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Counties and the FY 2015-2016 Budget Impasse

The average county put up **\$12 million** to make it through the first six months of the fiscal year.

That's an average of **20** percent of counties' operating budgets.

70 %

Drew down on their reserves, losing an average of \$18,160 in earned interest.

At least **four** counties drained their reserves entirely, and many more were just weeks or even days from the same.

30 %

Borrowed funds

Average amount borrowed—**\$5.7 million**

Average bank fees—**\$16,800**

Average interest paid to date—**\$17,970**

48 %

Delayed payments to providers and other vendors, some beginning as early as July 2015

50 %

Delayed expenditures such as replacing furniture and fixtures, **and capital projects** including needed renovations and upgrades

32 %

Made staff changes such as implementing hiring freezes and delaying any new positions, and limiting training and travel to essentials only

22 %

Modified programs by creating waitlists, limiting hours and services, curtailing services to new recipients and in a few cases, closing programs

And it will only get **worse**.

Another impasse in FY 2016-2017 will have a **compounding effect** – with **less funds available in reserve**, counties will have to **borrow sooner** and **borrow more**, incurring **more fees** and **higher interest payments**.

This also means **other contingency plans** such as reducing services, laying off and furloughing staff, completely stopping provider payments, or in extreme cases, shutting down all county operations to the bare necessities, **become more and more likely the longer an impasse goes on**.

See CCAP's 2016 Commonwealth Budget and Human Services Funding Priority at www.pacounties.org for more information.