

The Kasich Budget Slashes Local Government Funding - Will cause Layoffs of Police / Fire



- The 2011 - 2013 Ohio Budget raises spending by 5 billion dollars. It also cuts funding for local governments and public schools by about 5 billion as well.
- The Local Government Fund started 76 years ago, during the Great Depression, with the initiation of Ohio's first sales tax. Part of the original purpose of the 3% sales tax was to provide revenue sharing with local governments on essential services. This revenue sharing was a part of local governments budgeting for 76 years. They have come to rely on that funding because it has been in existence for 76 years.
- In this new Budget, the Kasich Administration proposes to cut the Local Government Fund by 25% from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012. It will then be cut again from July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2013 by another 25%.
- These cuts will surely lead to layoffs of police and fire personnel across Ohio. In fact, it has already started. Mayor Jackson in Cleveland has announced the layoffs of over 380 city employees and calling them "state mandated" because of the cuts from state government.
- The State of Ohio has received between 700 million and 1 billion in unanticipated tax revenue. They could easily use this money to lessen or eliminate cuts to local government funds.
- Call Your State Senator TODAY! Tell them to restore the funding to local government funds. Tell them your community cannot afford these cuts.

Go to www.ohio.gov to find the telephone and email for your State Senator. Please call and email TODAY !!!!

These cuts will cause layoffs, the job you save might just be your own.