

Item #5:

Res. Urging State To Release Revenues To Local Governments

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-__

RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS TO RELEASE FUND REVENUES PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has been operating without a Fiscal Year 2016 state budget since July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a budget has resulted in the state withholding over \$150 million in revenue owed to municipal governments for lack of appropriation authority; and

WHEREAS, critical local services, such as road construction, maintenance, and repair will remain underfunded until state leaders take action to release local Motor Fuel Tax funds to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities rely on state distributions of local revenue to fund their 9-1-1 service centers and, without these funds, the effectiveness of emergency services to reach citizens will be in peril; and

WHEREAS, municipal budgets and basic services will be negatively impacted without the release of Income Tax, Local Use Tax, MFT, video gaming fees, and casino fees.

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove has a \$4M General Fund Budget, and no local property tax, thru October 2015 the State has delayed/withheld over \$210,000 which negatively impacts the operations and provision of basic services to our Residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE/CITY/TOWN OF LONG GROVE LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

that we call upon the Governor and General Assembly to take action to immediately release all non-general fund revenues owed to local governments. These funds include revenues from the Motor Fuel Tax, Wireless Service Emergency Fund, Use Tax, Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and casino gaming;

Section 1: The Village of Long Grove calls upon the Governor and General Assembly to take action to immediately release all fund revenues owed to local governments. These funds include revenues from the Income Tax, Motor Fuel Tax, Wireless Service Emergency Fund, Use Tax, Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund, and casino gaming;

Section 2: A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Comptroller, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Speaker, House Minority Leader, local legislators, and the Illinois Municipal League.

Section 3: Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein as findings of the Village Board of Trustees.

Section 4: Approval Of Resolution. The President and Board of Trustees hereby approve the Resolution Urging Illinois State Leaders To Release Fund Revenues Payable To Local Governments.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 10th day of November, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2015.

Angela Underwood, Village President

ATTEST:

Heidi Locker-Scheer, Village Clerk



November 11, 2015

Dear (NAME)

The Village of Long Grove has become increasingly concerned that the state budget impasse is preventing the distribution of several sources of critical local revenues. We respectfully request that immediate action be taken to distribute these funds that are otherwise payable to municipalities during the 2016 State Fiscal Year.

Funds withheld/delayed to date include revenues associated with the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), casino fees, video gaming fees, Use Tax, Income Tax, and 9-1-1 service fees. It is significant to note that none of the aforementioned funds constitute state general fund revenues. Consequently, the distribution of these funds will have no impact on the state budget. These dollars are collected by the state and accumulated in special funds for the specific purpose of distribution to local governments and local programs.

The failure to distribute these funds is creating unnecessary hardships for local governments and their constituents. For the Village of Long Grove with a total General Fund Budget of \$4M and no local property tax, the State has withheld over \$210,000 thru October 2015 (\$159,527 Income and Local Tax; \$51,000 MFT and \$7,800 Video Gaming). Without these anticipated revenues, the Village of Long Grove and other municipalities may be compelled to close emerging budget holes through program cuts, tax and/or fee increases, increased borrowing, or a combination of these actions. None of these actions, all of which negatively affect local taxpayers, will be required if the state were to simply distribute the local revenues presently accumulating in various state funds.

Once again, we urge state leaders to release these revenues that municipalities rely upon for essential services.

Respectfully,

Angela Underwood
Village President
Village of Long Grove

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IML Statehouse Briefing



On the ground news and insider information!

November 4, 2015

Municipalities Urged to Contact State Legislators – Ask For Support of HB 4305

On Tuesday, November 10, the Illinois House will vote on a bill of critical importance to municipalities.

[HB 4305](#) (Rep. Moylan, D-Des Plaines) would restore FY2016 appropriation authority for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), casino gaming, video gaming, and 9-1-1 revenue distributions. The bill also includes funding for other, non-municipal purposes. These revenues, which are collected by the state for purposes of distributing the money to local governments, are being withheld as a result of the state budget impasse.

The IML requests that our members **call their state legislators at their district offices** and urge that they support the immediate restoration of these local fund distributions by voting for HB 4305.

Contact information for [House members is available here](#).
Contact information for [Senate members is available here](#).

The IML has also made a model letter and resolution available for municipalities to send to state leaders. These documents are [available on our website](#).

It is important to convey to legislators that the monies being withheld are non-general revenue funds. In other words, **voting to support HB 4305 will not affect the state budget**, or add to the state's debt. Enactment of the bill will, however, ensure that cities, villages, and towns continue to receive funding for important public purposes.

We have been asked by some members if coming to Springfield on November 10 would increase the likelihood that the bill would pass. We believe that personal phone calls to legislators will be just as meaningful as having municipal officials in town that day. That said, we would certainly welcome any municipal officials that would like to be in Springfield on November 10.

If you do not wish to receive information from the Illinois Municipal League via e-mail, please reply to this email include the words "Please remove from list" along with your name, municipality and email address included in the message.