



Legislation Text

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Support for City Council Resolution R-17-261 the Resolution of Intent Regarding Washtenaw County Millage to Support Community Mental Health Department, County Sheriff Operations, and Policing Jurisdictions Rebate

Whereas, Washtenaw County voters approved the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage in November 2017; and,

Whereas, the approved ballot language stated that the 1 mill levy will raise an estimated \$15,433,608.00 in the first year and that the annual funds will be allocated as follows:

- 38% shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health Department for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care;
- 38% shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and
- 24% shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force (currently Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) in proportion to their respective 2016 population values.

Whereas, Ann Arbor City Council passed [R-17-261 <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3091189&GUID=E4207B41-BAC4-4748-8071-47EDCC7B826B&FullText=1>](http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3091189&GUID=E4207B41-BAC4-4748-8071-47EDCC7B826B&FullText=1) on July 3, 2017 which stated that the City intended to use Ann Arbor's share of the public safety rebate as follows:

- 40% to effect the goals of Ann Arbor's Climate Action Plan (operating & capital)
- 20% to improve Pedestrian Safety (e.g., Enforcement Augmentation, Crosswalk Improvements, RRFBs, Streetlights) (operating & capital)
- 40% to effect the goals of the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment (a/k/a Washtenaw County Housing Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis) and to increase Workforce Housing (operating & capital) with guidance by the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

Whereas, The Environmental Commission has consistently advocated for recurring funding be dedicated to implementing programs to effect the goals of Ann Arbor's Climate Action Plan; and,

Whereas, in April 2017, the Environmental Commission passed resolution [17-0676 <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3067484&GUID=FADBAF57-ADB5-4F24-A447-7340ECC4A0E8>](http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3067484&GUID=FADBAF57-ADB5-4F24-A447-7340ECC4A0E8) advocating for funding to create two FTEs and a recommendation that City Council identify between \$1million and \$3million in recurring revenue to fund climate change programs.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Environmental Commission recommends that City Council uphold Resolution R-17-261 and allocate 40% of the public safety rebate to fund programs to effect the goals of the Climate Action Plan.