

HF1377 (Lislegard) – Renews State-County Partnership for Property Tax Relief

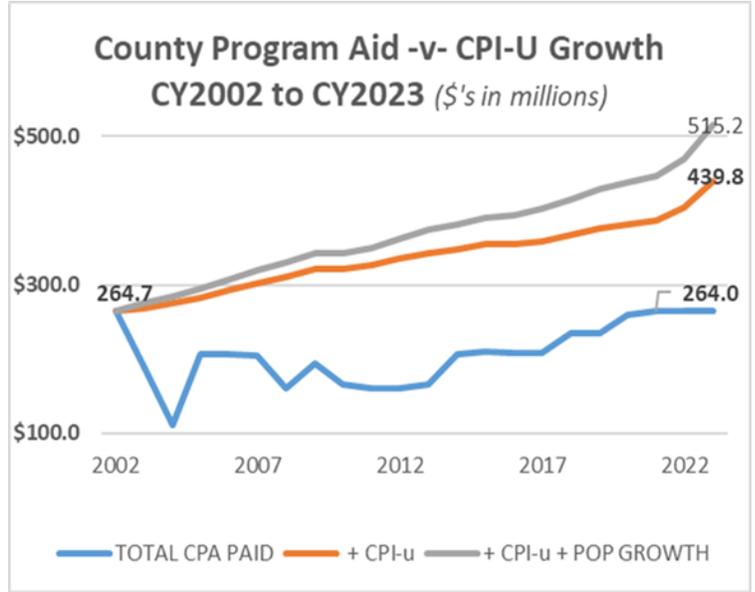
State aid for county governments has long been a key part of Minnesota’s approach to property tax relief.

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

