

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all 853 Minnesota cities.



City Street 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.

Housing

The League supports funding for workforce housing and affordable housing programs, including resources in a bonding bill.

Infrastructure Fees

The League supports legislation that will give cities the ability to impose infrastructure fees so new development pays its fair share of public infrastructure needed to serve growing communities.

Local Control

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

Local Government Aid Funding

The League calls for a restoration of the local government aid system to at least the 2003 certified level of \$586.8 million.

Police and Fire Disability Benefits

The League supports fully funding the Public Safety Officers Benefit Account to reimburse local units of government for the cost of health insurance benefits for firefighters and peace officers injured in the line of duty, and for dependents of officers killed in the line of duty.

Presidential Primary

The League supports legislation to expand eligible reimbursements, limit party affiliation data dissemination to political parties only, and allow for mail balloting.

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.

Telecommunications

The League supports a balanced approach to telecommunications policy that allows new technologies to flourish while preserving local regulatory authority.

Urban Forest Management Funding

The League supports at least \$5 million per year for a state matching grant program to assist cities with emerald ash borer, and to build cities' capacity to respond to other catastrophic urban forest problems.

Water Policy and Funding

The League supports technical and financial resources needed for drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. The League will continue to work to ensure that non-city water users are held accountable for their impacts on water quality and quantity.

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