



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0767/P1
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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

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Under current law, DOT administers the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) to assist political subdivisions in improving seriously deteriorating local roads by reimbursing political subdivisions for certain improvements. LRIP includes an entitlement component and a discretionary component. Under the entitlement component, DOT distributes an appropriated amount to political subdivisions according to statutorily prescribed allocation percentages. Under the discretionary component, DOT allocates funds in fiscal year 2016-17 and each fiscal year thereafter as follows: \$5,127,000 to fund eligible county trunk highway improvements, \$5,732,500 to fund eligible town road improvements, and \$976,500 to fund eligible municipal street improvements.

This bill increases DOT's allocations for the discretionary component of LRIP for fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter as follows: \$5,500,000 to fund eligible county trunk highway improvements, \$6,000,000 to fund eligible town road improvements, and \$5,000,000 to fund eligible municipal street improvements.

Currently under LRIP, DOT may reimburse a political subdivision for up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of a completed improvement. Under this bill, DOT may reimburse a political subdivision for up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of an improvement funded under the entitlement component and up to 60 percent of the eligible costs of an improvement funded under the discretionary component.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 86.31 (3g) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.31 **(3g)** COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS — DISCRETIONARY GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (2) (ft), the department shall allocate ~~\$5,127,000 in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, \$4,727,000 in fiscal year 2013-14,~~ and \$5,127,000 in fiscal year years 2014-15 to 2016-17 and \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, to fund county trunk highway improvements with eligible costs totaling more than \$250,000. The funding of improvements under this subsection is in addition to the allocation of funds for entitlements under sub. (3).

SECTION 2. 86.31 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.31 **(3m)** TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS — DISCRETIONARY GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (2) (ft), the department shall allocate ~~\$732,500 in fiscal year 2009-10 and in fiscal year 2010-11,~~ and \$5,732,500 in fiscal year years 2011-12 to 2016-17 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter, to fund town road improvements with eligible costs totaling \$100,000 or more. The funding of improvements under this subsection is in addition to the allocation of funds for entitlements under sub. (3).

SECTION 3. 86.31 (3r) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.31 **(3r)** MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS — DISCRETIONARY GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (2) (ft), the department shall allocate ~~\$1,020,000 in fiscal year 2007-08, \$1,040,400 in fiscal year 2008-09,~~ and \$976,500 in fiscal year

years 2009-10 to 2016-17 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter, to fund municipal street improvement projects having total estimated costs of \$250,000 or more. The funding of improvements under this subsection is in addition to the allocation of funds for entitlements under sub. (3).

SECTION 4. 86.31 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.31 (4) REIMBURSEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS. All costs of an improvement funded under this section shall be the responsibility of the political subdivision. At the completion of an improvement, the political subdivision may apply to the department in the manner and form prescribed by the department for reimbursement of not more than 50 percent of eligible costs ~~in the manner and form prescribed by the department~~ for improvements funded under sub. (3) or not more than 60 percent of eligible costs for improvements funded under subs. (3g) to (3r). Eligible costs for which no reimbursement is made by the department may be paid by the political subdivision from contributions of tribal funds received from federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands in this state.

SECTION 9345. Initial applicability; Transportation.

(1) REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. The treatment of section 86.31 (4) of the statutes first applies to a project commenced on the effective date of this subsection.

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