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To start, please confirm ...

Q1. What type of jurisdiction do you represent?

- county
- township
- city
- village

What is the jurisdiction's name? \_\_\_\_\_

(If not a county) In what county is it located? \_\_\_\_\_

What position do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

The term "intergovernmental cooperation" can apply to a variety of policies and efforts. For this survey, we use "cooperation" and "collaboration" interchangeably when talking about formal arrangements between two or more units of government, including the state, counties, local governments, schools, etc.

Q2. First of all, in the past two years, has your jurisdiction approached another unit of government, or has it been approached by another government, about any type of formal collaborative effort(s), for example, regional planning, service-sharing agreements, sharing facilities, and so on? (check all that apply)

- Yes, my jurisdiction has approached other(s)
- Yes, my jurisdiction has been approached by other(s)
- No, neither
- Don't Know

Q3. Currently, is your jurisdiction involved in formal collaborative effort(s) of any kind with other units of government?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

(Please answer this next section only if you responded "yes" to Q3: you are currently engaged in collaboration. Otherwise, skip to Q7)

Q4. In your jurisdiction's current collaborative efforts, which type(s) of partners is your jurisdiction collaborating with? (check all that apply)

- State
- County
- City
- Township
- Village
- K-12 school district
- Higher education institution
- Regional organization
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't Know

Q5. Please identify the extent of your jurisdiction's collaboration with other jurisdictions for provision of the following types of services:

	We Do Not Collaborate At All	We Collaborate Somewhat	We Collaborate A Great Deal	Don't Know
Land use planning and/or zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation and/or transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
911 emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilities and/or water / sewer / recycling / waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and/or recreation / libraries / culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy efficiency improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grounds-keeping and/or maintenance / snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workforce development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information technology and/or Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax collection and/or property assessing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other administrative functions (HR, payroll, purchasing, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. We'd like to get a sense of the overall success of your jurisdictions's collaborative activities, whether in terms of cost savings, or service improvements, or any other criteria that are important in your view. We know that different efforts yield different results, but overall, would you say your jurisdiction's current collaborative efforts to date have been generally successful or unsuccessful?

- Very Successful
- Somewhat Successful
- Mixed- Some Success and Some Failure
- Somewhat Unsuccessful
- Very Unsuccessful
- Don't Know

Q7. Looking ahead, is your jurisdiction currently studying any potential collaborative efforts, planning to launch any new collaborative efforts, or planning to significantly expand any existing collaborative efforts? (check all that apply)

- Yes, we are studying potential new or expanded collaborative effort(s)
- Yes, we are planning to launch new collaborative effort(s)
- Yes, we are planning to significantly expand current collaborative effort(s)
- No, none of the above
- Don't Know



**Q15. Some people think State mandates could help local governments overcome logistical, financial, and political barriers to collaboration. Others disagree. Please indicate how effective or ineffective you think each of the following would be in encouraging or supporting intergovernmental collaboration.**

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Neither Effective Nor Ineffective	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Don't Know
State mandates establishing common accounting and budgeting standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State mandates establishing common minimum operating standards (for example, number of police per capita) below which collaboration would be required to provide the service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State mandates requiring that certain service-sharing elements be included in local master plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State mandates requiring that revenue sharing be used first to support service-sharing agreements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q16. Thinking in general about State mandates to encourage intergovernmental collaboration, which of the following best describes your view?**

- There are certain types of new State mandates to encourage collaboration that I would support
- The State should not impose any new mandates because local governments know best how to make their own decisions regarding collaboration
- It depends (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q17. Aside from mandates, some people think State incentives could help encourage intergovernmental collaboration. Others disagree. Please indicate how effective or ineffective you think each of the following would be in encouraging or supporting intergovernmental collaboration.**

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Neither Effective Nor Ineffective	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Don't Know
An inventory of best practices and examples of previous successful collaborative efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to support planning stages for collaborative efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to help offset higher costs, if any, in the first few years of new collaborative efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to support innovative collaborative pilot programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A loan fund from which to borrow for the acquisition, purchase, or construction of capital-intensive items in collaborative efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online "want ads" for local governments seeking partners for collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revenue sharing incentives designed to encourage collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A state-level Intergovernmental Advisory Office to coordinate and administer programs like the ones listed above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q18. Along with other statutes, the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967 governs intergovernmental agreements in Michigan. One aspect of this Act requires that employees in the collaborating jurisdictions cannot be harmed by service-sharing agreements. Have the employee protection provisions of the Urban Cooperation Act or other state service-sharing enabling laws had a direct impact on your jurisdiction or not?**

- Yes, a positive impact
- Yes, a negative impact
- No impact
- Don't Know

**Q19. Do you believe that the Urban Cooperation Act should be amended or remain as it is currently?**

- Amended
- Remain as is
- Don't Know

**Q20. (If you responded "amended" in Q19) How do you think the Urban Cooperation Act should be amended?**

**Q21. Some people have suggested that Michigan has too many local government units. Others disagree. Do you agree or disagree that there are too many local governments in the state?**

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

**Q22. (County officials, please skip to Q24) Some people have suggested that cities, villages, and townships should go beyond service-sharing or collaboration and instead should fully merge or consolidate with other local governments. Others disagree. In order to fully merge, current state law requires voter approval of the involved entities to do this. In your opinion, would the following people and groups in your jurisdiction support or oppose full consolidation with another local government unit if there were significant cost savings?**

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
The majority of your citizens would...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The majority of your Board or Council would...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The majority of your government's employees would...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The majority of business leaders in your community would...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You personally would...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q23. (If you personally responded "support" or "oppose" in Q22) Why would you personally support or oppose full consolidation?**

**Q24. If your jurisdiction is interested in intergovernmental collaboration and/or consolidation, what is the one most important thing you would tell policymakers in Lansing about how they could best support your local efforts? Or, if your jurisdiction is not interested in this, please feel free to provide any other comments you would like to address to policymakers regarding issues of collaboration and/or consolidation.**

Finally, we have a few questions about energy and climate issues.

**Q25. Some local governments are adopting policies and practices to meet their jurisdictions' energy demands while reducing the costs and environmental impacts of energy use. In your opinion, in the next 12 months, how likely or unlikely is it that your jurisdiction will adopt the following types of policies and practices?**

	Already Adopted	Very Likely To Adopt	Somewhat Likely	Neither Likely Nor Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely To Adopt	Don't Know
<b>Improving energy efficiency in your government facilities</b> (such as lighting, insulation, or HVAC upgrades, anti-idling policies for municipal fleets, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Changing your jurisdiction's work practices</b> (such as water conservation, thermostat regulation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Programs targeted at residents</b> (such as recycling programs, promoting home weatherization, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Programs targeted at local businesses</b> (such as rebates to businesses that cut consumption, commercial recycling, formal recognition of green practices, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Developing or purchasing alternative energy sources</b> (such as employing solar panels or wind turbines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q26. Do you agree or disagree that promoting environmental sustainability and the concept of "being green" are important aspects of local government leadership?**

Strongly Agree     Somewhat Agree     Neither Agree Nor Disagree     Somewhat Disagree     Strongly Disagree     Don't Know

**Q27. In your view is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?**

Very Serious     Somewhat Serious     Not Too Serious     Not A Problem     Don't Know

**Q28. For each level of government below, please indicate whether you think it should have a great deal of responsibility, some responsibility, or no responsibility for taking actions to reduce global warming.**

	A Great Deal of Responsibility	Some Responsibility	No Responsibility	Don't Know
<b>Federal Government</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>State Governments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Local Governments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q29. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name, email address, and phone number for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be linked with your survey responses nor will it be shared with any outside sources.**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, we would like to ask some demographic questions. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Responses will be reported in aggregate form only so that your individual responses will remain confidential.

**Q30. What is your gender?**  Male  Female

**Q31. In what year were you born?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q32. How many years have you served in your current position?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q33. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?**  Yes  No

**Q34. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Multiracial
- Other
- Don't Know

**Q35. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?**

- 12<sup>th</sup> grade or less/no diploma
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college, no degree
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional/Doctorate degree

**Q36. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?**

- Republican
- Independent
- Democrat
- Something Else

**Q37. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?**

- Very strong
- Not very strong
- Don't Know

**Q38. (if Independent) Would you consider yourself closer to ...?**

- the Democratic Party
- the Republican Party
- Neither