

Economic Vitality Incentive Program Certification of Consolidation of Services

Issued under authority of Public Act 63 of 2011. Filing is mandatory to qualify for payments.

Each city/village/township applying for Consolidation of Services payments must:

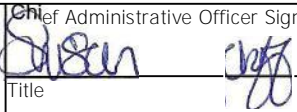
1. Certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) that the local unit listed below has produced and made readily available to the public, a plan to increase its existing level of cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation of services (either within the jurisdiction or with other jurisdictions). The plan shall include a listing of any previous services consolidated with the cost savings realized from each consolidation and an estimate of potential savings for any new service consolidations being planned.
2. Submit to Treasury a copy of the plan to increase cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation of services.

This certification, along with a cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation plan, must be received by January 1, 2012 (or the first day of a payment month) in order to qualify for that month's payment. Post mark dates will not be considered. For questions, call (517) 373-2697.

PART 1: LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION

Local Unit Name Village of Sheridan	
Local Unit Code 593060	Local Unit County Montcalm
Contact Name Susan Wyckoff-McFarland	Contact Telephone Number (989) 291-3485

PART 2: CERTIFICATION

<i>In accordance with Public Act 63 of 2011, the undersigned hereby certifies to Treasury that by January 1, 2012, the above mentioned local unit has produced and made readily available to the public a plan to increase cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation of services. The plan for cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation of services is attached to this signed certification.</i>	
Chief Administrative Officer Signature (as defined in MIL 141.422b) 	
Title President	Date 12/13/2011

Completed and signed forms (including required attachments) should be e-mailed to: TreasORTA@michigan.gov

If you are unable to submit via e-mail, mail the completed form and required attachments to:

Michigan Department of Treasury
Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis
PO Box 30722
Lansing MI 48909

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	Plan Received	

**VILLAGE OF SHERIDAN
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Resolution 12-13-11**

***A resolution to authorize inter-local cooperation, collaboration
and consolidation plan agreements***

Whereas, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THROUGH PUBLIC ACT 63 OF 2011 INTRODUCED THE ECONOMIC VITALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE-BASED GRANTS TO CITIES, VILLAGES, TOWNSHIPS, AND COUNTIES THAT ELECT TO COMBINE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; AND,

WHEREAS, few, if any, individual local governments have all the resources they may need to provide all services or purchase equipment for all its needs; and, the State of Michigan has requested local municipalities to share services and embrace the concept of regionalism; and,

Whereas, it is in the best interest of communities to look beyond their own immediate township, village, city and county boundaries to share resources in order to build stronger relations, merge operations and combine use of resources in order to save costs.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Sheridan, Montcalm County in regular session that:

Section 1. The Village of Sheridan, through its President, Council or Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a local cooperation, collaboration and consolidation agreement.

Section 2. Pursuant to the agreement, the Village Council designates the Village President, DPW Superintendent, Village Clerk or other Village Representative, as shall be necessary, as the authorized officer for requesting, or receiving requests and for participation assistance relating to officials of other local governments.

Section 3. Upon adoption, the Village President or other Village Representative, shall INITIALLY FACILITATE THIS RESOLUTION THROUGH ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE AGREEMENTS and report to the Village Council from time to time, cost savings and other information to implement **Economic Vitality Programs**.

Section 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this resolution, it shall be effective upon being approved by a majority vote of the Village Council of the Village of Sheridan, Montcalm County, Michigan by roll call vote at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Sisson and supported by Gehoski, the vote being as follows:

YEAS: Wagner, Sisson, Bush, Gehoski, Arrington, Wyckoff-McFarland

NAYS: _____ - _____

ABSENT: Nassif

ABSTAIN: _____ - _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

THE CLERK DECLARED RESOLUTION #12-13-11 ADOPTED.

Marcia Hersch, Village Clerk

MARCIA HERSCH, VILLAGE CLERK

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Sheridan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village of Sheridan Council at a public meeting held on December 13, 2011, at which meeting a quorum was present; that the members of said Council voted upon the aforesaid Resolution as shown; and that said meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

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Village of Sheridan Collaboration Plan

The Village of Sheridan has a long history of collaborating with its neighboring communities. In many cases, certain services would not be possible without collaborating with our neighbors. In other cases, the level of service that we can provide through collaboration is much greater than if we had provided the service for just our residents. Finally, in some collaborations, the benefits of collaboration are more through coordinated efforts that enhance the service for each community than simply cost savings for the community. The cost savings by collaborative effort is difficult to calculate. By statute, this plan is required to list the cost savings for each collaboration. The calculation of the cost savings often depends on perspective of the entity making the estimate and the set of assumptions about the level of service to be provided. For this report, the estimate of cost savings will be from the perspective of the Village of Sheridan. The level of service is assumed to be the current level of service. The amount of cost savings will be the past year for current savings and the first year in future savings. In reality, many of these services could not be provided without the cooperation of the other units of government. Finally, not all collaborative efforts are undertaken for cost saving reasons. Sometimes a collaborative effort is just good public policy and a joint approach makes life easier for the citizens.

In this report, a brief history of current collaborations will be provided. Each service description will try to include an estimate of the cost savings. In making the estimated cost savings calculation, the report will be focused on the cost saving to the Village of Sheridan. The report will not attempt to calculate the overall net savings of the collaboration.

This plan will be available to the public in the Village Office and on the Village's website.

Current Collaborations:

- 1. Montcalm County Area Mutual Aid Agreement:** This Mutual Aid Agreement is for the communities in Montcalm County. By having a coordinated effort, the Village of Sheridan receives a better level of service than could be achieved on our own.
 - a. **Key Partners:** Public Works Departments of Edmore, Greenville, Carson City, Crystal, Lakeview, McBride, Stanton, Howard City and the Montcalm County Road Commission.
 - b. **Budget:** There is no budget for this collaboration agreement. It is done by the Village of Sheridan to enable us to cooperate with other municipalities for the best interest of our residents and being able to maintain our village at a more reasonable cost.
 - c. **Benefits:** Allows the Village of Sheridan to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement to include provisions for the furnishing and exchanging of supplies, facilities, personnel, and services.
 - d. **Cost Savings:** It is hard to determine actual costs of savings due to most of the savings being realized by much reduced rates on such things as signage, street work, and road salt.

- 2. Worker's Compensation Insurance:** The Village of Sheridan is a member of the Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund.
 - a. **Key Partners:** Over 200 cities, villages, townships, counties and special districts.

- b. **Budget:** The total budget is \$573,903.18 and the Village of Sheridan contributes \$4,265.00 annually.
 - c. **Cost Savings:** Very difficult to estimate. As a member the Village receives dividend checks back when the fund is healthy and claims are down. It is unlikely that a private sector insurance company would return profits when funds are healthy. This in turn also helps keep rates low for the Village.
3. **Liability Insurance:** The Village of Sheridan is a member of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority which is a joint venture with many other municipalities to provide liability and property insurance for the Village.
- a. **Key Partners:** Over 200 cities, villages, townships, counties and special districts.
 - b. **Budget:** The total budget is \$573,903.18 of which the Village of Sheridan contributes \$7500.00 - \$8500.00 annually.
 - c. **Cost Savings:** Very difficult to estimate. Our price is competitive with commercial insurance. During some periods, it is extremely difficult to purchase commercial liability insurance for a municipality. The joint venture ensures that we will always be able to be insured.
4. **Department of Public Works (DPW) Equipment Sharing:** Municipalities borrow and share equipment. We reimburse each other based on the Michigan Department of Transportation Schedule C rates. Items such as vac trucks, street sweepers, directional boring machines as well as other large pieces of equipment are expensive. It would be impossible for all of us to own one of all the different pieces. By sharing, we can all access the equipment we need.
- a. **Key Partners:** Public Works Departments of Sheridan, Edmore, Greenville, Carson City, Crystal, Lakeview, McBride, Stanton, Howard City and the Montcalm County Road Commission.
 - b. **Budget:** There is no preset budget for equipment sharing.
 - c. **Benefits:** Allows the Village of Sheridan to include provisions for the furnishing and exchanging of supplies, equipment, facilities, and services.
 - d. **Cost Savings:** Hard to determine because it allows the Village of Sheridan to not have to purchase equipment that would not be used often. The Village of Sheridan is able to utilize this asset for savings of considerable costs. Equipment Sharing makes it so communities do not need to purchase every type of equipment
5. **Sheridan Community Fire Department:** The Sheridan Community Fire Department is jointly owned and shared with the Village of Sheridan, Sidney Township, Evergreen Township, Bushnell Township and Fairplains Township.
- a. **Key Partners:** Village of Sheridan, Sidney Township, Evergreen Township, Bushnell Township and Fairplains Township.
 - b. **Budget:** Approximately \$11,500.00 Annually.

- c. **Benefits:** The Village of Sheridan and the other participating communities are able to provide coverage to five different communities providing a faster response time to residents and also allowing the fire department to have equipment it may not be able to afford on its own.
 - d. **Cost Savings:** This is difficult to estimate. Each community would be unable to maintain a fire department individually.
- 6. Michigan State Police:** The Village of Sheridan allows the Michigan State Police to have a detachment office in their village office.
- a. **Key Partners:** Village of Sheridan and Michigan State Police.
 - b. **Budget:** N/A.
 - c. **Benefits:** The presence of the Michigan State Police Officers and their vehicles stationed here are a benefit to the Village of Sheridan as for deterring crime.
 - d. **Cost Savings:** The Village of Sheridan would pay approximately \$68,000.00 annually to hire the Montcalm County sheriff's department for full-time protection.

Future Collaborations:

- 1. Wellhead protection plan:** The State of Michigan is encouraging all water systems to develop wellhead protection plans. The Village of Sheridan is planning to work with the Michigan DEQ to update and implement its wellhead protection plan. The purpose of the wellhead protection plan is to protect the water source we use for the Village of Sheridan.
- a. **Key Partners:** Village of Sheridan and the Michigan DEQ
 - b. **Benefits:** Protects water for many residents in our community.
 - c. **Cost Savings:** Cost savings is the wrong metric for wellhead protection. Collaboration is required for a good plan. Better and safer drinking water for the village is the goal. No cost savings will be generated.
- 2. Joining the Montcalm County Alliance:**
- a. **Key Partners:** Village of Sheridan and the Montcalm County Alliance
 - b. **Budget:** \$500.00 annually
 - c. **Benefits:** Help in receiving grants that may potentially benefit the Village of Sheridan for future growth and upgrades.
 - d. **Cost Savings:** It is likely that the Village could receive grants ranging from anywhere from thousands of dollars upwards.
- 3. Law Enforcement Contract with the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office:** The Village of Sheridan and the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office may enter into a law enforcement agreement if service is available to be split with other townships.

- e. **Key Partners:** Village of Sheridan and Montcalm County, in conjunction with 2 of the following townships: Montcalm Township, Sidney Township, and Evergreen Township.
- f. **Budget:** If the Village could contract with the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office and two neighboring townships the cost to the village would be approximately \$22,733.00 annually.
- g. **Benefits:** By contracting with the Sheriff's Office, we would have an officer devoted to a set number of hours in the village. This officer would also be able to enforce ordinances within the village.
- h. **Cost Savings:** This is difficult to estimate. Without contracting with the Sheriff's Office along with other townships the Village could not afford to hire experienced deputies, train an employee and provide adequate equipment or contract with the sheriff's department individually.