

## Public Act 34 of 2014 – Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will I get the special winter maintenance funds?**

These funds are being distributed with the monthly Act 51 MTF payments for convenience and will be received approximately April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **What is the Special Winter Maintenance Funding and How is it Calculated?**

Public Act 34 of 2014 appropriated an additional \$100,000,000 of State of Michigan General Fund monies to local road agencies for special winter road maintenance expenses. Funds are allocated according to the Act 51 Distribution Formula, 39.1% to State Trunkline Fund, 39.1% to County Road Commissions, and 21.8% to City/Villages; and then further distributed within these categories according to each agency's percent of total MTF distributed in fiscal year ending September 30, 2013 as reported in MDOT's 139 Report, Schedule B and C. These funds are specifically designated for special winter maintenance expenses and exclude administrative, overhead, and other indirect costs.

Sec. 702. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for special winter road maintenance shall be distributed to the state trunk line fund, county road commissions, and cities and villages, in the same percentages described in section 10(1)(j) of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. Funds that are directed to county road commissions shall be distributed among the county road commissions in amounts proportional to each county's total distribution from the Michigan Transportation Fund compared to the total amount distributed from the Michigan Transportation Fund to all counties in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Funds that are directed to cities and villages shall be distributed among cities and villages in amounts proportional to each city's or village's total distribution from the Michigan transportation fund compared to the total amount distributed from the Michigan transportation fund to all cities and villages in the current fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

(2) The funds appropriated in part 1 for special winter road maintenance shall be used for the purpose of road maintenance. For purposes of this section, "maintenance" means that term as defined in section 10c of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660c, and excludes administrative, overhead, and other indirect costs.

### **Are the Special Winter Maintenance Funds part of my Michigan Transportation Funding?**

These funds are restricted for transportation purposes and should be deposited into your major or primary, and/or local street funds. The source of these funds is the State of Michigan's General Fund and is therefore not Act 51 Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) funds. **These funds MUST be reported as Other State Sources on the Revenue pages of your Annual Financial Report of Act 51 Funds.**

### **If I don't need all of the money this year can I save it for next year?**

These funds are for winter maintenance expenditures as defined in section 10c of Act 51, and must be directly related to the 2013 – 2014 winter season.

**Since I don't have any other winter maintenance expenditures can I use these funds for other maintenance?**

These funds cannot be saved and used for summer maintenance.

**Can I use these funds to buy a new snow blade or truck?**

These funds cannot be used for capital outlay purchases.

**Do I have to put these funds into my road funds in the same percentage as MTF funds?**

These funds are not restricted to primary or local; or major or local; they can be expended as needed between the road classifications.

**How much does each local agency receive?**

You can [see distribution amounts here](#).