



June 1, 2013

Municipal Aid in Adopted FY14 State Budget

	FY13	Adopted FY14	Adopted FY14 v. FY13	
			Change:	
			\$	%
Education and Non-Education Aid	\$3,072,287,445	\$3,170,749,457	\$98,462,012	3.2%

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Education Aid	FY13	Adopted FY14	Adopted FY14 v. FY13	
			Change:	
			\$	%
Adult Education	\$21,025,690	\$21,033,915	\$8,225	0.0%
After School Program	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	0.0%
Bilingual Education	\$1,916,130	\$1,916,130	\$0	0.0%
Education Cost Sharing	\$2,007,594,057	\$2,066,589,276	\$58,995,219	2.9%
Excess Cost - Student Based	\$139,805,731	\$139,805,731	\$0	0.0%
Health Serv for Pupils Private Schools	\$4,297,500	\$4,297,500	\$0	0.0%
Interdistrict Cooperation	\$10,131,935	\$9,146,369	-\$985,566	-9.7%
Magnet Schools	\$242,361,711	\$265,449,020	\$23,087,309	9.5%
Non-Public School Transportation	\$3,595,500	\$3,595,500	\$0	0.0%
OPEN Choice Program	\$22,090,956	\$37,018,594	\$14,927,638	67.6%
Priority School Districts	\$121,875,581	\$47,427,206	-\$74,448,375	-61.1%
School Breakfast Program	\$2,220,303	\$2,300,041	\$79,738	3.6%
School Readiness Quality Enhancement	\$4,100,678	\$3,895,645	-\$205,033	-5.0%
School Readiness and Quality Enhancement	\$0	\$74,767,825	\$74,767,825	--
School to Work Opportunities	\$213,750	\$213,750	\$0	0.0%
Transportation of School Children	\$24,884,748	\$24,884,748	\$0	0.0%
Vocational Agriculture	\$6,485,565	\$9,485,565	\$3,000,000	46.3%
Young Parents Program	\$229,330	\$229,330	\$0	0.0%
Youth Service Bureaus	\$2,989,268	\$2,989,268	\$0	0.0%
Total Education Aid	\$2,620,318,433	\$2,719,545,413	\$99,226,980	3.8%

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Non-Education Aid	FY13	Adopted FY14	Adopted FY14 v. FY13	
			Change:	
			\$	%
Community Services	\$87,707	\$83,761	-\$3,946	-4.5%
DECD/DOH Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,873,400	\$1,873,400	\$0	0.0%
DECD/DOH Tax Abatement	\$1,444,646	\$1,444,646	\$0	0.0%
Distressed Municipalities	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	\$0	0.0%
Housing/Homeless Services	\$637,212	\$640,398	\$3,186	0.5%
Human Resource Development- Hispanic Pgms	\$5,337	\$5,364	\$27	0.5%
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$30,000,000	\$86,429,907	\$56,429,907	188.1%
Local & District Departments of Health	\$4,662,487	\$4,669,173	\$6,686	0.1%
Manufacturing Transition Grant	\$47,616,194	\$0	-\$47,616,194	-100.0%
Municipal Aid Adjustment/Hold Harmless	\$0	\$2,217,456	\$2,217,456	--
Municipal Revenue Sharing Bonus Pool	\$42,791,162	\$0	-\$42,791,162	-100.0%
Pequot-Mohegan Fund	\$61,779,907	\$61,779,907	\$0	0.0%
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$115,431,737	\$115,431,737	\$0	0.0%
PILOT: State-Owned Property	\$73,641,646	\$73,641,646	\$0	0.0%
Prop Tax Relief Elderly Circuit Breaker	\$20,505,900	\$20,505,900	\$0	0.0%
Prop Tax Relief Elderly Freeze Program	\$390,000	\$235,000	-\$155,000	-39.7%
Property Tax Relief for Veterans	\$2,970,098	\$2,970,098	\$0	0.0%
Reimb Property Tax-Disability Exempt	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	0.0%
Services to the Elderly	\$44,629	\$0	-\$44,629	-100.0%
School Based Health Clinics	\$11,543,438	\$12,747,463	\$1,204,025	10.4%
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	\$144,321	\$137,826	-\$6,495	-4.5%
Town Aid Road	\$30,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$30,000,000	100.0%
Venereal Disease Control	\$196,191	\$187,362	-\$8,829	-4.5%
Total Non-Education Aid	\$451,966,012	\$451,201,044	-\$764,968	-0.2%

Notes

1. The adopted budget eliminates the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA).

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2. The budget distributes the increase in LoCIP funding essentially as a proxy for FY13 Manufacturing Transition Grants (MTG) in an amount equal to 62 percent of the amount each municipality received. Any remaining funds would be distributed to municipalities as a proxy for the Municipal Revenue Sharing Bonus Pool grants through the formula used this year.
 - a) 50% on a per capita basis, according to the most recent federal 10-year census, and
 - b) 50% according to an existing property tax relief formula that apportions funds based on a municipality's population, adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, and per capita income of town residents.

Due to the elimination of the MRSA, and subsequently, the distribution formula, this additional LoCIP distribution will be outlined in an implementer bill.

It is unclear at this time whether the increased funding under the LoCIP line item must be used for LoCIP projects. CCM believes the additional amount need not be used for LoCIP purposes.

Under the budget, the allowable uses for LoCIP funding would be expanded to include:

- bikeway and greenway establishment;
- land acquisition, including open space, and costs associated with making land available for public use;
- technology acquisition related to implementing SDE's Common Core State Standards;
- technology upgrades, including improvements to expand public access to government information through e-portals and kiosks; and
- for FY13 and FY14 only, (a) snow removal equipment and (b) capital expenditures made to improve public safety or facilitate regional cooperation.

The budget allows a municipality to apply for LoCIP funds to reimburse any FY13 expenditures it incurred for any of these additional projects regardless of the application deadlines set under existing law. It also allows the OPM secretary, for any fiscal year, to (1) authorize reimbursement for any of the additional projects before the municipality has added the project to its local capital improvement plan and (2) require the municipality to certify that it is taking steps to amend its plan to include the project.

3. The Governor had proposed a Municipal Aid Adjustment grant of \$47.2 million. The adopted budget includes a Municipal Aid Adjustment grant of \$2.2 million that will be distributed to towns that see a reduction in aid versus the current year.

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