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
  - Look under: March 12, 2010 issue of the *Illinois Register*

- Appropriation line item
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What is 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.