



Local Development Financing Authority

County of Oakland, State of Michigan

2021/22 through 2023/24 Budget

Introduction

Troy's Local Development Finance Authority, as established by The Local Development Financing Act, Act 281 of 1986, Section 125.2151, is composed of seven members and appointed for four-year terms by the Mayor subject to the approval of City Council.

The Authority's primary objective is to encourage local development to prevent conditions of unemployment and to promote economic growth; to provide for the establishment of local development finance authorities and to prescribe their powers and duties; to provide for the creation of a board to govern an authority and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the creation and implementation of development plans; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to permit the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by an authority; to prescribe powers and duties of certain public entities and state officers and agencies; to reimburse authorities for certain losses of tax increment revenues; and to authorize and permit the use of tax increment financing.

In 2003, the City of Troy established the Automation Alley SmartZone. In 2017, the SmartZone was extended for an additional 15 years. Central to the SmartZone was the designation of an area as a certified technology park. This 75-acre zone was created as a Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). The tax increment will be used to fund infrastructure for the Automation Alley SmartZone. Initially funds were used to establish Automation Alley and its technology accelerator program. Funds are provided to Automation Alley for operational assistance of the technology accelerator. Automation Alley is a nonprofit manufacturing and technology business association and Michigan's Industry 4.0 knowledge center, with a global outlook and a regional focus. The organization connects industry, academia and government to fuel Michigan's economy and accelerate innovation. Automation Alley offers programs, resources and knowledge to help members grow and prosper in the digital age.



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