

Economic Vitality Incentive Program Consolidation Plan (First Time Filer) as of: March 1, 2013

Local Unit Name: County of Hillsdale
County: Hillsdale

Plan Available to the Public (check all that apply): In Municipal Offices Internet Website Other _____

Previous Service Consolidation(s) County of Hillsdale Hillsdale					
Service Consolidation	Date Consolidated	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/(Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)	Other Consolidation Benefits
1. Health Department Services	1980s	Branch Co./St. Joe Co/ Hillsdale Co.	\$4,000,000.00	Minimum of \$150,000 per year	Less Overhead and management costs
2. Planning and zoning system	1990s	Jackson Co / Lenawee Co / Hillsdale Co.	\$1,000,000.00	At least \$50,000 per year savings for county planner.	Affordability of planning services to CVTs in county
3. LifeWays assumes administration of substance abuse program	10/1/2012	Hillsdale Co./Jackson Co.	\$100,000.00	Cost capped at \$197,000 annually	Single point of contact for clients
4. Animal Control	1/1/2011	Hillsdale Co. / Branch Co.	\$50,000.00	annual savings for animal shelter contract	Reduced overhead for Sheriff's Dept.
5. Merit Fiber Project	10/1/2011	Hillsdale Co. / State of Michigan	\$15,000.00	Annual savings to County.	State saves more than \$40K/Yr

Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: Branch Hillsdale St. Joe Community Health Agency was created 25 years ago to reduce the cost of administration and share costs of health services to population in all three counties.

Consolidation #2: Region 2 Planning - Hillsdale County could not afford planning and land use services alone. Working with two other larger counties reduced cost and increased availability of planning and land use to cities, townships, and villages within Hillsdale County.

Consolidation #3: Community Mental Health provider Lifeways agreed to assume administration of Substance Abuse program

Consolidation #4: A joint agreement allows both counties to send animals to a common shelter

Consolidation #5: Agreement between SOM and Hillsdale County to share use offiber optic cable.

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Proposed Service Consolidation(s) County of Hillsdale Hillsdale					
Service Consolidation	Implementation Timeline	Jurisdictions Involved	Estimated Savings/(Loss)	Description of Estimated Savings/(Loss)	Other Consolidation Benefits
1. Combine Veteran Affairs office with Branch County	2014-2015	Hillsdale Co./ Branch Co	\$50,000.00	Annually	Better service to veterans
2. Share Building Inspection with another county	2013-2014	Hillsdale Co/Branch Co	\$50,000.00	Annually for staffing	Improved services to citizens
3. Provide computer services to CVTs	2014	Hillsdale County	\$0.00	Savings to Townships and villages	Better IT services than they can currently afford.
4. Assessing services for city	2014?	City of Hillsdale	\$0.00	Unknow savings at this time	Improved citizen access to data
5.					

Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: Discussions are ongoing with Branch County of this possibility

Consolidation #2: This has been discussed on and off for several years.

Consolidation #3: Work closer with CVTs for improved technology. While it will not save the county any direct \$, indirectly it will help productivity

Consolidation #4: The City of Hillsdale must find an assessor for the one who left. The County of Hillsdale and City of Hillsdale are talking.

Consolidation #5: