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Farmington Hills received \$588,446 in additional revenue Friday from Gov. James Blanchard's office, based on the city's increased population as determined by a mid-decade census. Pictured are Connie Shorter, local gov-

ernmental adviser for the governor (left), Hills city manager William Costick (center), Hills Mayor Jody Soronen (front) and councilman Aldo Vagnozzi.

## Hills gets census money

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the city's population was 58,056. It's now 68,020.

The \$55,000 special census was paid for with money in the city's general fund.

The big yellow check represented a lot of hard work and the more than \$500,000 Farmington Hills is receiving in special census money for increased population within the decade.

Connie Shorter, local government adviser for Gov. James Blanchard, presented city manager William Costick, Mayor Jody Soronen and councilman Aldo Vagnozzi Friday with a check for \$588,446.20.

Farmington Hills is the largest of the 38 communities receiving checks totaling \$3.7 million in supplemental state shared revenues for documenting population increases of more than 15 percent since the 1980 general census count.

The money is part of \$6.1 million in general fund supplemental appropriations for the 1987-88 fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

"We had a tight budget last year and were not able to appropriate funding," Shorter said.

Blanchard approved a measure in early August that provided the \$3.7 million for what are considered the state's 38 growth communities. Farmington Hills showed a 17.2 percent population increase. In 1980,

SORONEN AND Vagnozzi, who worked closely with Blanchard's office, credit Costick with ensuring the release of special census funds.

"A great deal of the success of the effort to get the state to budget the money is due to our city manager — one the leaders in the group who lobbied for it," Soronen said. Costick chaired the Census Counts Committee, representing the 38 eligible communities and which lobbied for release of the special census money.

"When the budget bill was vetoed (by Blanchard last year) we felt we had to pursue it," Costick said. "We felt under state law that once we fulfilled the statutory requirements (of showing 15 percent or more population gains) that we were eligible to receive the funds."

A second check is expected from the state by Sept. 30, 1989. The city is eligible for a total \$1.3 million in additional state shared revenues through the end of the decade.

City officials plan to use the money to help finance the move of a fire station from the southwest corner of the city, building a fifth fire station near city hall and buy new fire equipment.

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## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

### WEAPON FOUND

A butterfly knife was confiscated when it was found in the pocket of a 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy Aug. 23.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, police stopped to aid the youth who had become sick in his car near Nine Mile and Farmington roads. The senior at Redford Catholic Central High School told police he carried the knife because of frequent fights at the Taco Bell restaurant at 10 Mile and Grand River.

### THEFTS REPORTED

Cash, a desktop calculator and oil valued at \$223 was reported stolen

from Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 33888 Grand River Aug. 23-24.

Jewelry valued at \$5,010 was reported stolen from a residence on Muirland Aug. 15-24.

A mobile telephone and sunglasses valued at \$2,800 were reported stolen from a car parked at Buddy's Pizza, 31646 Northwestern Highway, Aug. 24.

An AM/FM stereo cassette radio valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked at Pace Office, 28525 Orchard Lake, Aug. 24.

Jewelry and a color TV valued at \$550 was reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile Aug. 24.

Jewelry and a video cassette recorder valued at \$750 was reported stolen from a residence on Echo Valley Aug. 24.

A gas-powered lawn edger valued at \$240 was reported stolen from a house on Derby Lane Aug. 24.

A bicycle valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a house on Congress Ct. Aug. 24.

A radar detector was stolen from a car parked on Polo Club Drive Aug. 25.

Cash, gift bags, T-shirts, stuffed toy animals and photo film valued at \$912 was reported stolen from Daahin's gift shop in the Arboretum office park, 34405 12 Mile, Aug. 24-25.

A car phone valued at \$328 was reported stolen from a car parked on High Valley Ct. Aug. 24-25.

Tools and speakers valued at \$1,337 was reported stolen from a house on Spring Lane Aug. 20-21.

A car phone valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a car parked on Harwich Aug. 24-25.

Jewelry and a jewelry box valued at \$80,000 was reported stolen from a house on Forestbrook Aug. 25.

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