



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 74
[2009 Assembly Bill 211]

**County-Tribal Cooperative Law
Enforcement Program**

The County-Tribal Cooperative Law Enforcement Program, administered by the Department of Justice (DOJ), provides grants to improve law enforcement on Indian reservations by improving cooperation between county and tribal governments, including their law enforcement agencies. To be eligible for a grant, a county and a tribe located within that county must prepare a joint program plan that describes the proposed cooperative law enforcement program.

Prior law required that a joint program plan specify, among other things, “[t]he governmental unit that shall administer aid received and the method by which aid shall be disbursed.” Prior law also directed DOJ to “distribute...to each eligible program the amount necessary to implement the plan...”. 2009 Act 74 clarifies the quoted language to make explicit that the plan must specify that either the county or the tribe is to receive and administer the aid, or that they are each to receive and administer a portion of the aid. It further clarifies that the DOJ must distribute the funds to the county, the tribe, or both, as specified in the plan.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.