most flexible form of state aid to counties, which makes it the most effective method to fund generational investments in public services — with decisions made at the local level.
- **MAC supports** the creation of a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) through a statutory earmark of the state sales tax.
- House Bills 4274 and 4275 earmark 8 percent of the first 4 percentage points of the state’s sale tax for this purpose. The money deposited into the fund would stay in the fund for distribution to counties, cities, villages and townships and not lapse to the state General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.
- The legislation’s method of carving out a percentage of the sales tax for the fund is what revenue sharing was originally designed to do — share in the state’s revenue. If sales tax revenue goes up, local allocations go up, if sales tax revenue falls, so do allocations, just like it does for constitutional revenue sharing for cities, villages and townships.



Enacting Reforms to Ensure Proper Funding of Local Courts

- Local court funding remains caught in a looming statutory sunset, which now is set for May 2024.
- **MAC supports** an extension of the sunset to at least May 2026 to ensure our local courts do not face a financial emergency.
- **MAC supports** the creation of the Trial Court Fund to distribute funding to trial courts based on operational requirements while maintaining local discretion over trial court operational decisions.
- **MAC supports** the establishment of uniform assessments and centralized collections for all trial courts through the State Court Administrator’s Office. The system will maintain judicial discretion for ordering fines, reduce costs and increase efficiency.



Compensating Local Governments for Funds Diverted by the Veterans Property Tax Exemption

- Since the enactment of the Disabled Veterans Property Tax exemption in 2013, counties have sought reimbursement from the state for the lost local revenues, a hit of tens of millions of dollars each year.
- **MAC supports** continuing the exemption — but with the state making up those local losses through a refundable income tax credit payable to local governments.



2024 State Priorities

Ensuring Reasonable Health Care Cost-sharing for County Jail Inmates

- While federal legislation to address necessary reforms to the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) is under way, and several states have been approved for Medicaid Section 1115 waivers to allow for Medicaid coverage for incarcerated individuals, Michigan counties still face burdensome costs in anticipation of these reforms.
- To alleviate the financial burden imposed by the MIEP, **MAC supports** a requirement for health care providers to bill at the Medicaid-established rate for all incarcerated individuals who do not possess private health care and receive medical care outside of the county jail.
- **MAC supports** requiring the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid Section 1115 re-entry waiver, which several other states have been approved for, to reinstate Medicaid benefits for incarcerated individuals prior to release from county jails.



Increasing Road Funding to Address Michigan's Infrastructure Crisis

- Michigan is facing a \$3.9 billion annual funding deficit for roads and bridges. That number will only continue to increase as electric vehicles grow in popularity, and motor fuel tax revenue decreases.
- 2024 will be a pivotal year for finding solutions to this problem, and MAC is committed to exploring additional revenue options to ensure more reliable road funding for the future.
- **MAC supports additional and dedicated funding for county roads.**



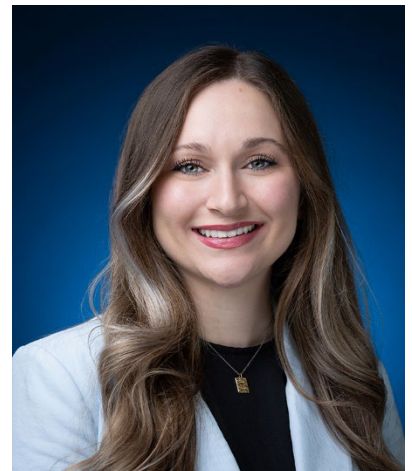
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