

Ohio's Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF)

- Continued funding through the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) protects the quality of public library service for all Ohioans and insures access to information, technology, business resources, educational resources, and government resources such as tax forms and voter registrations.
- The LLGSF is established in permanent law at 5.7% of personal income tax. However, because of the state budget reductions, the LLGSF lost 8.3% in 2001 and has been frozen since 2002.

LLGSF	Actual	If Perm. Law %s Applied	Difference
FY 2001	497.6	497.6	0.0
FY 2002	459.8	458.3	1.5
FY 2003	452.0	463.8	-11.8
FY 2004	453.4	480.8	-27.4
FY 2005	458.4	509.8	-51.4
4-Year Loss Total			-89.1

(Figures in Millions of Dollars)

**Please note: Chart reflects information from the fiscal year and not the calendar year.*

- The permanent law "revenue sharing formulas" between the state and local jurisdictions are FAIR. Local government revenues trace the economy. During good economic times the revenues increase. During bad economic times, the revenues decrease.
- The LLGSF distribution formula divides the Library and Local Government Support Fund among all of the state's 88 counties in two ways.

First, the formula guarantees each county the amount of revenue received from the fund in the preceding year plus an adjustment for inflation. This part of the distribution is called the "guarantee share."

Second, if any money remains in the fund after paying each county's guarantee share, then that remainder is distributed according to an "equalization ration." The equalization aspect of the formula distributes the excess over the guarantee in inverse proportion to per capita funding levels among the counties – those counties which received less per capita in the guarantee share, receive more in the equalization share. Thus, over time, the distribution to counties begins to balance.

- More than 78% of Ohio's public libraries depend almost entirely on funds from the LLGSF.