

3. **Tobacco Fund:** The initial distribution of Williamson County's share of the settlement established the fund in 1999. Revenues to the fund consist of interest income and the annual distribution by the state of the state trust earnings. To ensure continuation of the fund, the Williamson County Commissioner's Court has designated the portion of fund balance representing the amount of the original settlement (\$2.5M). Designation means that this amount, or "principal" balance, cannot be expended. In addition to the original settlement amount, each year, 20% of the revenues from both interest income and the annual distribution from the state will be added to the designated fund balance in order to allow the fund to grow over time. Only 80% of revenues earned from interest and the earnings distributed annually by the state will be budgeted and expended. When determining the next year's budget, the amount available to expend will be calculated using actual revenue and interest revenue amounts from May 1st of the previous year to April 30th of the current year. Any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year will be available to budget in the next year. If Tobacco Fund expenditures are budgeted to offset expenditures in other funds, the actual program cost to the other Funds will be determined prior to transferring in any dollars from the Tobacco Fund. This available balance will be tracked annually by the County Auditor's office.