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NACo applauds Interior Department for PILT payments

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded the U.S. Department of Interior for the disbursement of the FY 2013 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments to counties. About 1,900 counties and local governments will be receiving payments totaling nearly $400 million.

The 2013 authorized level is $421.7 million, which was reduced by $21.5 million due to sequestration. After administrative expenses, a total of $399.8 million is allocated for payments to counties. A full list of funding by state and county is available at http://www.doi.gov/pilt.

The total of $399.8 million is the largest amount ever distributed under the PILT program, exceeding last year’s payments by about $7 million.

“On behalf of our member counties who depend on these critical payments, NACo applauds the hard work of the U.S. Congress and Secretary Sally Jewell for keeping the federal government’s commitment to counties,” said Matt Chase, NACo executive director. “PILT is a key federal policy priority for NACo since it helps local governments deliver county services to the public. PILT is essential for providing county services in areas with federal public lands. In these tough budget times, we are pleased the federal government is keeping its commitment to counties.”

PILT, enacted in 1976 with NACo’s strong support, helps local governments provide essential public services such as education, solid waste disposal, law enforcement, roads and infrastructure, search and rescue, health care, environmental compliance, fire fighting, parks and recreation and other important community services.

For information about the PILT Program please contact Ryan Yates at ryates@naco.org.

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