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GLWA Receives \$1 Million Payment from the City of Highland Park

- *Payment was a pivotal element of interim agreement reached between the parties*
- *GLWA now developing method for issuing credits to eligible Member Partner communities in the amount of \$1 million; distribution target for the credits is first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has received payment from the city of Highland Park in the amount of \$1 million, as stipulated in the interim agreement reached earlier this week related to the collection cases against Highland Park, including the \$24 million judgment owed to GLWA by Highland Park for unpaid water and wastewater services in the 2014 case.

With the funds received, GLWA will communicate a proposed method for how the \$1 million will be returned to eligible member partner communities in the form of credits after presentation to the GLWA Board of Directors at their June 28, 2023, board meeting. GLWA expects that these credits will be issued during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 (which begins July 1, 2023).

“It is important for everyone to understand that GLWA will not directly benefit from the \$1 million, rather it will be utilized to begin to reimburse those member partner communities who have absorbed portions of Highland Park’s bad debt expense,” said Suzanne R. Coffey, GLWA Chief Executive Officer.

With the extra time resulting from the interim agreement, GLWA will continue to participate in court ordered facilitation, and remains committed to working in good faith with all parties involved, including the state of Michigan, toward a comprehensive solution.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30

percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.