



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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MADISON COUNTY
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Dear County Official:

It is my honor to notify you that on June 23, 2026, the Department of the Interior (Department) issued payments under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The PILT program compensates eligible local jurisdictions for Federal lands administered by agencies within the Department and on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission. Local governments may use the PILT payments for any governmental purpose, including emergency response, public schools and roads. Since local governments cannot tax Federal lands, annual PILT payments help to defray the costs associated with maintaining important community services.

The PILT Act, 31 U.S.C. 6901–6907, as amended, authorized the program. The PILT Act prescribes the formula used to compute the annual payments based on annually adjusted per-acre and population variables. Prior-year Federal payments under certain revenue-sharing programs, as reported annually by States, are deducted in formulating the payment amounts. A provision in the PILT Act provides temporary compensation for recent additions to the National Park System and National Forest Wilderness Areas.

The President signed the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–74) on January 23, 2026, providing full funding for the 2026 PILT program. More than 1,900 local jurisdictions received a total of \$733 million in PILT payments this year.

For 2026, your county is receiving a PILT payment of \$11,086. If you provided current bank routing and account numbers to our Interior Business Center or to the System of Awards Management (SAM), an electronic funds transfer was posted to your account on or about June 23, 2026. If you did not receive a payment or require further information, please refer to www.doi.gov/pilt. The website includes information on how to register in SAM to expedite receipt of future PILT payments. If you have any questions, please contact the PILT Program Manager, Ms. Dionna Kiernan, at DOI_PILT@ios.doi.gov or (202) 513–7783.

With gratitude,

Doug Burgum
Secretary