

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-14

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

WHEREAS, In 2011, the Local Government Fund was reduced by 50%; to 4.3% of General Revenue Funds and thereafter to its current level of 3.00% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing while significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in an estimated loss of revenue of approximately \$583,000 since 2011 for the Village of Yellow Springs, and

WHEREAS, this continual revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; 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; and

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden,

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO HEREBY
RESOLVES THAT:

Section 1. This Council does hereby declare its strenuous opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 2. Council respectfully requests that the Ohio General Assembly restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels to ensure that local communities, including the Village of Yellow Springs, can provide crucial services and necessary improvements to infrastructure and public safety.

Signed: _____
Brian Housh, President of Council

Passed: 3-6-2023

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Brian Housh __Y__ Kevin Stokes __Y__ Marianne MacQueen __Y__
Carmen Brown __Y__ Gavin DeVore Leonard __Y__