

**COUNTY AID (0074)
2009-11 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

Act 750 of 1973 created the County Aid Fund in order to assist counties with the increasing costs of providing services.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the 2009-2011 biennium for the six appropriations is \$453,741,546 the first year and \$449,741,546 the second year.

Funding Sources

There are six appropriations which provide spending authority for the Treasurer's Office to distribute General, Special, and Federal Funds to counties: General Revenues to Counties, Special Revenues to Counties, Federal Mineral Lease Monies, Federal Military Land Sale, Federal Military Land Taxing Unit Distribution, and Special Revenues for Real Property Tax Reductions.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The General Revenues to Counties base level total appropriation is \$19,741,546 both years of the biennium.

The Special Revenue appropriation is requested at base level of \$160 million each year. Funds are made up of Highway Turnback, Severance Taxes to Counties, and any other monies provide by Acts of the General Assembly.

The Mineral Lease Monies appropriation is requested at base level of \$20 million each year of the biennium. Provides appropriation for distribution to the appropriate County Taxing Units as funds become available from the sale or lease of minerals, oil, or gas on federal military lands.

Military Land Sale appropriation is requested at base level of \$750,000 each year. The Military Land Sale appropriation provides funding to the County Road funds as funds become available from the sale or lease of minerals, oil or gas on federal military lands.

Military Land Taxing Unit Distribution appropriation is requested at base level of \$1.25 million each year. Military Land Taxing Unit Distribution appropriation provides funding to the appropriate County Treasurer for distribution to the appropriate County Taxing Units as funds become available from the sale or lease of minerals, oil, or gas on federal military lands.

The funding of the Real Property Tax Reduction appropriation is appropriated at \$250 million each year which is \$4 million below base level due to Act 1268 of 2007 providing a one time distribution of \$4 million. Provides a limitation on the increase of assessed value of real property and levies an excise tax of .5% upon all tangible personal property and services subject to tax.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

No positions are authorized for these appropriations.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Provides that the appropriations authorized for General Revenue Distribution to Counties, Military Land Sale and Military Land Taxing unit distribution may be supplemented by the unanticipated special revenue appropriation in the event that additional revenues become available.

Note: The Military Land Sale appropriation provides funding to the County Road funds as funds become available from the sale or lease of minerals, oil or gas on federal military lands. The Military Land Taxing Unit Distribution appropriation provides funding to the appropriate County Treasurer for distribution to the appropriate County Taxing Units as funds become available from the sale or lease of minerals, oil or gas on federal military lands.

Allows the provision of a loan to the County Aid and Municipal Aid funds from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund on July 1 of each fiscal year of the biennial period to assist cities and counties with cash flow needs early in the state fiscal year. It also provides that the loan will be repaid in equal installments from general revenue distributions each month during the fiscal year for which the loan was made. It stipulates that the amount of each loan shall be \$3.5 million to the Municipal Aid Fund and \$1.9 million to the County Aid Fund, or so much as may be available in the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund.