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To start, please select:

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? _____

Q2. During the next twelve months, do you expect good times or bad times for local economic conditions in your community?

- Good times Bad times Neither Don't know

Q3. Thinking about the financial needs of your jurisdiction, would you say that your unit of government is less able or better able to meet its financial needs in...

	Significantly less able	Somewhat less able	Neither less nor better able	Somewhat better able	Significantly better able	Don't know
... <u>this</u> fiscal year compared to the last fiscal year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the <u>next</u> fiscal year compared to this fiscal year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4. Comparing your jurisdiction's current fiscal year to its previous fiscal year, please consider the ways the following items have changed. Indicate whether — in your opinion — there has been a decrease, an increase, or no change from the previous fiscal year.

	Greatly decreased	Somewhat decreased	No change	Somewhat increased	Greatly increased	Not applicable	Don't know
Revenue from property taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revenue from fees for services, licenses, transfers, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of your jurisdiction to repay its debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of federal aid to your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of state aid to your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home foreclosures in your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public safety needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human service needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General government operations needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of your jurisdiction's employee pensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of your jurisdiction's current employee health benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of your jurisdiction's retired employee health benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5. Now, comparing your jurisdiction's current fiscal year to the next fiscal year, please indicate which actions your jurisdiction has taken or is likely to take.

	Greatly decrease	Somewhat decrease	No change	Somewhat increase	Greatly increase	Not applicable	Don't know
Property tax rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charges for fees, licenses, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliance on general fund balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of services provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public safety spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human services spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General government operations spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number and/or scope of interlocal agreements or other service-sharing plans with other governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employee pay rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. Thinking about your jurisdiction's fiscal needs, overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance to be too high, about right, or too low?

- Too high About right Too low Don't know

Q7. In your opinion, is your jurisdiction's cash flow and its ability to pay bills in a timely manner a significant fiscal problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

- A significant problem Somewhat of a problem Not much of a problem Not a problem at all Don't know

Q8. Now, thinking about the overall fiscal stress in your jurisdiction today and what you expect it to be down the road — including any future financial obligations it may have — on a scale from 1 to 10, where **1 is the best: perfect fiscal health** and **10 is the worst: fiscal crisis**, how would you rate your jurisdiction's overall fiscal stress...

	The best: Perfect fiscal health										The worst: Fiscal crisis	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
... today?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... as you expect it to be five years from now?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next few questions regard federal funding to local governments from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Q9. Which of the following types of projects or priorities, if any, is your jurisdiction supporting or planning to support with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds? (check all that apply, if selection is allowable for your jurisdiction type)

- Water and sewer infrastructure (e.g., lead line replacement, system maintenance, etc.)
- Other capital improvements (e.g., public buildings, parks, etc.)
- Roads and other transportation infrastructure
- Broadband
- Public safety
- Community development (e.g., housing, neighborhoods, senior services, rec programs, etc.)
- Public health (e.g., mental health programs, COVID-19 mitigation and containment, etc.)
- Revenue loss replacement
- Local government administration (e.g., rehiring government staff, "hero" pay, etc.)
- Tourism, travel, and hospitality industries
- Families and household assistance (e.g., childcare, rent or utility assistance, etc.)
- Veterans support
- Small business assistance
- Other (please specify) _____
- None, our jurisdiction did not apply for or accept ARPA funding
- Don't know

Q10. (Please skip if you selected "none" in Q9) Is your jurisdiction using or considering any of the following strategies for projects with ARPA funds? (check all that apply, if selection is allowable for your jurisdiction type)

- Regional or multi-jurisdictional collaboration on a project or investment
- Public-private partnerships
- Additional bond financing for ongoing funding support after federal funds are spent
- A district (such as special assessment district, tax increment financing, and others) created for ongoing funding support after federal funds are spent
- Community engagement (e.g., resident participation in formal committees, community surveys to gauge support for spending options, etc.)
- Other (please specify) _____
- None of these
- Don't know

Q11. (Please skip if you selected "none" in Q9) Have any of the following been problems for your jurisdiction regarding ARPA funding or projects using ARPA funds?

	Not a problem at all	Not much of a problem	Somewhat of a problem	A significant problem	Don't know
Jurisdiction resources (e.g., not enough staff, internal expertise, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of local matching funds for grants (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigating state and federal bureaucracies (e.g., identifying eligible projects, understanding filing requirements and reporting, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with regional partners (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community engagement in determining spending priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inflation and other cost challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other procurement issues (e.g., lack of available contractors, supply chain challenges, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to spend funds within required deadlines (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uncertainty about future funding availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12. Thinking beyond ARPA, when state and/or federal funding or grants for local governments become available, some jurisdictions miss out on those opportunities, while others are able to take advantage of them. How confident are you that your jurisdiction can...

	Not at all confident	Not very confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Don't know
... monitor opportunities for future state and/or federal funds or grants that may become available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... successfully apply for future grants or funding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... meet requirements for reporting and auditing grant spending?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. Please briefly describe any additional resources or assistance that would help your jurisdiction find, apply for, and/or administer state and federal grants.

Now we have a few questions regarding housing issues in your jurisdiction.

Q14. Thinking about the overall housing supply in your jurisdiction, would you say your jurisdiction has too much, too little, or the right amount of the following housing options?

	Too much	The right amount	Too little	Don't know
Single-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry-level housing options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid-range housing options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High-end housing options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q15. Thinking about the overall housing supply in your jurisdiction, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Your jurisdiction has...

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
... housing stock that is out-of-date.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... housing stock that suffers from blight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... policies or zoning requirements that are hindering new construction or renovation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... sufficient affordable housing to meet demand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... sufficient regional construction workforce to meet demand for new/renovated housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... discussed issues related to housing – including at Board/Council meetings – within the past 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q16. As far as you know, are there any organizations in your community interested in helping develop affordable housing or subsidizing housing for the local workforce?

	Currently are providing housing assistance	Would be interested in providing housing assistance	No known interest in providing housing assistance	Don't know
Local employers or business groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other community groups or advocates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q17. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following state programs related to local housing?

	Completely unfamiliar	Mostly unfamiliar	Somewhat familiar	Very familiar	Don't know
Michigan Housing Opportunities Promoting Energy Efficiency (MI-HOPE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missing Middle Program (building housing units targeted to 60% to 120% of Area Median Income)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund (HCDF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan (adopted in 2022)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q29. Thinking about the relationship between the State government and local jurisdictions, overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Michigan state government officials value input from local government officials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State is taking too much decision-making authority away from local governments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State holds local governments to a higher standard than it holds itself to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State's decision-making is transparent to local officials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State unfairly treats some jurisdictions (or types of jurisdictions) better than others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q30. How would you describe the overall relationship between the State government and your jurisdiction in particular?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know

Q31. Now we're asking more broadly about your opinion of the state of our democracy as a system of government. Think about things like free and fair elections, rule of law, an unbiased free press, balanced relationships between levels and branches of government, ethical and transparent governance, an informed and engaged electorate, etc.

On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is a total breakdown of democracy and 10 is perfectly functioning democracy, how would you rate the functioning of democracy today in...

	Total breakdown of democracy										Perfectly functioning democracy	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
... your jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the state of Michigan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q32. Finally, we are interested in learning more about policy issues according to whether communities are rural, urban, or somewhere in between. How would you characterize your jurisdiction?

- Rural Mostly rural Mostly urban Urban Don't know

Q33. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name and email address for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be shared with any outside sources. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Please provide us with...

Your name _____

Your email address _____

Today's date ____ / ____ / 2023

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.

Q34. Are you...?

- Male Female Self-describe _____

Q35. In what year were you born? _____

Q36. How many years have you served in your current position?

Q37. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?

- Yes No

Q38. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)

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

Q39. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

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

Q40. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?

- Republican Independent Democrat
 Something else (please specify) _____

Q41. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't know

Q42. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither