


Jefferson County  
Board of Commissioners  
Agenda Request

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**From:** Frank Gifford, Public Works Director 

**Agenda Date:** August 20, 2012

**Subject:** Resolution to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments under the "Secure Rural Schools" Program

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**Statement of Issue:**

The Board is requested to approve the accompanying resolution to accept full payment from the federal government for federal FY2012 under the one-year reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The intent of this program is to provide offsetting funds to replace county roads and public schools revenue originally derived from timber harvest on federal land in the county, which diminished substantially in the 1990's.

**Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's:**

As in previous years, the resolution elects to receive the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payment in lieu of the County's share of forest receipts. This will benefit the County since the County's share of forest receipts is projected to be less than 20% of what the SRS payment amount will be in FY2012.

The resolution also establishes the payment distribution for federal FY2012 by apportioning 85% to the Title I program (county roads = \$404,532 and public schools = \$404,532); 13% (\$123,739) to the Title II program (special projects and programs benefiting federal lands as allocated through the Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee); and 2% (\$19,037) to the Title III program for County search and rescue operations on national forest lands.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:**

Annual payments under this program have declined dramatically in recent years as shown in the table below.

	FY2006*	FY2012
County Roads	\$1,418,695	\$404,532
Schools	\$1,418,695	\$404,532
Title II and Title III	\$500,716	\$142,776
Total	\$3,338,106	\$951,840

*\*FY2006 was the last year of full funding and was similar to prior years.*

No offsetting funds replace the loss of the SRS funds in the County Roads budget. Therefore, road maintenance/preservation work has been reduced and construction project delivery has been decreased. No SRS payments are scheduled beyond FY2012.

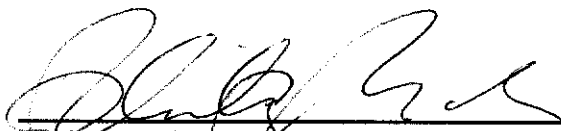
**Recommendation:**


The Board is requested to approve the accompanying resolution to distribute the "Secure Rural Schools" funding among the Title I, Title II, and Title III programs for federal FY2012. A copy of the resolution shall be provided to WSAC no later than September 7<sup>th</sup> for transmittal to the Governor's office.

**Department Contact:**

Monte Reinders, P.E., County Engineer, 385-9242

**Reviewed By:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

  
Date



Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ re: Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments under PL112-141

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby elects to receive the full SRS payment amount in lieu of 25% of actual forest receipts; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that Jefferson County hereby allocates eighty-five percent (85%) of its full payment amount for expenditure under Title I (county roads and public schools); and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that Jefferson County hereby allocates thirteen percent (13%) of its full payment amount for expenditure under Title II and two percent (2%) of its full payment amount for expenditure under Title III to reimburse the County for search and rescue operations performed on national forests; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Jefferson County Sheriff shall certify the use of Title III funds used for search and rescue operations as required in the law; and

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED*, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Washington State Association of Counties immediately for transmittal to the Forest Service via the Governor's office.

*APPROVED AND ADOPTED* this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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John Austin, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Phil Johnson, Member

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Raina Randall  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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David Sullivan, Member