



Hall Suggests More Cuts To Fund Roads Following May CREC Numbers

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House Speaker [Matt HALL \(R-Richland Township\)](#) suggested today further cuts to “corporate handouts,” arts and cultural grants, the COVID-19 task force and an estimated 2,900 vacant government worker positions to make up the \$320.2 million difference between January and May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conferences (CREC).

In January, CREC principals estimated that Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 would have \$1.194 billion more to work with than they thought the previous year, but on Friday, principals estimated that number to be \$320.2 million less (See “[CREC: Gov Sees Positive Economy; GOP Wants More Road \\$\\$ & Tax Cuts](#),” 1/10/25, “[Revenue Projections Cool Slightly](#),” 5/16/25).

Hall’s roads plan counted on about \$600 million of the January CREC estimate, and today during a press conference gave suggestions on where the \$320.2 million could be made up.

His suggestions include cutting remaining corporate handouts from the business attraction and community development fund for \$100 million and the entrepreneurship ecosystem for \$15 million, ending other programs like \$22 million for the COVID-19 Task Force, \$11 million for arts and cultural grants and \$28 million for the Office of Global Michigan, and \$150 million to eliminate 2,900 vacant government jobs that Hall called “phantom employees.”

All together, these cuts come to \$326 million. Hall said the House budget will reverse the income tax hike, bring government workers back and fix local roads without increasing taxes.