

Committees
Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization (Chair)
Economic Development and Environment
Healthcare Access and Affordability
Ways and Means

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Rep. Larry Wolpert
TO: Ray DiRossi, Speaker's Office
DATE: June 2, 2008
RE: Local Government Consolidation Commission – Capital Budget Amendment

I wanted to take the time to outline the differences between the as introduced version of House Bill 521 and the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration as envisioned in the House version of the capital budget. There are several major differences between the two versions.

There are many language changes to the charge of the Commission. There was significant criticism of the inclusion of the words “elimination” and “reduction” in the original charge of the Commission. Those controversial phrasings have been replaced with neutral phraseology such as “restructuring” and “streamlining”.

There was criticism that members representing local government units were not guaranteed representation on the Commission through statutory prescription. To address this, language was added that allows the Commission to create an advisory council from interested parties.

Finally, the Commission was authorized to work with and obtain assistance from state colleges and business organizations with relation to research and data gathering.

If you have any questions about the changes to the Commission in the House version of the capital budget, please contact my office.

CC: Senator Seitz
Erika Cybulskis
Rep. Flowers
Rebecca Kuhns

Dave Collinsworth has given me the OK to share this legislative information with the OCMA membership. It is a summary of information shared with the Central Ohio Municipal Alliance.

Late **Monday** afternoon, the Conference Committee on HB 562 met to accept the omnibus amendment which resolved the differences between House and Senate passed versions of the Capital Budget/Budget Corrections bill. Of note to COMA members is that the conferees restored a modified version of the Commission on Local Gov't Reform and Collaboration. The new Commission will be comprised of 15 members which will include representatives of the various local government associations (municipalities, townships, counties, and school boards), and will be charged with developing recommendations on ways local government can increase efficiency and effectiveness of local governments and realize cost savings while facilitating economic development. The Commission must report its findings back to the legislature by July 2010.

One other interesting amendment that doesn't affect COMA but will provide further debate on local government consolidation was language that appropriates \$200,000 for a 9 member Commission on Cuyahoga County Government Reform. Their charge is to develop recommendations by which Cuyahoga County may, with a vote of the people, restructure, reform, or otherwise reorganize their county government to make it more efficient and effective. The Commission's report is due back to the General Assembly by November 7, 2008. We'll keep you advised of this Commission's activities.

The House and Senate are expected to vote on the Conference Report **today** and then should recess for the summer. The only issue that is still lingering out there that may bring them back is adoption of the Great Lakes Compact, with the biggest disagreement being over a Senate proposal to put the issue of property rights up for a vote of the people as a Constitutional amendment.

Am. Sub. H.B. 562
As Passed by the Senate
CC-0839

_____ moved to amend as follows:

Between lines 37190 and 37191, insert: 1

"Section 701.____. (A) The Ohio Commission on Local Government 2
Reform and Collaboration shall develop recommendations on ways to 3
increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government 4
operations, to achieve cost savings for taxpayers, and to 5
facilitate economic development in this state. In developing the 6
recommendations, the commission shall consider, but is not limited 7
to, the following: 8

(1) Restructuring and streamlining local government offices 9
to achieve efficiencies and cost savings for taxpayers and to 10
facilitate local economic development; 11

(2) Restructuring and streamlining special taxing districts 12
and local government authorities authorized by the constitution or 13
the laws of this state to levy a tax of any kind or to have a tax 14
of any kind levied on its behalf, and of local government units, 15
including schools and libraries, to reduce overhead and 16
administrative expenses; 17

(3) Restructuring, streamlining, and finding ways to 18
collaborate on the delivery of services, functions, or authorities 19
of local government to achieve cost savings for taxpayers; 20

(4) Examining the relationship of services provided by the state to services provided by local government and the possible realignment of state and local services to increase efficiency and improve accountability; and

(5) Ways of reforming or restructuring constitutional, statutory, and administrative laws to facilitate collaboration for local economic development, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government operations, to identify duplication of services, and to achieve costs savings for taxpayers.

(B) (1) There is hereby created the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration, consisting of fifteen voting members. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each shall appoint three members and the Governor shall appoint three members. One member shall be appointed by, and shall represent, each of the following organizations: the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio School Boards Association, the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio, the Ohio Library Council, and the Ohio Association of Regional Councils. The initial appointments shall be made not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Members are not entitled to compensation for their services.

(2) The initial meeting of the commission shall be called by the Governor within forty-five days after the initial appointments to the commission are complete. The commission shall elect two of its members to serve as co-chairpersons of the commission.

(C) The commission may create an advisory council consisting of interested parties representing taxing authorities and political subdivisions that are not taxing authorities. The

53 appointment of members to the advisory council is a matter of the
 54 commission's discretion. The commission may direct the advisory
 55 council to provide relevant information to the commission.
 56 Advisory council members are not members of the commission, and
 57 may not vote on commission business.

58 (D) The commission may consult with and obtain assistance
 59 from state institutions of higher education (as defined in section
 60 3345.011 of the Revised Code) and from business organizations for
 61 research and data gathering related to its mission. State
 62 institutions of higher education and business organizations shall
 63 cooperate with the commission.

64 (E) The commission shall issue a report of its findings and
 65 recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
 66 House of Representatives, and the Governor not later than July 1,
 67 2010. The commission ceases to exist upon submitting its report."

68 In line 37847, after "701.10," insert "701.____,"

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

69 Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration

70 Section 701.____

71 Creates the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and
 72 Collaboration consisting of fifteen members to develop
 73 recommendations on ways of increasing the efficiency and
 74 effectiveness of local government, achieving cost savings, and
 75 facilitating economic development.

76 Permits the Commission to establish an advisory council of

interested parties.

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Requires the Commission to issue a report of its findings and
recommendations by July 1, 2010.

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CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

June 6, 2008

TO: Dave Ruller
City Manager

FROM: Gary Locke *GL*
Community Development Director

RE: Social Service Funding – 2008
Recommended Funding Amounts

The Community Development Department has completed its review of the Social Service Funding applications submitted for Year 2008 funding. The recommended funding levels for each agency and program are listed on the attached page. Under separate cover I will also be sending a request for Board of Control Approval on the applicable contracts. Once BOC approval is granted, contracts will be executed and Purchase Orders encumbered. A copy of each application submitted is on file in the Community Development Department and is available for public viewing.

If you require additional information, please let me know.

Cc: Barbara Rissland, Director of Budget and Finance
FY2008 Social Service Funding File
Applicants (by email)



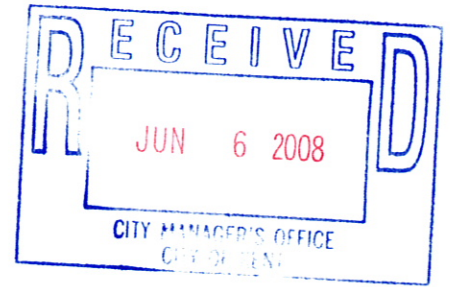
**YEAR 2008 SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING
RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNTS**

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$\$ REQUESTED</u>	<u>FY2007 Approved</u>	<u>FY2008</u>
Coleman Professional	Adult Day Care	\$7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
ASYDI	Tutoring	\$33,000.00	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 26,900.00
Family & Community Services	Safer Futures	\$4,000.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Family & Community Services	Emergency Assistance	\$10,000.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 8,900.00
First Call For Help	Info and Referral	\$7,500.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
PMHA	Good Neighbor	\$10,213.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
CAC	Trade	\$16,359.00	\$ 15,900.00	\$ 15,900.00
Townhall II	Counseling	\$17,000.00	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 12,900.00
Townhall II	Helpline	\$9,000.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
Coleman Professional	Residential Specialist	\$9,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Lovelight	Starchild Center	\$7,000.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
CAC	Emergency Utility Asst.	\$12,000.00	n/a	-
Totals		\$142,072.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

**City of Kent
Income Tax Division**

May 31, 2008

Income Tax Receipts Comparisons



Monthly Receipts

Total receipts for the month of May, 2008	\$773,184
Total receipts for the month of May, 2007	\$723,424
Total receipts for the month of May, 2006	\$737,775

Year-to-date Receipts and Percent of Total Annual Receipts Collected

	<u>Year-to-date Actual</u>	<u>Percent of Annual</u>
Total receipts January 1 through May 31, 2008	\$4,722,135	
Total receipts January 1 through May 31, 2007	\$4,583,432	43.00%
Total receipts January 1 through May 31, 2006	\$4,507,178	43.69%

Year-to-date Receipts Through May 31, 2008 - Budget vs. Actual

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Year-to-date Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Percent Collected</u>	<u>Percent Remaining</u>
2008	\$ 10,650,000	\$ 4,722,135	44.34%	55.66%

Comparisons of Total Annual Receipts for Previous Five Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Percent Change From Prior Year</u>
2003	\$ 9,858,755	0.80%
2004	\$ 9,725,496	-1.35%
2005	\$ 10,305,381	5.96%
2006	\$ 10,315,429	0.10%
2007	\$ 10,660,344	3.34%

Submitted by Bl LRL, Director of Budget and Finance

2008 CITY OF KENT, OHIO
Comparison of Income Tax Receipts
for Month Ended May 31, 2008

Monthly Receipts				Comparisons	
Month	2006	2007	2008	Amount	Percent Change
January	\$ 996,745	\$ 987,236	\$ 1,014,300	\$ 27,064	2.74%
February	715,709	768,642	816,920	48,278	6.28%
March	716,118	757,546	877,824	120,278	15.88%
April	1,340,831	1,346,584	1,239,907	(106,677)	-7.92%
May	737,775	723,424	773,184	49,760	6.88%
June	769,621	801,943			
July	902,983	969,423			
August	720,086	778,963			
September	726,720	790,013			
October	1,060,706	1,036,336			
November	747,652	774,843			
December	880,483	925,391			
Totals	\$ 10,315,429	\$ 10,660,344	\$ 4,722,135		

Year-to-Date Receipts				Comparisons	
Month	2006	2007	2008	Amount	Percent Change
January	\$ 996,745	\$ 987,236	1,014,300	\$ 27,064	2.74%
February	1,712,454	1,755,878	1,831,220	75,342	4.29%
March	2,428,572	2,513,424	2,709,044	195,620	7.78%
April	3,769,403	3,860,008	3,948,951	88,943	2.30%
May	4,507,178	4,583,432	4,722,135	138,703	3.03%
June	5,276,799	5,385,375			
July	6,179,782	6,354,798			
August	6,899,867	7,133,761			
September	7,626,587	7,923,774			
October	8,687,294	8,960,110			
November	9,434,946	9,734,953			
December	10,315,429	10,660,344			
Totals	\$ 10,315,429	\$ 10,660,344			

2008 CITY OF KENT, OHIO
Comparison of Income Tax Receipts from Kent State University
for Month Ended May 31, 2008

Month	Monthly Receipts			Comparisons	
	2006	2007	2008	Amount	Percent Change
January	\$ 302,309	\$ 314,973	\$ 328,155	\$ 13,182	4.19%
February	280,053	286,113	304,739	18,626	6.51%
March	294,956	307,993	359,268	51,275	16.65%
April	323,523	342,472	324,465	(18,007)	-5.26%
May	291,294	308,937	321,356	12,419	4.02%
June	293,407	304,326			
July	230,064	281,361			
August	285,544	302,157			
September	270,481	282,966			
October	342,903	321,719			
November	314,109	326,890			
December	313,437	328,024			
Totals	\$ 3,542,080	\$ 3,707,931	\$ 1,637,983		

Month	Year-to-Date Receipts			Comparisons	
	2006	2007	2008	Amount	Percent Change
January	\$ 302,309	\$ 314,973	\$ 328,155	\$ 13,182	4.19%
February	582,362	601,086	632,894	31,808	5.29%
March	877,318	909,079	992,162	83,083	9.14%
April	1,200,841	1,251,551	1,316,627	65,076	5.20%
May	1,492,135	1,560,488	1,637,983	77,495	4.97%
June	1,785,542	1,864,814			
July	2,015,606	2,146,175			
August	2,301,150	2,448,332			
September	2,571,631	2,731,298			
October	2,914,534	3,053,017			
November	3,228,643	3,379,907			
December	3,542,080	3,707,931			
Totals	\$ 3,542,080	\$ 3,707,931			

2008 CITY OF KENT, OHIO
Comparison of Income Tax Receipts from Kent State University
for Month Ended May 31, 2008

Comparisons of Total Annual Receipts for Previous Five Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
2003	\$ 3,288,771	3.07%
2004	\$ 3,371,065	2.50%
2005	\$ 3,452,767	2.42%
2006	\$ 3,542,080	2.59%
2007	\$ 3,707,931	4.68%