

Fund Sweeps in the Approved SFY 2025 Budget May 31, 2025

The Budget Implementation Bill (HB 1075) includes a multitude of fund sweeps. This document identifies and summarizes state funds included in recent appropriations that may have a direct or indirect impact on Illinois counties. The analysis focuses on the nature of each fund, the likelihood of county involvement, and potential use for local programs or compliance obligations.

State Funds Likely to Impact Counties

Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund (\$10M)

Supports local governments, including counties, with grants for parks and open space development.

DHS Community Services Fund (\$10M)

Funds community-based human services, some of which are delivered or coordinated at the county level.

Criminal Justice Information Projects Fund (\$5M)

May provide grants or tools that support county criminal justice agencies, including law enforcement and courts.

Law Enforcement Training Fund (\$2M)

Directly supports training for county sheriffs, correctional officers, and other law enforcement personnel.

Cannabis Business Development Fund (\$5M)

May support county-level cannabis economic development or compliance initiatives.

Public Health Special State Projects Fund (\$5M)

Local public health departments—many of which are county-based—may benefit from targeted project funding.

State Police Services Fund (\$700K)

Supports cooperative law enforcement efforts which may include county agencies.

Senior Citizen Real Estate Deferred Tax Revolving Fund (\$5M)

Administered through county treasurers and assessors to assist eligible senior homeowners with property tax deferral.

Fire Prevention Fund (\$8M)

May support county fire protection districts or emergency services.

Local Tourism Fund (\$370K)

Counties engaged in tourism marketing may receive grants from this fund.

Clean Air Act Permit Fund (\$360K)

Counties with environmental health roles may interact with regulated entities or enforcement programs.

State Rail Freight Loan Repayment Fund (\$280K)

May support freight infrastructure projects that align with county transportation or economic development plans.

Hazardous Waste Fund (\$270K)

Supports local emergency planning and environmental safety activities at the county level.

Used Tire Management Fund (\$210K)

Counties may operate or assist with tire collection and environmental cleanup programs.

Public Pension Regulation Fund (\$2.4M)

Relevant for counties participating in or overseeing local pension systems, including IMRF.

Grant Accountability and Transparency Fund (\$100K)

All counties receiving state grants must comply with GATA requirements, supported through this fund.

Environmental Protection Trust Fund (\$86K)

May support county-based environmental compliance or remediation projects.

Natural Resources Restoration Fund (\$62K)

Funds may be used for restoration efforts involving county conservation areas or park districts.

Illinois Capital Revolving Loan Fund (\$48K)

May provide low-interest capital loans to counties for economic development or infrastructure improvements.

These funds represent opportunities for counties to receive grants, participate in statewide initiatives, or fulfill state mandates. Monitoring the disbursement and implementation of these funds is important to ensure counties are adequately resourced and engaged in key policy areas.