

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all 854 Minnesota cities.



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act State Match

The League urges swift passage of state funds to provide necessary non-federal matching resources to ensure the state and local governments have access to all of Minnesota's \$7.3 billion share of critical IJJA funding that will help advance a broad array of state and local infrastructure goals.

Cannabinoid Regulation

The League calls for a strong and comprehensive regulatory framework for cannabinoid products, including maintaining local authority to license and regulate the products and considerations for public safety, taxation, and employment.

Housing

The League calls for solutions that support the diverse housing needs in cities across the state and solutions that address the full housing spectrum, support local innovation, provide state incentives instead of mandates, and advance community-specific housing solutions.

Local Control/Preemption

The League will oppose legislation that erodes local control in cities across Minnesota.

LGA/Aid to Cities

The League supports updating the LGA formula to reflect new fiscal and demographic data, an immediate increase in the appropriation and annual appropriation increases to address inflationary pressures. The League also supports permanent funding for the Small Cities Assistance Account aid.

Police and Fire Disability Benefits

The League will advance legislation for injury prevention and treatment and will seek state funding for certain disability benefits currently funded by employers. The League will oppose efforts to expand conditions presumed to be work-related for workers' compensation purposes.

Bonding/Capital Investment

The League supports a substantial bonding bill that includes appropriations for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, funding for the local road wetland replacement fund, and flood hazard mitigation.

Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials

The League supports legislation to streamline the process required for cities to secure the sales tax exemption on construction materials.

Transportation Funding

The League calls for a dedicated and sustainable state funding source for non-Municipal State Aid city streets, legislation that would allow cities to create street improvement districts, and grant funding for cities burdened by cost participation requirements.

Water and Wastewater Policy and Funding

The League supports technical and financial resources needed for drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure.

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