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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REACTION TO FUNDING PROPOSAL

The Wisconsin Counties Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and the Wisconsin Towns Association have issued the following statement in response to the release today by Governor Evers of a proposal to increase local government funding in the upcoming state biennial budget.

"Today's announcement from Governor Evers is a step in the right direction for local government funding. In Wisconsin, local governments are critical to providing and delivering numerous services taxpayers rely on daily. At a time of rising inflation and increased demand for services, local governments require additional state resources in order to maintain infrastructure, public safety investments, and human and social services.

Public safety in particular has become increasingly difficult to support though current revenues, though specific needs vary across the state. With insufficient funding for fire protection, EMS, and law enforcement services, every corner of the state is in need of assistance.

The three statewide local government associations, and the thousands of locally-elected officials we represent, are prepared to work with the Executive and Legislative branches of government during next year's budget deliberations to ensure sustainable funding of critical local services and an equitable distribution of state aid to local governments."

For additional comment, please contact WCA at 866.404.2700, the League at 608.267.2380 and WTA at 715.526.3157.

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