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City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS)/County Incentive Program (CIP)

Sec. 952. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for city, village, and township revenue sharing are for grants to cities, villages, and townships such that, subject to fulfilling the requirements under subsection (3), each city, village, or township is eligible to receive 100% of its eligible payment under section 952 of article VIII of 2014 PA 252. For purposes of this subsection, any city, village, or township that completely merges with another city, village, or township will be treated as a single entity, such that when determining the eligible payment under section 952 of article VIII of 2014 PA 252 for the combined single entity, the amount each of the merging local units was eligible to receive under section 952 of article VIII of 2014 PA 252 is summed. For purposes of this subsection, population is determined in the same manner as under section 3 of the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.903. In addition, any city or village that according to the 2010 federal decennial census is determined to have population in more than 1 county shall be treated as a single entity when determining the eligible payment under section 952 of article VIII of 2014 PA 252.

(2) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the county incentive program are to be used for grants to counties such that each county is eligible to receive an amount equal to the amount by which the balance in its revenue sharing reserve fund under section 44a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.44a, for the county's most recent fiscal year that ends prior to the January 1 of the state's fiscal year is less than the amount calculated under section 44a(14) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.44a, for the county fiscal year that begins in the state's fiscal year. The amount calculated under this subsection shall be adjusted as necessary to reflect partial county fiscal years and prorated based on the total amount appropriated for distribution to all eligible counties. Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, payments under this subsection will be distributed to an eligible county subject to the county's fulfilling the requirements under subsection (3).

(3) For purposes of accountability and transparency, each eligible city, village, township, or county shall certify by December 1, or the first day of a payment month, that it has produced a citizen's guide of its most recent local finances, including a recognition of its unfunded liabilities; a performance dashboard; a debt service report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until maturity; and a projected budget report, including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following fiscal year. The projected budget report shall include revenues and expenditures and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections. Each eligible city, village, township, or county shall include in any mailing of general information to its citizens the Internet website address location for its citizen's guide, performance dashboard, debt service report, and projected budget report or the physical location where these documents are available for public viewing in the city, village, township, or county clerk's office. Each city, village, township, and county applying for a payment under this subsection shall submit a copy of the citizen's guide, a copy of the performance dashboard, a copy of the debt service report, and a copy of the projected budget report to the department of treasury. The department of treasury shall develop detailed guidance for a city, village, township, or county to follow to meet the requirements of this subsection. The detailed guidance shall be posted on the department of treasury website and distributed to cities, villages, townships, and counties by October 1.

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(4) City, village, and township revenue sharing payments and county incentive program payments are subject to the following conditions:

(a) The city, village, township, or county shall certify to the department that it has met the required criteria for subsection (3) and submitted the required citizen's guide, performance dashboard, debt service report, and projected budget report as required by subsection (3). A department of treasury review of the citizen's guide, dashboard, or reports is not required in order for a city, village, township, or county to receive a payment under subsection (1) or (2). The department shall develop a certification process and method for cities, villages, townships, and counties to follow.

(b) Subject to subdivisions (c), (d), and (e), if a city, village, township, or county meets the requirements of subsection (3), the city, village, township, or county shall receive its full potential payment under this section.

(c) Cities, villages, and townships eligible to receive a payment under subsection (1) shall receive 1/6 of their eligible payment on the last business day of October, December, February, April, June, and August. Payments under subsection (1) shall be issued to cities, villages, and townships until the specified due date for subsection (3). After the specified due date for subsection (3), payments shall be made to a city, village, or township only if that city, village, or township has complied with subdivision (a).

(d) Payments under subsection (2) shall be issued to counties until the specified due date for subsection (3). After the specified due date for subsection (3), payments shall be made to a county only if that county has complied with subdivision (a).

(e) If a city, village, township, or county does not provide the required certification or fails to submit the required citizen's guide, performance dashboard, debt service report, and projected budget report by the first day of a payment month, the city, village, township, or county shall forfeit the payment in that payment month.

(f) Any city, village, township, or county that falsifies certification documents shall forfeit any future city, village, and township revenue sharing payments or county incentive program payments and shall repay to this state all payments it has received under this section.

(g) City, village, and township revenue sharing payments and county incentive program payments under this section shall be distributed on the last business day of October, December, February, April, June, and August.

(h) Payments distributed under this section may be withheld pursuant to sections 17a and 21 of the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.917a and 141.921.

(5) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for city, village, and township revenue sharing and the county incentive program shall be available for expenditure under the program for financially distressed cities, villages, or townships after the approval of transfers by the legislature pursuant to section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.