

# Agenda

## West Michigan Prosperity Alliance Steering Committee Meeting

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Offices  
678 Front Ave. NW Ste. 200  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
October 17, 2016

1. Welcome
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes - Attachment
4. Review of Funding Available for Projects / Budget Amendment
5. Awarding of Project Funding - Attachment
6. 2017 Grant Application
7. Adjourn

# Memo

**To:** WMPA Steering Committee  
**From:** Steve Bulthuis  
**Date:** **October 11, 2016**  
**Re:** WMPA project funding recommendation

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On October 3 five finalists gave presentations describing their projects at WMPA's Public Engagement and Grant Award meeting. The audience ranked their proposals as follows:

1. Grand River Revitalization
2. Preliminary Design Engineering for a Regional Utility Force Main
3. College Degree & Recognized Credentialed Alignment
4. Hardy Pond Trail
5. West Michigan Water Systems Plan

Subsequently a majority of the WMPA administrative team (John Weiss, Angie Barksdale (for Jacob Maas), Steve Bulthuis, Paul Griffith, Dave Bee, Aaron Kuhn) met to discuss the results and develop a funding recommendation. It was agreed that all the projects had merit and there was a desire to attempt to fund all of them. To achieve this goal a reallocation of existing budget was necessary as well as deferring some projects into the next budget year. **Assuming the WMPA Board is willing to reallocate funding from other line items in the current budget (to be detailed in another communication), the following funding allocations and funding years are recommended:**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>
Hardy Pond Trail	\$20,000	2016
College Degree and Recognized Credential Alignment	\$50,000	2016
Sustainable Funding Strategy for West Michigan Watersheds	\$59,000	2016
Connected Community Engagement Program	\$45,000	2016
Grand River Revitalization	\$45,000	2016
Preliminary Design Engineering for a Regional Utility Force Main	\$52,500	2016
West Michigan Water Systems Plan	\$10,000	2017
Port of Muskegon Communications & Marketing Strategy	\$20,000	2017
Total	\$301,500	