

## Local Government Assistance

### Mission

Local Government Assistance programs provide general purpose aid to municipalities, as well as targeted grant programs and incentives for local government efficiency and consolidation actions. State General Fund-supported programs include the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities Program, Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits, the Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant Program, the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program, Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Aid, and the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.

### Budget Highlights

The Executive Budget recommends \$749 million in All Funds appropriations to fund miscellaneous State aid and assistance programs, including \$719 million in General Fund support to local governments under several aid programs. Included with the All Funds appropriations, the Budget recommends \$2.5 million in General Fund state operating support for the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments and \$30 million in Fiduciary Funds to cover contingency appropriation requirements. Overall, this represents a decrease of \$9.3 million from FY2020 All Funds appropriation levels, due to the discontinuation of \$9.3 million for municipalities outside of Yonkers that host a VLT parlor.

### Program Highlights

#### *County-Wide Shared Services Initiative Program*

Funding for the State's match of the first year of savings from shared services actions included in a finalized county-wide shared services plan submitted to the Director of the Budget.

#### *Aid and Incentives for Municipalities*

Unrestricted State aid to cities, towns, and villages.

#### *Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grants*

Funding for local governments to cover costs associated with planning and implementing local government reorganization activities, such as consolidations and dissolutions.

#### *Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits*

Annual tax credits for cities, towns, or villages that consolidate or dissolve are equal to 15 percent of the newly combined local government's tax levy. At least 70 percent of such amount must be used for direct relief to property taxpayers.

#### *Local Government Efficiency Grants*

Competitive funding to help cover costs associated with local government efficiency projects, such as planning for and/or implementing a functional consolidation, shared or cooperative services, and regionalized delivery of services.

#### *Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program*

Grants and/or loans awarded by the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments to assist with implementing Board recommendations.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0
Aid To Localities	766,100,613	748,567,300	(17,533,313)	334,342,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>768,600,613</b>	<b>751,067,300</b>	<b>(17,533,313)</b>	<b>334,342,000</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Financial Restructuring Board			
General Fund	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Amount	Total	Change
Financial Restructuring Board	2,500,000		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>		<b>0</b>

Program	Amount	Contractual Services	Change
Financial Restructuring Board	2,500,000		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>		<b>0</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Fiduciary	30,000,000	30,000,000	0
General Fund	736,100,613	718,567,300	(17,533,313)
<b>Total</b>	<b>766,100,613</b>	<b>748,567,300</b>	<b>(17,533,313)</b>

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**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Aid and Incentives for Municipalities			
General Fund	695,000,000	695,000,000	0
Aid to Municipalities with VLT Facilities			
General Fund	28,885,313	19,600,000	(9,285,313)
Miscellaneous Financial Assistance			
General Fund	11,998,000	3,750,000	(8,248,000)
Municipal Assistance State Aid Fund			
Fiduciary	15,000,000	15,000,000	0
Municipal Assistance Tax Fund			
Fiduciary	15,000,000	15,000,000	0
Small Government Assistance			
General Fund	217,300	217,300	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>766,100,613</b>	<b>748,567,300</b>	<b>(17,533,313)</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020