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Support Continuing Appropriations for State-Collected Local Revenues

Certain revenues are specifically collected by the state for distribution to local governments, including Use Tax, Motor Fuel Tax, video gaming, casino, and Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge revenues. In 2015, due to the state budget impasse, local governments went nearly six months without receiving these critical revenues. The state argued that without a budget in place, it lacked the authority to distribute these revenues.

Although the local revenues were eventually restored late last year through the adoption of legislation, new appropriation authority is necessary to prevent a repeat of this crisis at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. Municipalities throughout DuPage urge the General Assembly and Governor to protect local revenue by making state-collected local revenues continuing appropriations, meaning an approved state budget would not be needed to ensure the distribution of these revenues. Because these revenues are specifically collected for distribution to local governments, they have no impact on the state budget. Rather, they are needed to provide public safety and infrastructure to residents and businesses, and without them, municipalities may be forced to cut services, raise property taxes, or layoff critical staff to cover this loss.