



OVERVIEW OF THE DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DOAP)

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DOAP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **What makes it happen and how:**
 - **Authorizing Legislation:**
 - **State Statutes: 30 ILCS 740- Article II**
 - **Rules-currently under revision by JACAR**
 - **Comment period closes April 26, 2010**
 - **Link:**
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/home.html>
 - **Look under: March 12, 2010 issue of the *Illinois Register***
 - **Appropriation line item**



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○ What it does:

- Provides an eligible participant state grf funding to pay 65% of eligible expenses up to their line item appropriation (without making a profit).
- Allows you to request advance payments in the early part of the fiscal year
- Can be used as local match to your Section 5311 grant
- Requires your appropriation to grow at 10% annually
- Retains any grf not spent out of an appropriation for a statewide competitive capital program



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○ What it does not do:

- Put sales tax receipts into a local account that is for public transportation funding in any local area
- Allow for the reimbursement of eligible operating expenses that are not “required for the provision of public transportation.”
- Allow for two separate accounting systems if a grantee also receives Section 5311 funds

○ Current Issues

- Slow payments
- Insufficient transfers into the fund
- Capturing all the service areas in the Department of Revenue’s calculation database.

