

*City of Grand Rapids General Retirement System*

***SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023***

Dear Retirement System Members and Retirants:

The Retirement System, which is managed by the Board of Trustees, is designed to help you meet your financial needs should you become disabled, retire, or die.

The Board's fiduciary responsibility to you is to supervise the general administration of the System and invest its assets. Our Board retains professional advisors to assist us in fulfilling these duties.

We have prepared this summary report to give you a brief overview of the Retirement System and how it operates. We hope you will find it useful and informative. However, a summary cannot cover all the details of the System, which is governed by the provisions of Michigan Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended, the City of Grand Rapids Retirement Ordinance, and the Board's official rules and regulations. Additional information about the System, including the Retirement Ordinance and the actuarial valuation, is available online at [www.grpensions.org](http://www.grpensions.org) and in our office at 233 Fulton Street East, Suite 216, Grand Rapids, MI.

Respectfully submitted,

***Board of Trustees  
City of Grand Rapids General Retirement System***

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- 50 South Capital Advisors – Private Credit
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- Northern Trust Asset Management – Passive Core Equity
- PIMCO – Enhanced Index Equity
- Wellington Management Company – Core/Growth Equity & Commodities
- Western Asset Management – Core Plus Fixed Income

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023**

			Change From Prior Year	
	2021	2022	2023	
				In Dollars As %
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and money market funds	\$ 6,214,203	\$ 7,567,235	\$ 4,737,812	\$ (2,829,423) -37.4%
Stocks, equity mutual funds and partnerships	254,257,243	196,483,130	211,069,064	14,585,934 7.4%
Fixed Income	124,248,758	125,929,823	123,328,695	(2,601,128) -2.1%
Real estate	25,745,529	20,757,526	20,737,480	(20,046) -0.1%
Private equity partnerships	33,940,404	40,324,284	33,759,563	(6,564,721) -16.3%
Private credit partnerships	21,090,846	21,921,132	20,588,043	(1,333,089) -6.1%
Commodities	23,266,203	24,077,085	20,434,562	(3,642,523) -15.1%
Securities lending collateral	35,256,291	35,085,747	31,368,843	(3,716,904) -10.6%
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>524,019,477</b>	<b>472,145,962</b>	<b>466,024,062</b>	<b>(6,121,900) -1.3%</b>
Receivables	2,200,627	1,953,074	3,620,291	1,667,217 85.4%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>526,220,104</b>	<b>474,099,036</b>	<b>469,644,353</b>	<b>(4,454,683) -0.9%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Administrative expenses and investment management fees payable	437,531	356,188	326,736	(29,452) -8.3%
Pending trades - purchases	821,980	1,775,488	932,846	(842,642) -47.5%
Amounts due broker under securities lending agreement	35,256,291	35,085,747	31,368,843	(3,716,904) -10.6%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>36,515,802</b>	<b>37,217,423</b>	<b>32,628,425</b>	<b>(4,588,998) -12.3%</b>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 489,704,302</b>	<b>\$ 436,881,613</b>	<b>\$ 437,015,928</b>	<b>\$ 134,315 0.0%</b>

**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023**

	2021	2022	2023	Change From Prior Year	
				In Dollars	As %
<b>Additions</b>					
Contributions	\$ 13,807,691	\$ 14,942,556	\$ 14,328,760	\$ (613,796)	-4.1%
Net investment income (loss)	107,791,299	(27,612,757)	23,817,899	51,430,656	186.3%
Securities lending	85,224	88,808	119,960	31,152	35.1%
<b>Total Additions (net of investment loss)</b>	<b>121,684,214</b>	<b>(12,581,393)</b>	<b>38,266,619</b>	<b>50,848,012</b>	<b>404.2%</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
Benefits	34,830,364	39,648,835	37,483,996	(2,164,839)	-5.5%
Administrative expense	558,139	592,461	648,308	55,847	9.4%
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>35,388,503</b>	<b>40,241,296</b>	<b>38,132,304</b>	<b>(2,108,992)</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>86,295,711</b>	<b>(52,822,689)</b>	<b>134,315</b>	<b>52,957,004</b>	<b>100.3%</b>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits, beginning of year</b>	<b>403,408,591</b>	<b>489,704,302</b>	<b>436,881,613</b>	<b>(52,822,689)</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 489,704,302</b>	<b>\$ 436,881,613</b>	<b>\$ 437,015,928</b>	<b>\$ 134,315</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Funded Status as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
• Actuarial accrued liabilities	\$584,677,526	\$591,068,352
• Applied Assets	\$448,353,444	\$450,670,133
• % Funded	76.7%	76.2%

**System Investment Performance as of 12/31/23 (Net of Fees)**

	<u>1-Year</u>	<u>3-Years</u>	<u>5-Years</u>	<u>7-Years</u>	<u>10-Years</u>
Total Fund Return	10.76%	5.00%	8.63%	7.20%	6.23%

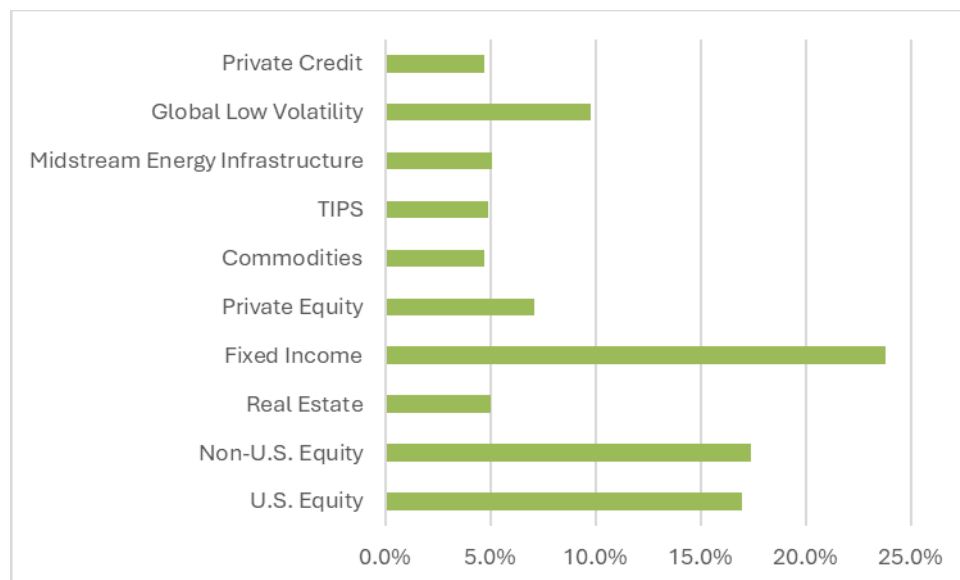
### System Revenues and Expenditures as of June 30, 2023

**June 30, 2023**

1.	Balance – Beginning of Year	\$436,881,613
2.	Revenues:	
a.	Employee Contributions	\$2,410,147
b.	Employer Contributions	\$11,918,613
c.	Investment Income	<u>\$24,936,940</u>
d.	Total Revenues	\$39,265,700
3.	Expenditures:	
a.	Benefit Payments	\$37,173,621
b.	Supplemental Pension Distribution	\$0
c.	Refund of Member Contributions	\$310,375
d.	Expenses	<u>\$1,647,389</u>
e.	Total Expenditures	\$39,131,385
4.	Balance – End of Year	\$437,015,928

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the General Retirement System provides for the payment of the required employer contribution and the employer contributions shown above represent the required employer contribution for the year covered. The System had \$0.00 of “soft dollar” expenses.

### Investments as of December 31, 2023



System Itemized Budget as of June 30, 2023

**BUDGET - GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u> <u>through</u> <u>06/30/23</u>	<u>FYE 06/30/23</u> <u>Budgeted</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>to Budgeted</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>Expended by</u> <u>06/30/22</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>to 06/30/22</u>
Professional Services					
- Actuarial	\$ 73,740.00	50,000.00	23,740.00	\$ 45,465.00	\$ 28,275.00
- Audit*	16,900.00	16,900.00	0.00	16,900.00	0.00
- Consultant	115,868.75	123,879.00	(8,010.25)	114,412.50	1,456.25
- Custodial**	61,880.77	70,000.00	(8,119.23)	124,428.23	(62,547.46)
- Investment Management	951,740.67	1,333,140.00	(381,399.33)	1,092,917.40	(141,176.73)
- Legal Services	7,143.40	9,000.00	(1,856.60)	3,108.00	4,035.40
- PBI Retiree Verif Svc	3,010.00	0.00	3,010.00	0.00	3,010.00
Insurance					
- Business Owners	805.50	650.00	155.50	560.00	245.50
- Fiduciary Liability	17,175.00	16,257.00	918.00	15,938.00	1,237.00
- Life & Disability	1,042.54	1,009.00	33.54	1,009.04	33.50
- Workers Compensation	893.50	1,100.00	(206.50)	1,037.50	(144.00)
Due Diligence & Education					
- Due Diligence	0.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	0.00	0.00
- Conference	8,712.96	24,000.00	(15,287.04)	2,942.90	5,770.06
- Other Education	830.02	4,000.00	(3,169.98)	740.68	89.34
Administration					
- Accufund Consultant	948.75	2,115.00	(1,166.25)	948.75	0.00
- Medical Evaluations	3,950.00	12,000.00	(8,050.00)	4,821.30	(871.30)
- Meetings	555.94	700.00	(144.06)	381.04	174.90
- Occupancy Rental	17,044.61	15,050.00	1,994.61	13,795.93	3,248.68
- Office Expenses	19,267.23	19,475.00	(207.77)	17,762.04	1,505.19
- Memberships	577.50	650.00	(72.50)	562.50	15.00
- Salaries & Wages	295,381.47	339,900.00	(44,518.53)	272,463.76	22,917.71
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,597,468.61</b>	<b>2,047,825.00</b>	<b>(\$450,356.39)</b>	<b>\$ 1,730,194.57</b>	<b>(\$132,725.96)</b>

\*Additional fees possible due to  
to GASB 67 advising.

\*\*Custody fees shown above are before offset from Securities Lending Income. Total income for FYE 06/30/23 was \$119,960.09.

**Disclaimer:** The data above is a summary of expenses compared to arbitrarily selected "targets." These "targets" are not intended to be goals or budget objectives, just simple comparisons. Many of the figures are contractual or uncontrollable, such as asset manager fees (based on market values), occupancy (based on rental agreement) and Medical Evaluations (the number of which is purely based on the number of disability retirement applications). The use of this document is intended to monitor expenses, not judge the System's performance.

The System's total aggregate cost for professional training and education, including travel costs, authorized by Michigan Public Act 314 for a fiscal year shall not exceed \$150,000 or an amount equal to the total number of system board members multiplied by \$12,000, whichever is less. Beginning January 1, 2013, the Department of Treasury shall adjust the dollar amounts for these costs by an amount determined by the State Treasurer at the end of the immediately preceding calendar year to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index.

**Actuarial Valuation Information as of June 30, 2023**

• Active Members:	314
• Number of Retirees/Beneficiaries:	1,204
• Average Annual Retirement Allowance:	\$31,194
• Total Annual Retirement Allowance:	\$37,558,136
• Valuation Payroll:	\$24,772,871
• Employer's Normal Cost as % of Valuation Payroll:	7.51%
• Employer's Contribution Rate beginning 7/1/24:	60.10%
• Weighted Average of Member Contributions:	7.84%
• Actuarial Assumed Rate of Investment Return:	6.75%
• Actuarial Assumed Rate of Long-Term Wage Inflation:	3.00% - 8.00%, plus up to 4.00% depending on service
• Smoothing Method Utilized:	5-Year Smoothed Market
• Amortization Method Utilized:	Level Dollar, Closed
• Amortization Period Remaining:	24.35 Years
• Actuarial Cost Method Utilized:	Individual Entry Age
• System Membership Status:	Closed
• Actuarial Assumed Rate of Health Care Inflation:	N/A