

CHAPTER 162

STATE-AID SYSTEM

162.08 Allocation of apportionments.

162.081 Town road account.

162.08 ALLOCATION OF APPORTIONMENTS.*[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 4. Purposes; other uses of municipal account allocation. Except as provided in subdivision 3 money so apportioned and allocated to each county shall be used for aid in the establishment, location, construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of the county state-aid highway system within each county, including the expense of commissioner-approved signals and safety devices on county state-aid highways, and systems that permit an emergency vehicle operator to activate a green traffic signal for the emergency vehicle; provided, that in the event of hardship, or in the event that the county state-aid highway system of any county is improved to the standards set forth in the commissioner's rules, a portion of the money apportioned other than the money allocated for expenditures within cities having a population of less than 5,000, may be used on other roads within the county with the consent and in accordance with the commissioner's rules. If the portion of the county state-aid highway system lying within cities having a population of less than 5,000 is improved to the standard set forth in the commissioner's rules, a portion of the money credited to the municipal account may be used on other county highways or other streets lying within such cities. Upon the authorization of the commissioner, a county may expend accumulated municipal account funds on county state-aid highways within the county outside of cities having a population of less than 5,000. The commissioner shall authorize the expenditure if:

(a) the county submits a written request to the commissioner and holds a hearing within 30 days of the request to receive and consider any objections by the governing bodies of cities within the county having a population of less than 5,000; and

(b) no written objection is filed with the commissioner by any such city within 14 days of that hearing as provided in this subdivision.

The county shall notify all of the cities of the public hearing by certified mail and shall notify the commissioner in writing of the results of the hearing and any objections to the use of the funds as requested by the county.

If, within 14 days of the hearing, a city having a population of less than 5,000 files a written objection with the commissioner identifying a specific county state-aid highway within the city which is requested for improvement, the commissioner shall investigate the nature of the requested improvement. Notwithstanding clause (b), the commissioner may authorize the expenditure requested by the county if: (1) the identified highway is not deficient in meeting minimum state-aid street standards; or (2) the county shows evidence that the identified highway has been programmed for construction in the county's five-year capital improvement budget in a manner consistent with the county's transportation plan; or (3) there are conditions created by or within the city and beyond the control of the county that prohibit programming or constructing the identified highway.

Authorization by the commissioner for use of municipal account funds on county state-aid highways outside of cities having a population of less than 5,000 shall be applicable only to the county's accumulated and current year allocation. Future municipal account allocations shall be used as directed by law unless subsequent requests are made by the county and approved in accordance with the provisions of this section.

*[For text of subds 5 to 11, see M.S.1992]***History:** 1993 c 92 s 1

162.081 TOWN ROAD ACCOUNT.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 4. Formula for distribution to towns; purposes. Money apportioned to a county from the town road account must be distributed to the treasurer of each town within the county, according to a distribution formula adopted by the county board. The formula must take into account each town's levy for road and bridge purposes, its population and town road mileage, and other factors the county board deems advisable in the interests of achieving equity among the towns. Distribution of town road funds to each town treasurer must be made by March 1, annually, or within 30 days after receipt of payment from the commissioner. Distribution of funds to town treasurers in a county which has not adopted a distribution formula under this subdivision must be made according to a formula prescribed by the commissioner by rule. A formula adopted by a county board or by the commissioner must provide that a town, in order to be eligible for distribution of funds from the town road account in a calendar year, must have levied for taxes payable in the previous year for road and bridge purposes at least 0.04835 percent of taxable market value.

Money distributed to a town under this subdivision may be expended by the town only for the construction, reconstruction, and gravel maintenance of town roads within the town.

History: 1993 c 117 s 1