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POLICY NO. 75

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR**

SUBJECT: Local Road System Funding Assistance Program

AMENDED: October 6, 2009

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Pursuant with the above legal reference and effective January 1, 1999 and annually thereafter, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair shall appropriate funds to be programmed for construction, reconstruction, heavy maintenance and/or road preservation projects located upon the local road system.

Program funds will be allocated whereby seventy-five percent (75%) will be assigned to construction, reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance and twenty-five percent (25%) will be assigned for road preservation. Program funds shall be eligible for use following a resolution duly adopted by the respective township board located within St. Clair County.

Subject to on-going funding for this program, emergency culvert replacement projects will be accepted when necessary and in accordance with the established criteria. Internal transfer of excess funds between the seventy-five percent (75%) allotted for construction, reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance and the twenty-five percent (25%) allotted for road preservation programs will be permitted upon approval by the Board of County Road Commissioners.

Also subject to on-going funding for this program, ditching projects will be accepted for consideration. Such projects must correct a problem that is of sufficient magnitude to affect the condition of the roadway, either in part or entire, as determined by the district foreman or the Road Commission's engineering department.

In order to qualify for funding, the following criteria will be evaluated:

1. Construction, reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance projects must fall within established definitions as set forth under Act 51, Public Acts of 1951.
2. Projects should provide for system continuity.
3. The maximum single project contribution from the annual appropriation will be \$100,000 for construction, reconstruction and/ or heavy maintenance, \$50,000 for road preservation and \$25,000 for ditching and will not, irrespective of project scope, exceed 50% of total project cost. Total project cost shall be termed to mean all project related expenses including title searches and right-of-way acquisition, but excluding engineering costs as provided under Policy 52 as amended. The total combined construction,

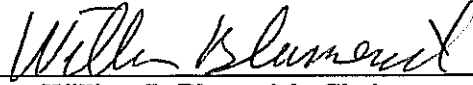
reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance, road preservation and ditching contributions to a Township cannot exceed \$100,000 annually.

4. Contribution rates from outside sources which exceed 50% of project cost are encouraged and will be given added selection consideration.
5. Townships that have not been awarded funds through this program for the previous two consecutive years may submit projects for consideration and selection. Should funding be available after eligible township projects have been approved, upon due consideration, the Board may allow townships that had received funding in the previous two consecutive years to submit projects for the remaining funds.
6. Special selection consideration will be given to township-line projects involving two or more townships desiring to provide a collaborative improvement effort. Regardless of the number of townships participating, the project will be considered as a single project and only eligible for the maximum match of \$100,000 for construction, reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance and \$50,000 for road preservation.
7. Programmed projects must be submitted in their entirety. Changes in project scope will result in re-evaluation in accordance with established criteria.
8. All projects must be constructed to established AASHTO local road standards.
9. Funded projects must commence within one (1) construction season following the year for which the project was proposed. Failure to initiate the project within this time period will result in loss of funding and will necessitate a new funding submission and evaluation.
10. Construction, reconstruction and/or heavy maintenance funded projects may be phased over no more than three (3) successive years or construction seasons. Road preservation projects will not be allowed the three year phase-in period and must be completed within one (1) year. The total contribution of the Board shall be limited to the initial approved amount per item 3 above.
11. The amount of funds available annually for ditching shall not exceed \$75,000. All ditching projects will be subject to the same matching requirements as other LRFAP projects. Each application for ditching shall have a maximum limit of \$25,000 (which represents a maximum total project cost of \$50,000). Townships will be limited to one application per township per year. When a township is granted a ditching project under the LRFAP, it shall be ineligible to apply for another ditching project for a period of two years. Ditching projects shall be "stand alone" projects and shall not be part of another local road improvement project. Significant projects shall require engineering which shall be provided by the Road Commission, and shall follow standard reimbursement requirements.

Ditching applications shall be rated based on the following criteria:

- Corrects a known flooding problem
- Repairs a road condition problem

- Provides a connection to an approved outlet
- Is a cooperative project with the Drain Commission office with equal match
- Is a cooperative project with private ownership with equal match



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