

### SF1828 (Klein) – Renews State-County Partnership for Property Tax Relief

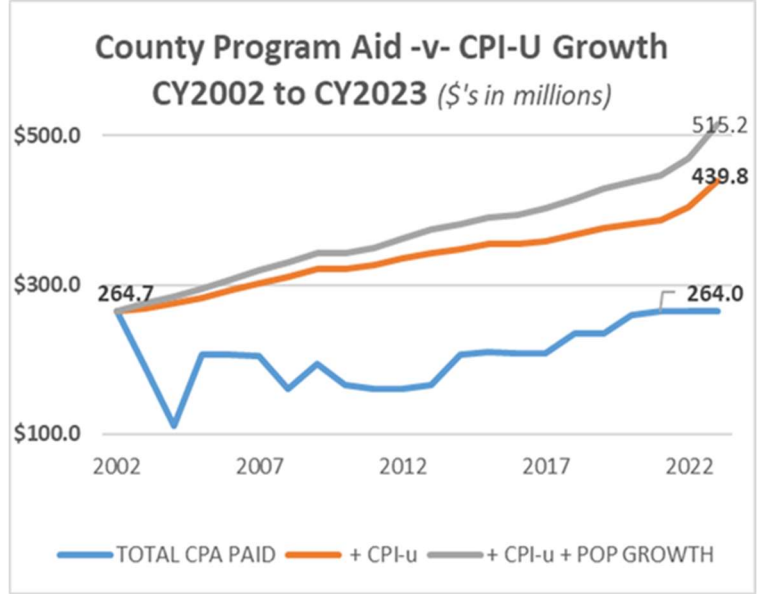
State aid for county governments has long been a key part of Minnesota’s approach to property tax relief.

County Program Aid (CPA) was enacted in 2003, consolidating multiple predecessor programs that provided nearly \$265 million in general aid to counties.

**CPA appropriations have not kept pace with rising costs.** In fact, state funding for CPA has declined by almost any measure, such as declining:

- from 2% to less than 1% of the state budget.
- from 14% of levy plus aid, to less than 7 percent.

Current CPA funding is at the same level today as 20 years ago and would be over \$150 million more each year had the funding simply kept pace with rising costs.



### CPA is Property Tax Relief

“Rock County receives \$517,040 in CPA; this money results in a direct “buy down” of our levy by 8%. This money is used as general property tax relief for out taxpayers and helps defray the cost of mandated services.”  
- Rock County

“We rely on CPA as an important revenue source to fund our operations. It makes a big difference for us – helping provide state-mandated services and keeping local property taxes down.”  
- Dakota County

“Counties are expected to offer efficient, fair, and consistent services to taxpayers. Over the last 10 years, Marshall County’s aid fluctuated from \$1.2 million to \$133,000. Without consistency in CPA, it’s not possible to provide consistency for taxpayers.”  
- Marshall County

