

May 10, 2019

Great Lakes Water Authority & Chief Executive Officer 500 Randolph, 19th Floor Detroit, MI 48202

RE: Water Residential Assistance Program Reallocation of Uncommitted FY18-19 Funds

Dear GLWA Board of Directors and Sue McCormick,

Community Action Agencies, America's anti-poverty network, carry out a shared promise to empower people and communities to be strong, healthy, and thriving. The Community Action Alliance for Southeast Michigan, through our role in WRAP, has made water assistance, conservation, and consumer education a leading priority in our community-based poverty fighting efforts.

Together we have enrolled more than 15,000 GLWA resident customers into WRAP assisting in the prevention of thousands of water service shut offs. With 76 of the eligible GLWA communities now offering WRAP services to residents and one additional MOA in process the reach and impact of WRAP continues to grow. **Even with an increase in community participation**, an unspent balance of \$675,000 in uncommitted funds remain in Direct Assistance and \$547,155 in Conservation.

The greatest need for WRAP services is from Detroit and Flint customers. 71 percent of all WRAP enrollments are Detroit and Flint residents. All available GLWA Detroit WRAP funding has been committed to service first year enrollments, second year re enrollments, home repairs, and conservation measures.

We respectfully request that GLWA Board of Directors:

- 1. Approve a WRAP conservation and direct assistance funding reallocation as follows:
 - a. Conservation:
 - i. Reallocate unspent funds as follows:
 - 1. City of Detroit: Conservation: \$273,578
 - 2. Genesee county (Flint): Conservation: \$273,577
 - b. Direct Assistance:
 - i. Reallocate unspent funds as follows:
 - 1. Genesee County: New Enrollments: \$ 337,500
 - 2. City of Detroit New Enrollments: \$ 337,500

In advocating for this reallocation, it is worth noting:

- All allocated GLWA funding and additional funding raised for Detroit has been committed.
- All allocated GLWA funding for Flint has been committed and \$17,000 are allocated for FY 19-20.
- This request is consistent with the reallocation request made by the CAA Alliance in 2018.
- An additional \$4,138,000 has been raised and committed for WRAP Detroit -Wayne Metro contributing \$1M in Federal dollars and DWSD an additional \$3M for Departmental sources.
- \$3.2M has been leveraged to expand and advance WRAP services through technology, facilities, and increased staffing.
- \$400,000 of discretionary funding has been raised through events, grants, and donations to provide one-time assistance to individuals and communities ineligible for WRAP.

Please find attached:

1. A funding allocation request table (Exhibit A)

Sincerely,

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Louis D. Piszker, CEO Wayne Metro CAA

EXHIBIT A

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency GLWA WRAP Reallocation Recommendation Uncommitted FY 2018 Funds

FY 2018 Direct Assistance Funds							
	Direct Assistance Budget	Direct Assistance Committed	Remaining Assistance Balance	Recommended Reallocation	Balance after Reallocation		
City of Detroit	\$1,303,229	\$1,303,229	\$0	\$337,500	\$337,500		
Out-Wayne	848,677	549,902	298,775	(298,775)	-		
Oakland	827,662	514,595	313,067	(313,067)	-		
Macomb	429,388	187,625	241,763	(241,763)	-		
Washtenaw	40,961	11,995	28,966	(28,966)	-		
St. Clair	2,604	-	2,604	(2,604)	-		
Lapeer	9,970	-	9,970	(9,970)	-		
Monroe	5,908	-	5,908	(5,908)	-		
Genesee	28,679	-	28,679	(28,679)	-		
City of Flint				337,500	337,500		
	\$3,497,078	\$2,567,345	\$929,733	(\$254,732)	\$675,000		

FY 2018 Conservation Funds								
	Conservation Assistance Budget	Conservation Assistance Spent	Remaining Assistance Balance	Recommended Reallocation	Balance after Reallocation			
City of Detroit	\$303,712	\$303,712	\$0	\$273,578	\$273,578			
Out-Wayne	197,780	100,798	96,982	(96,982)	-			
Oakland	192,883	76,686	116,197	(116,197)	-			
Macomb	100,067	40,959	59,108	(59,108)	-			
Washtenaw	9,546	401	9,145	(9,145)	-			
St. Clair	607	-	607	(607)	-			
Lapeer	2,323	-	2,323	(2,323)	-			
Monroe	1,377	-	1,377	(1,377)	-			
Genesee	6,684	-	6,684	(6,684)	-			
City of Flint				273,577	273,577			
	\$814,979	\$522,555	\$292,424	\$254,732	\$547,155			
FY 2018 Total	\$4,312,057	\$3,089,901	\$1,222,156	\$0	\$1,222,155			