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Chris Harkins, Director  
State Budget Office  
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Dear Director Harkins:

For your information, the attached transfer package has been approved by a majority of the members of both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

The transfer approved is from the State Budget Office letter dated October 26, 2023, Legislative Transfer Request 2024-1. The transfer is for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Anthony, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee

Angela Witwer, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee



**FY 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE TRANSFER PACKAGE**

<b>Department/Budget Area</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation</b>	<b>Contingency Transfer Amount</b>	<b>Standard Transfer Amount</b>	<b>Total Transfer Amount</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy	\$1,051,611,900	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,051,611,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	

**FY 2023-24 STANDARD TRANSFER FUND SOURCES**

<b>Department/Budget Area</b>	<b>Inter- Departmental Grants</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local/ Private</b>	<b>State Restricted</b>	<b>GF/GP</b>	<b>Total Standard Transfer Amount</b>
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

YTD as of August 3, 2023

State Budget Office Request 2024-1, October 26, 2023

# LEGISLATIVE TRANSFER

S.B.O. REQUEST NO: 2024-1

BUDGET AREA: ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

FISCAL YEAR: 2023-24

TRANSFER ITEMS	Y-T-D GROSS APPROP.	TRANSFER AMOUNT		
		GOV.'S REC.	SENATE ACTION 11/8/23	HOUSE ACTION 11/1/23
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER REQUEST: \$ 5,000,000</b>				
<b>FROM: ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Water infrastructure reserve fund	5,000,000	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
State general fund/general purpose	5,000,000	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
<b>TO: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE</b>				
Municipal assistance	4,988,200	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
State general fund/general purpose	453,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

The transfer would move \$5.0 million in general fund authorization pursuant to PA 119 of 2023, Article 4, section 1013 from the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund to the Municipal Assistance line item for use in addressing the City of Highland Park's settlement needs. The State has been participating in a court-ordered mediation as an interested party. The department would use \$675,000 of the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund to retain a consultant to determine the city's ability to contribute to a settlement of the Great Lakes Water Authority's (GLWA) claims as well as the financial viability of the city.

The remaining funds from the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund would be used to install master and sewer meters to accurately measure the flows to and from the city in an effort to lessen the areas of dispute between the city and GLWA. The city does not have master meters or sewer meters in place to determine how much water GLWA is providing to the city, thus GLWA's charges are based on estimates. The accuracy of those estimates is a significant point of disagreement between the city and GLWA. The State estimates a cost of between \$2.0 million to \$6.0 million to install water master meters at GLWA connections.