

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
RESOLUTION 2019-27**

**STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION
LEVELS**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of billions of dollars of critical funding to municipalities and in the loss of approximately \$698,000 to the Village Yellow Springs; and

WHEREAS, this sudden loss of revenue has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services to Ohioans as well as to maintain critical infrastructure and to bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio Council that:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly and Administration should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure, public safety and quality of life for their citizens.

Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Signed: Brian K. Housh, President of Council

Passed: 6-3-2019

Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Housh Y

MacQueen Y

Stokes ABSENT

Kreeger Y

Sanford Y