
Small County Supplemental Funding



Key Takeaways

- Attempts to meet the unique needs that LEAs in small counties face due to their lower ADM
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Purpose of Allotment

- Small County Supplemental Funding
 - Provides additional support for certain small school systems with structural disadvantages, such as:
 - An inability to benefit from the economies of scale that LEAs in larger counties do, potentially leaving LEAs in small counties to be allotted insufficient resources to provide basic instructional and administrative functions
 - Relatively small ADM which limits the amounts of funding for certain position and dollar allotments

Eligibility

- County LEAs are only eligible for Small County Supplemental funding if they meet one of the following conditions:
 - Have an allotted ADM of fewer than 3,239 students;
or
 - Have an ADM of between 3,239 and 4,080 and a county-adjusted property tax base per student that is below the State-adjusted property tax base per student
- City LEAs are ineligible for this allotment

Allotment Formula

- Total funding for eligible LEAs is calculated by aggregating 7 different funding considerations:
 1. Dollar equivalent of rounding up all fractions of position allotments to the next whole position
 - If an LEA qualifies for 12.1 4th grade teacher salaries, they would receive 0.9 of the dollar equivalent of an average teacher salary and benefits
 2. Dollar equivalent of five and one-half additional regular classroom teachers for LEAs in which the ADM per square mile is greater than four
 3. Dollar equivalent of additional program enhancement teachers adequate to offer the standard course of study

Allotment Formula-Funding Components

- Additional funding considerations:
 4. Dollar equivalent of one teacher assistant per 400 ADM less the initial duty-free period allocation (\$2 per ADM)
 5. Dollar difference between Classroom Materials/Instructional Supplies/Equipment allotment and \$788,789
 6. Dollar equivalent of Career Technical Education months of employment and program support generated based on sixth grade ADM
 7. Additional funds to Counties with $< 1,300$ in ADM

Allotment Formula-Other Issues

- Pro Rata Reduction
- Hold Harmless (seven years)
- Non-supplant requirement

FY 2007-08

- Funded Counties
- Counties Not Eligible

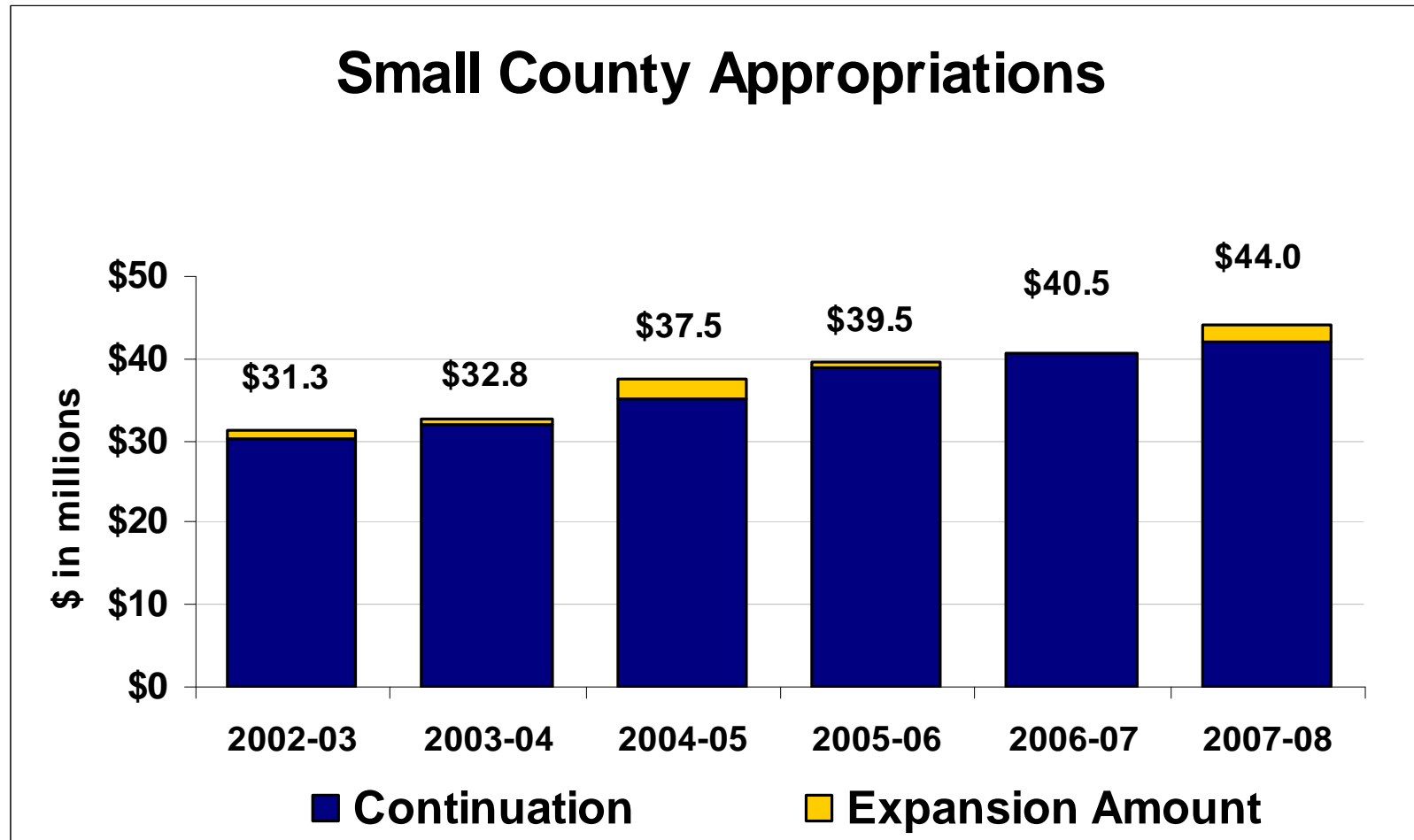
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Funding History



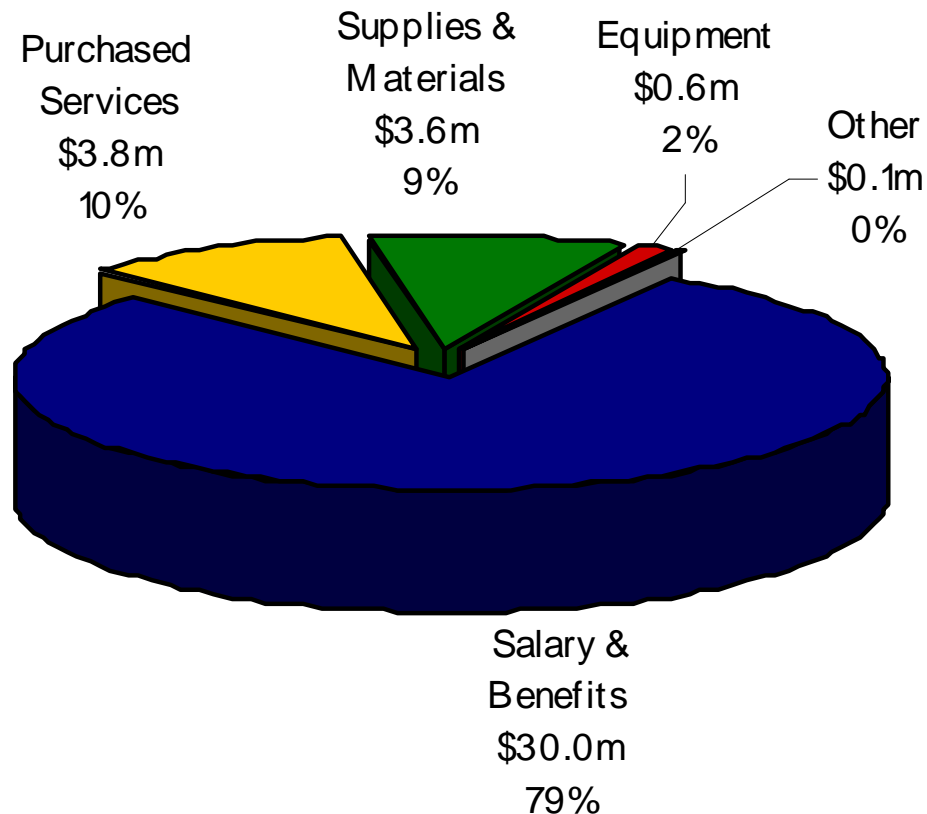
Expenditures

- Funds can be used for virtually any purpose with two significant exceptions:
 - Central Office Administration
 - Capital Construction Projects
- State Board policy is to encourage 20% of Small County funding to be used to improve student performance for certain students in grades 3-8

Actual 2006-07 Expenditures

Small County

2006-07 Total: \$38,121,837



Questions to Consider

- Hold Harmless
 - Is seven years more or less than sufficient for an LEA to adjust to potential loss of funding?
- Complexity of Formula
 - Are the seven facets of this formula the appropriate response to small county challenges and true needs?
- Eligibility
 - Are criteria overly stringent? Too permissive?
- Funding Fluctuation
 - Does formula cause too much annual variance?

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