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Support for HF2784 – Small city municipal facility improvement grant funding

Dear Chair Lee and House Capital Investment Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Association of Small Cities (MAOSC), we write today to express our full support of H.F. 2784, which would appropriate money for small city municipal facility improvement grants.

H.F. 2784 provides funding for cities of less than 2,000 inhabitants to support a city's emergency services, including Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The grant would aid small cities in updating their local emergency service buildings and infrastructure for increased safety and protection of community needs. As local capital improvements go, physically combining a city's rescue services is not only cost-efficient, it also results in time-efficiencies, which in turn saves lives. Passing this bill would help cities all across Minnesota maintain the high quality of services they are committed to providing to their residents.

MN Small Cities advocates on behalf of Minnesota's 700+ cities with populations under 5,000 and. We support policies that aim to improve our cities, and those that allow local city leaders to make decisions for their communities, while giving them access to the resources they need. This bill provides a path for smaller cities to improve public safety services. We reaffirm our full support of H.F. 2784, as Minnesota's small cities and their constituents will greatly benefit from it.

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