

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

Putting Michigan's Economy First



Michigan's economic jumpstart is underway. We had the fastest growing economy in the Midwest over the first four months of this year, a lower unemployment rate than the national average, and a \$3.5 billion surplus - up from a projected \$3 billion deficit. We're near the tops of lists on job creation, business climate, and foreign direct investment. But our work isn't done. That's why Governor Whitmer is proposing a \$2.1 billion investment in our workers and middle class, small businesses and job creation, and our communities.

“ With the \$2.1 billion in proposals I have laid out, we can raise wages, give people paths to high-skill jobs, grow start-ups, build clean energy infrastructure, and do so much more. I'm utilizing every resource and ensuring that we continue to take bold action to help families, communities and small businesses thrive. Together, we can usher in new era of prosperity for Michigan. ”

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Governor Whitmer's proposal would:

Grow the middle class and educate workers

- A \$215 million expansion of [Michigan Reconnect](#) and [Futures for Frontliners](#)
- \$70 million investment to growing the pipeline of talented workers to industry
- \$100 million influx for the [Going Pro](#) credential program
- \$100 million to provide college affordability scholarships to students who graduated during the pandemic
- \$79 million first-dollar scholarships for students who have completed nearly all of the requirements to earn a college degree
- \$50 million to expand Registered Apprenticeship programs to get more Michiganders into the professional trades
- \$50 million to provide additional relief and assistance through Michigan non-profit partnerships
- \$30 million to help those reentering society after incarceration transition into the workforce
- \$27.5 million to further investments in programs that offer work experience to Michiganders earning their GEDs

Support small businesses and create better jobs

- Build on \$300 million Michigan Mainstreet Initiative, which offers grants to restaurants, place-based businesses, and microenterprises with further dollars to attract more start-ups
- \$200 million investment to create a more conducive business environment for high-tech, high-growth start-ups and create jobs of the future in Michigan
- \$40 million to speed up electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- \$100 million to prepare manufacturers and the workforce for opportunities of the future
- \$11 million investment into the STEM Forward program, which places STEM students in internships in Michigan and improves talent attraction and retention

Invest in our communities

- Build on proposal to put \$100 million towards building 2,000 units, create 1,600 jobs, and house 6,000 Michiganders.
- \$50 million to create a healthier, cleaner, and more energy efficient homes
- \$100 million to rehabilitate vacant buildings
- \$200 million to redevelop brownfield sites
- \$100 million to build development-ready sites conducive to business investment
- \$250 million to fund the creation of "Regional Economic Resiliency Plans" to help areas implement economic development plans

