

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024 – 6:00PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COSTICK CENTER – SHANNON HALL**  
**28600 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**  
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1. Call Study Session to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion on ideas for potential joint meeting with Farmington Public Schools and the City of Farmington
4. Discussion on application for A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program
5. Review of Senior Services and tour of the Costick Center
6. Adjourn Study Session

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Gary Mekjian, City Manager

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting, wherein necessary arrangements/accommodations will be made. Thank you.



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CLERK

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Carly Lindahl, City Clerk  
**DATE:** October 14, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Institute for Responsive Government -  
A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program

In the past, Clerks have only been allowed to accept state and federal funding to be used for the administration of elections. With the new changes in legislation and in accordance with Michigan Constitution Article II, Section IV, counties, cities and townships conducting elections may accept and use publicly disclosed charitable donations and in-kind contributions to conduct and administer elections.

In September 2024, the Bureau of Elections informed Clerks statewide of possible grant opportunities, and upon research I found that Farmington Hills would be eligible for a nonpartisan grant program from the Institute for Responsive Government, the More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program. This grant program is only open to election offices in the following states and district: Colorado, Delaware, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, and Washington D.C. These were selected because of significant revisions made to election laws by their legislatures in the past three years that made elections "...more responsive and user-friendly for voters and election administrators."

Award amounts are based upon the 2022 Citizen Voting Age Population of the local election office's jurisdiction, as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau. Since Farmington Hills' population falls within the 50,000-99,000 range, the city has been awarded \$60,000.

In the grant application, I described some of the anticipated use of the grant funding which included:

- Replacement of current polling location/precinct signage for easier identification by voters
- Security upgrades to the absent voter counting board facility
- Upgrades to the help desk stations for each of the 27 precincts
- Purchase of replacement batteries for tabulators
- Purchase of storage cart for electronic pollbooks
- Purchase of extra ballot containers

The grant agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office and the Director of Finance.