



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: March 27, 2026

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Alicia Schwartz, Grants Manager

Re: Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Report Through February 28, 2026

Highlights: The Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Report highlights changes from the prior report in yellow. Of particular note this month are the following project updates:

- ✓ **2025-001 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Cybersecurity Assessment** - Received notification of award for \$80,000.
- ✓ **2025-007 State Revolving Fund Clean Water Initiative/Strategic Water Quality Initiative 5980-01 West Chicago South Stormwater Improvements (DWSD Grant)** - Submitted reimbursement request for \$2.6M.
- ✓ **2026-001 to 2026-006** – Received notification of congressional earmarks for six FY2026 EPA Community Grants totaling \$6.5M. Award agreements are being finalized.

Background: The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to oversee and report on activities identified in the GLWA Articles of Incorporation related to solicitation and receipt of grants, gifts, and other resources ⁽¹⁾ as stated in Article 4 – Powers, Section B (4):

(4) Solicit, receive, and accept gifts, grants, labor, loans, contributions of money, property, or other things of value, and other aid or payment from any federal, state, local, or intergovernmental government agency or from any other person or entity, public or private, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Authority, or participate in any other way in a federal, state, local, or intergovernmental government program ⁽²⁾.

¹ Other resources as referenced above refer to labor, contributions of money, property, or other things of value from any other person or entity, public or private with the exception for loans, subject to provisions of the GLWA Board Debt Management Policy, and Intergovernmental agreements and other activities that are addressed in the GLWA Board Procurement Policy.

² Participation in any other way in a federal, state local, or intergovernmental government program includes participation in research projects at universities.

GLWA's Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Delegation Policy is online at [Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Delegation Policy - GLWA \(glwater.org\)](https://www.glwater.org/grants-gifts-and-other-resources-delegation-policy).

Analysis: The tables in each section of this report present GLWA grant activity by each phase. As a grant moves through each phase, it is shown in the corresponding table.

Table 1- Pre-Award phase includes the process of applying for a grant and the period prior to the signing of the grant agreement between the awarding agency and GLWA.

Table 2 - Post-Award phase reflects the period after the agreement is executed with the awarding agency. In this phase, GLWA becomes responsible for meeting the administrative, financial, and programmatic reporting requirements of the award.

Table 3 - Close-Out phase is the final stage of grant activity and includes final reporting requirements, auditing, and closeout. There are final financial and programmatic reports that must be submitted to formally close out the grant as defined in each grant agreement.

Table 4 - Programs not awarded or programs that GLWA will not continue to pursue.

Proposed Action: Receive and file this report.



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Table 1 – Pre-Award Phase Programs reflects open submissions for FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY 2026 to date. The programs listed under this section do not have a grant agreement between the awarding agency and GLWA at this time, but an application has been submitted, or the funds have been identified in legislation (i.e. earmarks).

Reference Number	Date Originally Awarded or Requested	Program Description	Type of Activity	Amount to be Provided	Compliance and/or Performance Requirements	Status
2024-009	3/9/2024	FY 2024 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – Pump Station #2 Rack & Grit (CIP Project 211007)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$959,752	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Working with Project Manager to develop project workplan.
2025-002	12/19/2024	State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Cybersecurity Professional Training for IT/Security Staff	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$191,194	Federal Audit Requirements	Application submitted by GLWA, under review by FEMA.
2026-001	2/2/2026	FY2026 EPA Community Grant - 7 Mile Sewer Rehabilitation (CIP Project 260206)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,092,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Contract bidding to begin in July.
2026-002	2/2/2026	FY26 EPA Community Grant - Fox Creek Enclosure	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,092,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Working with Project Manger to identify costs in next phase.
2026-003	2/2/2026	FY26 EPA Community Grant - Freud & Conner Creek Pump Station Improvements (CIP Project 232005)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,092,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Application in process.

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2026-004	2/2/2026	FY26 EPA Community Grant - Northwest Interceptor to Oakwood CSO (CIP Project 222001)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,092,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Application in process.
2026-005	2/2/2026	FY26 EPA Community Grant - Downriver Loop Water Main Construction (CIP Project 122016)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,092,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Working to identify appropriate project.
2026-006	2/2/2026	FY26 EPA Community Grant - 54-Inch Water Main Renewal	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,000,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark (20% Cost Share). Gathering project information.

Table 2 - Post-Award Phase Programs reflect all open, awarded grants from FY 2021 through FY 2026.

Reference Number	Date Originally Awarded or Requested	Program Description	Type of Activity	Grant Amount	Compliance and/or Performance Requirements	Status
2023-003	12/19/2022	FY2023 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – PFAS Compounds remediations project	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$3,452,972	Federal Audit Requirements	Received notification of award June 6, 2025.
2023-005	3/28/2023	Department of Energy – Hydrothermal Liquefaction Project	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,000,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Total reimbursement of \$783,941 received through December 2025.
2023-013	8/06/2023	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 714729 Outfalls (CIP Project 260201)	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$247,650	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$247,650 submitted in February 2024. Project closeout in progress.
2023-014	8/28/2023	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 664811 Conner Creek Sewer System (CIP Project 260204)	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,910,621	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$1,910,621 submitted in February 2024. Project closeout in progress.
2023-015	10/3/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood,	Federal pass-through State	\$90,541	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$90,541 submitted in

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		DR-4607 Project 670521 CAT-Z – Allocation of Management Costs	(Reimbursement Basis)			November 2024. Project closeout in progress.
2023-019	3/3/2021	American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Fund (ARPA) Funded Project 7532-02 96 Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Phase 2 EGLE (CIP Project 122004)	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$11,751,730	Federal Audit Requirements	Total reimbursement request received to date \$9M.
2023-023	8/30/2023	I-94 Modernization Project (CIP Project 270001)	MDOT Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$34,400,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Wade Trim has been selected as vendor. Kick-off meeting held November 20, 2025.
2024-005	12/15/2023	Fiscal Year 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Project Scoping/Feasibility Study (design and engineering only – no construction)	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$642,000	Federal Audit Requirements	\$642,000 Grant awarded January 2025 – currently on hold.
2024-009b	3/9/2024	FY 2024 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – Oakwood District Intercommunity Relief Sewer Modifications (CIP Project 222001)	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$959,752	Federal Audit Requirements	Received notification of award December 30, 2025.
2024-011	7/10/2024	Southeast Michigan Flood Study	Federal (Cost Share)	\$0	Federal Audit Requirements	Cost Share Agreement – GLWA share \$1.5M. \$482,645 of Cost Share work performed to date.
2024-014	6/7/2023	Focus Hope – Michigan Industry Cluster Approach (MICA 4.0)	Nonprofit (Reimbursement Basis)	\$43,000	None	\$17,000 received to date.
2025-001	2/25/2026	State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) - Cybersecurity Assessments	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$80,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Received notification of award February 25, 2026.

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2025-004	5/1/2025	Scale-up of Hydrothermal Liquefaction with Supercritical Water Oxidation in an Integrated Biorefinery	Federal Grant (Cost Share)	\$0	Federal Audit Requirements	Cost Share Agreement – GLWA share \$250,000. \$11,467 of Cost Share work performed to date.
2025-005	9/6/2024	American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Funded Project 5840-01 Northwest Interceptor to Oakwood CSO Sewer (CIP Project 222001)	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$20,000,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Received payment of \$6.0M. Total reimbursement received to date \$20M.
2025-006	5/8/2025	Detroit Employment Solutions Corp (DESC) Apprentice Grant	Nonprofit (Reimbursement Basis)	Reimbursement of \$5,000 per apprentice	None	1st renewal signed October 2025, provides \$5,000 per apprentice. Total received to date \$105,000.
2025-007	8/22/2024	State Revolving Fund Clean Water Initiative/Strategic Water Quality Initiative 5980-01 West Chicago South Stormwater Improvements (DWSD Grant)	State or Federal pass-through (Reimbursement Basis)	\$14,011,908	Federal Audit Requirements	Requested reimbursement of \$2.6M February 2026. Total reimbursement received to date \$7.5M.
2025-008	6/3/2025	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 DR-4494 Project 953011 - CAT-Z – Allocation of Management Costs	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$100,398	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$100,398 submitted June 2025. Project closeout in progress.
2025-009	8/27/2025	State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Initiative - Water Main Replacement & Lead Service Line Replacement (WS742) 7888-01 (DWSD Grant)	State or Federal pass-through (Reimbursement Basis)	\$2,949,704	State Audit Requirements	Received notification of award August 27, 2025.

Table 3 – Close-Out Phase Programs have been completed. GLWA reimbursement has been received in full, and the programs are in the process of being closed out, including any closeout reporting requirements. There is no Table 3 presented this month because there was no activity in the month of February.

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