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PUBLIC HEARING AND REPORTING REGULATIONS FOR REVENUE SHARING

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The General Revenue Sharing Program recently was extended for three years with projected appropriations at $4.6 billion per year.

Even though revenue sharing has been with us for several years, timely reporting is still the responsibility of each municipality. Tardiness in submitting the Statement of Assurances or other reports, especially the RS-9 or equivalent Revenue Sharing Survey Report, may cause your city to be late in receiving the quarterly entitlement.

Most Tennessee cities adopted their fiscal year 1980-81 budget without knowledge of the amount of revenue sharing funds they would receive under Entitlement Period 12. As a result, they may have underestimated and therefore will receive more money than they appropriated. This does not present a problem as long as the local government does not expend above its original revenue sharing budget. If such over-expenditures of revenue sharing funds are necessary during fiscal year 1980-81, you will need to repeat the public hearing process for the expenditures exceeding the original revenue sharing budget.

The public participation notices and hearings which must be held for the 1981-82 budget process are:

Proposed Use Notice & Hearing

The notice should be published 10 days before the hearing and should include date, time, place, and amount of funds anticipated. The notice also should state that oral and written comments may be made regarding the use of funds.

Budget Notice & Hearing

The notice should be published 10 days before the date of the hearing and should include date, time of hearing, and a summary of the budget, along with a statement of the right of citizens to participate and where the budget may be examined.
Notice of Availability of Adopted Budget

Within 30 days after adoption of the budget, a notice indicating where and when a summary of the adopted budget is available for public inspection must be published.

MTAS District and Financial Consultants can provide you with samples of these notices. If there are questions on this, contact MTAS.

Key Dates: The following dates indicate time of submission of your entitlement check and time of submission of the Statement of Assurances and Data Improvement (per capita income, population, adjusted taxes) for Entitlement Period 13. Keep this handy. If your money does not come within a few days of these dates or other report information is not received, contact your MTAS District Consultant for assistance.

KEY EVENTS

(Provided by Office of Revenue Sharing, Ms. Karen Spaight, Tennessee Representative)


Jan. 30, 1981 Data Improvement Program for Entitlement Period 12 mailed. Data statement includes 1979 population figure, 1977 per capita income figure, FY1979 adjusted tax figure and FY 1979 intergovernmental transfers figure. Statement also includes the amount of the Entitlement Period 12 allocation.


March 2, 1981 End of Data Improvement Program Entitlement Period 12.

March 30, 1981 New effective date of Handicapped Regulations.

April 7, 1981 35th Payment - 2nd Quarter Entitlement Period 12.
Late May, 1981

Data Improvement Program for Entitlement Period 13 mailed. Will include data to be used to determine Entitlement Period 13 amounts and an estimated allocation.

Late June, 1981

End of Data Improvement Program Entitlement Period 13.

July 8, 1981

36th Payment - 3rd Quarter Entitlement Period 12.

Mid August, 1981


Mid September, 1981

Statement of Assurances for Entitlement Period 13 due.

Oct. 7, 1981

37th Payment - 4th Quarter Entitlement Period 12.

REVENUE SHARING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND HEARINGS

(Citations are to the Federal Register of Sept. 22, 1977, Part II; chart prepared by MTAS Municipal Consultant E.W. Meisenhelder)

A. PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED USE HEARING

Sect. 51.13(b) At Least 10 Days

B. PROPOSED USE HEARING (on General Rev. Sharing funds)

Sect. 51.13(a) At Least 7 Days

C. PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & SUMMARY OF ENTIRE PROPOSED BUDGET; BUDGET MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Sect. 51.14 At Least 10 Days

D. BUDGET HEARING (on proposed uses for General Rev. Sharing funds in relation to the entire budget)

Within 30 Days After Budget Enactment.

Sect. 51.10(c)

E. PUBLIC NOTICE THAT SUMMARY OF ENTIRE ENACTED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Sect. 51.14(f & g)