



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## **SNOW DECLARATION BLANKETS KENOSHA COUNTY WITH MONEY**

“The February 5 – 7, 2008, snow storm that blanketed Kenosha County with snow, has resulted in Kenosha County receiving over \$600,000 in Federal and State reimbursements,” stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management/Homeland Security. “On April 18, 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Declared Kenosha, Racine and Waukesha Counties a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Snow. Other SE WI Counties received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Snow the previous month.”

“The Presidential Disaster Declaration was for any 48-hour period starting February 5 – 7, 2008,” said Schliesman. “Schools, Municipalities and County Government were able to seek reimbursement for snow removal costs including overtime/benefits, equipment use, salt, sand, use of snow removal contractors and protective measures taken by law enforcement. FEMA reimbursed 75% of all costs and gave applicants a Grant Administration Fee of 1.5% of the total application amount. The State of WI reimbursed another 12.5%, leaving the remaining 12.5% the local share.”

Reimbursements for Kenosha County are broken-down into the following groups:

-Kenosha County Government:	\$ 78,873.52
-Kenosha County Municipalities:	\$408,652.71
-Kenosha County Public Schools:	\$ 78,829.07
-Kenosha County Parochial Schools:	\$ 11,181.89
-Kenosha County Higher Education Institutions:	\$ 40,311.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$617,848.74</b>