

COUNTY AID (0074)

FISCAL YEAR 2015

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 Budget

The total budget for FY2015 \$495,645,067.

Funding Sources

There are five appropriations which provide spending authority for the Treasurer's Office to distribute General, Special, and Federal Funds to counties.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

General Revenue to Counties

- Appropriated at \$21,645,067 for FY2015.
- Increase in appropriation over base level of \$2 million and increase in General Revenue Funding of \$2 million for FY2015.

Special Revenue to Counties

- Recommended at \$200 million for FY2015 which is \$40 million above base level due to passage of half-cent sales tax increase for highways.

III) POSITIONS

No positions are authorized for these appropriations.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Distribution of Funds. Funding from Property Tax Relief Trust Fund to counties shall not be distributed unless there are sufficient funds in Property Tax Relief Trust Fund.

Turnback-Unanticipated Funds. Provides that the appropriations authorized for General Revenue Distribution to Counties, may be supplemented by the unanticipated special revenue appropriation in the event that additional revenues become available.

Loans. 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 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. 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.

Carry Forward. Allows General Revenue carry forward authority at close of fiscal year.

Turnback Reporting. Requires counties receiving highway revenues of \$2 million or more to report to the House and Senate Transportation Committee on how those funds were utilized.