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FY 2011 Land Program Revenue Funding Totals

Monthly Receipts	FY09 Revenue	FY10 Revenue	FY11 Revenue
July-10	\$207,380	\$241,362	\$170,536
August-10	\$183,798	\$201,328	\$204,658
September-10	\$178,164	\$184,118	\$216,954
October-10	\$190,569	\$190,557	\$228,956
November-10	\$138,327	\$180,363	\$234,164
December-10	\$142,108	\$198,504	\$219,960
January-11	\$192,996	\$167,588	\$213,930
February-11	\$232,856	\$145,670	\$151,942
March-11	\$251,116	\$172,776	\$158,817
April-11	\$258,420	\$172,857	\$144,752
May-11	\$255,052	\$169,675	\$152,992
June-11	\$279,948	\$208,544	\$160,409
Total	\$2,510,734	\$2,233,342	\$2,258,070

FY 11 Budget

Deed Recording Fee Revenue

116 de-obligations**

Transfer to Appr. 129***

Lapse to GPR

WLIP Training and Education Grants

WLIP Base Budget Grants****

Comprehensive Planning Grants

Administration*****

Balance

	Income	Expenditures
	\$2,258,070	
	\$190,145	
		\$0
		\$1,650,000
		\$21,600
		\$500,000
		\$0
		\$169,882
	\$106,733	

**De-obligations come from comp planning grants closed with remaining balances

***Actual amount of transfer to Appropriation 129 for Municipal Boundary Review

*****Distributed on a prorated level (43%) based on the difference of \$50k and what the county retained (46 Eligible Counties).



LION

The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

October 3, 2011

(Senator/Representative) _____

Room _____

State Capitol

P.O. Box _____

Madison, WI 53707-_____

Dear (Senator/Representative) _____,

The Wisconsin Land Information Officer's Network (LION) is formally introducing the following legislative proposal for consideration in the 2011-2012 Legislative Session.

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to guarantee that the current Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) funding supports the program and sends the needed resources to the County Land Information Office's (LIO) for which the funding was originally intended. County Register of Deeds collect fees through the recording of documents to fund the WLIP and send a portion of the fees to the State for the purpose of redistributing these funds to counties to maintain and modernize land records systems. There has been a repeated practice of WLIP funds being redirected to the State of Wisconsin, General Purpose Revenue fund and not available to the County LIO's. This redirecting of WLIP funds negatively impacts the much needed resources that are essential to meet the goals and objectives of the WLIP and satisfy the increasing demands of the state, municipalities and private industry for geospatial information.

This proposed legislation increases the WLIP Education and Base Budget grants to County LIO's. The proposed legislation permits the state to keep 10 percent of the submitted funds that are intended to cover Department of Administration's expenses to administer the program. The Education Grants are increased from \$300 to \$1,000 for all county LIO's, to provide additional funding for training of technical staff. The Base Budget grants are increased to a level that provides County LIO's, in counties that retain less than \$100,000 annually in WLIP Retained Fees, with funding needed to feasibly participate in the program. There are increasing demands on counties for new and improved geo-spatial data by the state, many federal agencies, local units of government, and most significantly a multitude of private business. There are also increasing demands between counties for improved geo-spatial data to support cross-jurisdictional application such as 911 Dispatch. At the same time there are decreasing local resources to meet the demand for accurate geo-spatial data. Because of insufficient base level funding there is a great disparity across counties to be able to build and support geo-spatial data for cross-jurisdictional applications. This proposal would provide the funding needed to allow eligible County LIO's to update land information software and hardware, to create and

enhance geo-spatial data, and to increase opportunities for private sector geo-spatial companies to provide services in Wisconsin.

Legislative Proposal:

16.967 Land information program.

(7) AID TO COUNTIES.

AMEND:16.967(7)(b)

(b) In addition to any other grant received under this subsection, the department ~~may~~ shall award a grant to any county in an amount not ~~exceeding \$300~~ less than \$1,000 per year, distributed equally, to be used for the training and education of county employees for the design, development, and implementation of a land information system.

CREATE:16.967(7)(c)

(c) the department shall distribute 90 percent of the funds retained under the provisions of s. 59.72(5)(b) to counties eligible under s. 16.967(7)(a) before committing any funds for other purposes.

CREATE:16.967(7)(d)

(d) The department shall provide land information system base budget grants for eligible projects and activities, as provided in s. 16.967(7)(a) (1) through (5), to provide a minimum funding level, up to \$100,000, to enable a county land information office to develop, maintain and operate a basic land information system. To be eligible for this grant, the fees that a county retained under the provisions of s. 59.72 (5) (b), Stats., shall be less than \$100,000 for the preceding fiscal year.

The passage of this proposed legislation would guarantee that WLIP funding was at a level high enough to support the general WLIP program goals and provide the needed fiscal resources to the counties for which this WLIP funding was originally intended. The Wisconsin Land Information Community supports these proposed legislative changes and believes that they will return funding to where it was originally intended for the purpose of furthering the goals of the WLIP - which are essential and critical for the operation of business and government in Wisconsin now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Fred Iausly
President
Land Information Officer's Network