

Special City Council Meeting
Monday, December 29, 2008
City Council Chambers
5:30 p.m.
AGENDA



Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Telecommunication Commission – Rate Recommendation for Multi-Unit Facilities
2. 2009 City of Windom Budget
3. 2009 City of Windom Levy
4. Adjourn



RESOLUTION #2008-

INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

VOTED: Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstained:

CITY OF WINDOM

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE FUND**

WHEREAS, City Code Section 3.02 authorizes the City Council to establish rates and charges for municipal utilities (including, but not limited to, services, permit fees, connection and meter reading and checking fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees including penalties for non-payment); and

WHEREAS, the City Council periodically establishes rates and fees for municipal utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Windom Telecommunication Commission recommends to the Windom City Council to change the monthly telecommunication service rates for Multi-Unit Facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Windom and its citizens to operate the city enterprise funds in a cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Windom, Minnesota, as follows:

Change the monthly cable TV per unit rates for Commercial Multi-Unit Facilities with 10 or more units and a common telecom connection as established by December 29, 2008, effective February 1, 2009, as follows:

Expanded Basic	\$8.00 per unit
HBO	\$4.50 per unit

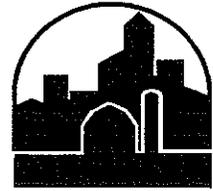
Adopted this 29th day of December, 2008.

Tom Riordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steven Nasby, City Administrator

MEMORANDUM



CITY OF WINDOM
444 9th Street
Windom, MN 56101
Phone: 507-831-6129
Fax: 507-831-6127
www.windom-mn.com

TO: City Council
FROM: City Administrator *Steven*
DATE: December 22, 2008
RE: Update on Local Government Aid (LGA) and 2009 City Budget/Tax Levy

Last week the Governor announced that aid to cities and counties would be reduced by \$110 million. Small cities, under 1,000 population, were exempted from these LGA cuts. The Minnesota Department of Revenue is showing that the 2008 LGA reduction to Windom will be \$110,120. Again, please remember this 2008 money is what we budgeted in December 2007 and spent in 2008 so we are starting 2009 \$110,120 behind.

We will be able to make up this amount; although, it will mean difficult choices for the Council. Even if the Council were to levy the maximum amount allowed by State law there would still be an \$80,000 gap going into 2009 and everyone expects that 2009 LGA will be reduced as well.

In 2009, Windom is to receive \$1,334,000 in LGA. This represented an increase of about \$40,000 from the 2008 (pre-cut amount). Based on the 8.5% cut to the 2008 LGA our 2009 LGA would show a cut of about \$113,500. Unfortunately, I believe the reduction to 2009 LGA will be more severe. As the 2009 LGA amounts are debated by the Governor and Legislature it could be mid-2009 before we have a final number.

To address the 2008 LGA cut and plan for 2009 the Council will have to look immediately at reductions in operational expenses and capital spending. A reasonable goal would be \$225,000 to \$260,000. I have asked the Department Heads for input on programs, projects or expenses that can be reduced, delayed or eliminated. Also, to assist with your discussion attached is a list of operational expenses, personnel costs, capital items and reductions.

The City maintains a cash flow account in the General Fund that is used to cover expenses in-between revenue receipts such as tax payments and LGA that come twice a year. This fund also covers unbudgeted expenses such as cost overruns for snow removal or other Council approved expenditures such as the Airport snow plow or "jaws of life". At the end of 2007 the audit showed this account to have an undesignated balance of \$799,102. This amount is equal to about 35% of our 2008 General Fund operational budget or about 3-4 months worth of expenses. One of the important short-term financial goals for the City has been to build this fund to be equal to at least 6 months of operational costs to show a strong financial management history, which helps to keep bond interest expenses lower.

Staffing is an area that must also be considered as wages & benefits comprise over 80% of the General Fund budget. At this time I have notified the Department Heads not to replace vacancies until further direction by the Council. In addition, the Personnel Committee is currently in negotiations with both of the unions that represent City employees. These negotiations have been tempered by the issue of impending cuts to LGA. Since we did not know what the impact to 2008 LGA would be or the severity of cuts to 2009 LGA, there has not been an agreement on wages yet. Undoubtedly there will need to be some resolution of this matter as it relates to the budget. The Personnel Committee will continue to meet with the unions after the holidays.

If you need information prior to the December 29th meeting please let me know. Thank you.

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>General Fund 2009 Expense</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Operational Expenses		
Council - Conferences\Registration\Mileage by 25%	\$ 625	Need to cut expenses
City Office - Conf.\Registration\Mileage Cut by 25%	\$ 975	Need to cut expenses
Street - Delay re-hire for Mechanic Position for 1 Year	\$ 19,700	\$44,000 less \$14,300 non-Gen Fund portion of pay & \$10,000 extra expense incurred
Airport - Aviation Fuel for Re-sale	\$ 2,500	Fuel costs lower than in Fall 2008?
Comm. Center - Reduce Promotions\Advertising by 25%	\$ 1,750	Need to reduce spending
Police - Eliminate P/T Position	\$ 16,000	This is new to 2009 budget
EDA - Special Projects	\$ 1,500	Reduce to 2008 budget level
Parks - Reduce P/T Hours by 25%	\$ 6,250	Windom Rec Area - new maintenance agmt with school will lower our cost
Parks - Reduce Seal-coating by 25%	\$ 2,750	Material costs lower than in Fall 2008?
Street - Reduce Seal-coating by 25%	\$ 15,000	Material costs lower than in Fall 2008?
Fire - Training reduced by 50%	\$ 5,500	Firefighter I & Firefighter II over 2 years instead of all in 2009
Adjust Property Tax to Maximum Levy Limit	\$ 30,175	Maximum Levy Limit allowed by State Law
Sub-total	\$ 102,725	

Capital Expenses		
Parks - No turf aerator	\$ 5,010	Rent or work with Toro on demo model or reduced cost purchase
Comm. Center - Cut purchase of carpet cleaner	\$ 3,000	Continue to rent equipment
Street - No Pick-up Replacement	\$ 20,000	Can wait a year
Police - No radar	\$ 2,500	Can wait a year
Pool - Eliminate Pool Cover	\$ 28,000	New item and if pool opening delayed then still energy savings
City Hall Office - no phone system replacement	\$ 17,740	Keep until it goes out
Library - Delay computer replacement	\$ 1,200	Current computers still functioning
Police - No radio	\$ 4,500	Needed to replace old unit - functionality and compatibility issues
Street - Delay purchase of materials for salt shed	\$ 16,000	Can wait, but first half of materials already purchased and ready to build
Street - No Pay loader	\$ -	Needed due to condition of current unit & potential for repair expenses
City Hall Office - Roof Repair over Council Chamber\P&Z\IEDA	\$ -	Needed due to condition & potential for repair expenses
Sub-total	\$ 97,950	
Grand Total	\$ 200,675	

RESOLUTION #2008-

INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

VOTED: **Aye:**
 Nay:
 Absent:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2008 TAX LEVY, COLLECTABLE IN 2009

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Windom, County of Cottonwood, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectable in 2009 upon the taxable property in the City of Windom, for the following purposes:

Total Levy	\$1,495,673	\$ _____
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The City Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

Adopted this 29th day of December, 2008.

Tom Riordan, Mayor

Attest: _____
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

Notice of Proposed
Total Budget and Property Taxes

The Windom City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2009.

SPENDING: The total budget amounts below compare the City's 2008 total actual budget with the amount the City proposes to spend in 2009.

<u>2008 Total Actual Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Change From 2008-2009</u>
\$3,870,465	\$3,929,400	1.52%

TAXES: The property tax amounts below compare that portion of the current budget levied in property taxes in Windom for 2008 with the property taxes the City proposes to collect in 2009.

<u>2008 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Proposed 2009 Property Taxes</u>	<u>Change From 2008 - 2009</u>
\$1,405,943	\$1,495,673	6.38%

LOCAL TAX RATE COMPARISON: The following compares the City's current local tax rate, the City's tax rate for 2009 if no tax levy increase is adopted and the City's proposed tax rate for 2009.

<u>2008 Tax Rate</u>	<u>2009 Tax Rate if NO Levy Increase</u>	<u>2009 Proposed Tax Rate</u>
75.942%	69.984%	75.969%

Attend the Public Hearing

All Windom City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2009 property taxes. The hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Windom City Hall
444 9th Street
Windom, MN 56101

If the discussion of the budget cannot be completed, a time and place for continuing the discussion will be announced at the hearing.

You are also invited to send your written comments to:

City of Windom, Mayor's Office, 444 9th St., Windom, MN 56101

NOTE: Budget means the total government fund expenditures as defined by M.S. 471.6767. The above budget amount does not include enterprise funds. Total budget amount including Enterprise Funds is \$15,661,540.

CITY OF WINDOM
2009 Budget (includes all funds)

Revenue Sources

General Fund

Revenue	\$ 1,903,518
Tax Levy (Operations)	\$ 408,572
UHF Fund Transfer	\$ 15,140
Tax Levy (Outlay)	<u>\$ 102,050</u>
	\$ 2,429,280

Special Revenue Funds

Revenue	\$ 799,125
Tax Levy	<u>\$ 760,015</u>
	\$ 1,559,140

Enterprise Funds

Revenue	\$ 10,805,228
Special Assessments *	<u>\$ 22,513</u>
	\$ 10,827,741

Debt Service

Special Assessments **	\$ 249,568
Tax Levy	<u>\$ 221,536</u>
	\$ 471,104

Special Projects

Revenue	\$ 327,800
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Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 15,615,065</u></u>
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***Enterprise Fund Special Assessments**

\$14,113	2007 Street Project
<u>\$8,400</u>	2005 Street Project
\$22,513	Sub-total

****General Fund Special Assessments**

\$249,568	Prior Year Projects
\$249,568	Sub-total

\$272,081 Total Special Assessments

CITY OF WINDOM
2009 Budget (includes all funds)

	Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 2,327,230
Special Revenue Funds*	\$ 1,443,560
Enterprise Funds*	\$ 8,622,720
Debt Service	\$ 1,899,586
Capital Outlay	\$ 938,925
Misc. Projects	<u>\$ 316,250</u>
Grand Total	\$ 15,548,271

* Does not include depreciation

Final Budget

CITY OF WINDOM
2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY
(General Fund)

<u>EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	<u>Purchase Amount</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Police:		
Squad Radar	\$ 2,500	
Squad Radio	\$ 4,500	
Total	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	\$ 7,000
Street:		
Payloader (Annual payment for 5 years)	\$ 21,300	
Pick-up	\$ 20,000	
Salt\Sand Shed	\$ 16,000	
Total	<u>\$ 57,300</u>	\$ 57,300
Park:		
Turf Aerator	\$ 5,010	
Total	<u>\$ 5,010</u>	\$ 5,010
City Hall:		
Roof Repair for Fire, EDA & P\Z	\$ 15,000	
Telephone System Replacement	\$ 17,740	
Total	<u>\$ 32,740</u>	<u>\$ 32,740</u>
TOTAL EQUIPMENT FUND		\$ 102,050

Final Budget

**CITY OF WINDOM
2009 Special Revenue Funds
Operational Revenue and Expenses**

Budgeted Revenue and Expenses

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses*</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>Outlay</u>	<u>Operational Reserves</u>	<u>2009 Tax Levy</u>
Library	\$ 15,600	\$ 177,350	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 162,950
Airport	\$ 82,000	\$ 95,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,900
Pool	\$ 39,250	\$ 91,500	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 80,250
Ambulance**	\$ 339,000	\$ 259,120	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -
Arena	\$ 180,450	\$ 365,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,500
EDA	\$ 86,000	\$ 191,240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,240
Multipurpose	\$ 56,825	\$ 262,500	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ 212,175
Total	\$ 799,125	\$ 1,443,560	\$ -	\$ 53,700	\$ -	\$ 760,015

* Expenses exclude depreciation.

** Ambulance capital outlay will be funded with Ambulance Fund reserves and not tax levy monies.

RESOLUTION #2008-04

INTRODUCED: Johnson

SECONDED: Bloomgren

VOTED: Aye: Schwalbach, Bloomgren and Johnson

Nay: None

Abstained: None

CITY OF WINDOM - UTILITIES COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR AN ENTERPRISE FUND**

WHEREAS, City Charter, Chapter X and City Code Section 3.02 authorizes the Utility Commission to establish rates and charges for municipally-owned utilities (including, but not limited to, services, permit fees, connection and meter reading and checking fees, disconnection fees, reconnection fees including penalties for non-payment); and

WHEREAS, the Utility Commission periodically establishes rates and fees for municipally-owned utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Windom Utility Commission has modified the water rates charged by an increase of 5% to Residential, General Service (commercial), Industrial and Municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Windom and its citizens to operate the city enterprise funds in a financially sound and cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Utilities Commission of Windom, Minnesota, to change the water rates charged Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Municipal customers as listed below. Said rates will be effective as of December 1, 2008.

Residential & Commercial

Minimums	\$12.13
300 – 1000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 2.48 per 100 Cu. Ft.
Over 1000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 2.76 per 100 Cu. Ft..

Bingham Lake Water

Minimums	\$ 0.00
Over	\$3.98 per 1000 Gal.

Red Rock Rural Water

Minimums	\$12.13
Over 1000 Gal.	\$ 1.96 per 1000 Gal.

Ethanol Plant Water

Minimums	\$ 0.00
Over 0 Gal	\$ 2.67 per 1000 Gal.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2008.

Mike Schwalbach, Utilities Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Steven Nasby, City Administrator

RESOLUTION #2008-05

INTRODUCED: Bloomgren

SECONDED: Johnson

VOTED: Aye: Johnson, Schwalbach and Bloomgren

Nay: None

Abstained: None

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WHEREAS, the Utility Commission periodically establishes rates and fees for municipally-owned utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Windom Utility Commission has modified the wastewater rates charged by an increase of 8% to Residential, General Service (commercial), Industrial and Municipal customers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Windom and its citizens to operate the city enterprise funds in a financially sound and cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Utilities Commission of Windom, Minnesota, to change the wastewater rates charged Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Municipal customers as listed below. Said rates will be effective as of December 1, 2008.

Residential

Minimums	\$21.44
0 – 1500 Cu. Ft.	\$.84 per 100 Cu. Ft.
1501 – 3000 Cu. Ft.	\$.42 per 100 Cu. Ft.
Excess of 3000 Cu. Ft.	\$.00 per 100 Cu. Ft.

Residential Sewer Only

Apartments	\$23.96
Homes	\$26.48

Commercial

Minimums	\$22.86
Over 800 Cu. Ft.	\$ 2.86 per 100 Cu. Ft.

Commercial Sewer Only

Minimums	\$22.86
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Bingham Lake Sewer

Minimums	\$ 0.00
Over 0	\$ 4.09 per 1000 Gal.

Units

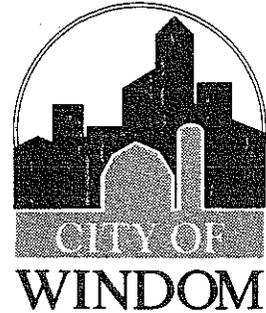
12 Units Sewer Only	\$257.28
21 Units Sewer Only	\$450.24
30 Units Sewer Only	\$643.20
48 Units Sewer Only	\$1,029.12
59 Units Sewer Ony	\$1,264.96

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2008.

Mike Schwalbach, Utilities Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Steven Nasby, City Administrator



December 19, 2008

Honorable Congressman Tim Walz
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Walz:

Discussions in Washington D.C. suggest that the new Administration will be supporting a large new economic stimulus package. Public works projects are reported to be the centerpiece of this stimulus package.

As Congress evaluates options for reinvigorating the struggling economy, our City is writing to urge your support for municipal public works projects. These construction related projects will invigorate the economy, create jobs and provide for much needed local improvements that can be leveraged into businesses retention, business expansion and creation.

The National League of Cities is currently compiling a list of public works projects that can be undertaken and bid by cities within 120 days. The City of Windom has a number of projects on this list. Our projects include street and bridge reconstructions, fire hall construction and renovation, airport runway reconstruction, a new Street Department facility and a wastewater plant expansion to accommodate growth at a local meat packing company.

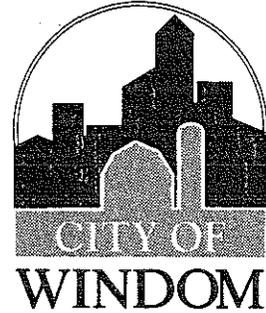
Should federal funding be available for these types of projects we request that local units of government are directly eligible for the funding, which will save time and get the money where it is needed throughout the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas Riordan
City of Windom, MN





December 18, 2008

Honorable Senator Norm Coleman
320 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coleman:

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Sincerely,

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December 19, 2008

Honorable Senator Amy Klobuchar
302 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Mayor Thomas Riordan
City of Windom, MN





Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

CGMC in Brief

December 23, 2008

Contact: Tim Flaherty
651-225-8840

CGMC Meets with Speaker Kelliher

Other legislative leaders also in contact

Tim Flaherty and Bradley Peterson of Flaherty & Hood, P.A. met with Speaker Kelliher to discuss the recent unallotment of LGA and the potential for LGA cuts in the future. The Speaker clarified that the House DFL was open to reductions in all areas of the state budget, including K-12 education, but was opposed to proportional across-the-board reductions. The Speaker provided us with a letter she sent to the governor about unallotment. This letter is attached. The Speaker also asked for input on whether the state should give cities the ability to increase their 2009 levies by the amount of the unallotment. Tim Flaherty also met with Senate Majority Leader Pogemiller and Senate Minority Leader Senjem, and had a telephone conversation with House Minority Leader Seifert. Flaherty is scheduled to meet with Minority Leader Seifert in person on December 30.

Unfair LGA Cuts Stretch Across Greater Minnesota

Last Friday's unfair cut to LGA reaches across all of greater Minnesota. **On average, these irresponsible cuts amount to a 22% decrease in the December LGA payment to cities.** To see a run that shows your city's reduced December payment, please click [here](#). This information is also available in the "News" section of the CGMC website (www.greatermncities.org).

With these cuts, cities across the state are now forced to make difficult and unexpected budget decisions. The CGMC has compiled a brief snapshot of the impact these cuts will place on our cities, as documented in the news articles and editorials. The media snapshot is attached. If your local paper has written any particularly insightful editorials or news articles about the LGA cuts, please forward them to Erin Flaherty via [email](#).

CGMC Land Use Conference (1/5/09)

SAVE THE DATE!

The CGMC—along with the Humphrey Institute, 1000 Friends, the League of Minnesota Cities, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the Urban Land Institute, Fresh Energy, and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy—will host an afternoon conference on land use reform on **January 5, 2009** from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in Minneapolis.

The conference's focus is on land use reform and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through changes in land use planning and development. Keynoting the conference is Professor Reid Ewing of the University of Maryland, co-author of the preeminent study entitled *Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change*. The conference will also include a discussion of land use issues from a uniquely Minnesota perspective. See attached agenda. For more details, please contact Bradley Peterson via [email](#) or call 651-225-8840.



**CGMC Legislative
Action Day and
Reception
(1/15/09)**

***Book your Hotel
Room Today***

The CGMC Legislative Action Day & Reception is scheduled for **January 15, 2009**. The CGMC has blocked a set of rooms at the following hotels. **These reduced rates are available only for a limited time, so reserve your room today!**

- Best Western Kelly Inn (near the Capitol)
161 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul (651-227-8711)
\$94 + tax → **blocked until 12/30/08**
- Holiday Inn RiverCentre (near Xcel Energy Center)
175 W. 7th St., St. Paul (651-225-1515)
\$125 + tax → **blocked until 12/24/08**

As we deal with this first round of cuts, it is critically imperative that cities work together to educate our legislators on the importance of LGA. Don't miss this opportunity to join your fellow cities and lobby our legislators with one message and one voice.

The full day begins with an overview of legislative strategy, followed by lobbying at the Capitol and a legislative leadership panel. Capping off the day is a dinner reception at historic Mancini's restaurant in St. Paul. Registration materials and an agenda are attached. Please contact Erin Flaherty via email or phone (651-225-8840) for more information.

**Attend Mayor Larry
Buboltz's
Retirement Party**

Detroit Lakes will be hosting a retirement party for Mayor Larry Buboltz, and is inviting CGMC members to attend. Details of the party are provided below. CGMC thanks Mayor Buboltz for his years of service to the Coalition, and wishes him a relaxing retirement!

What: Retirement party for Mayor Buboltz

When: Sunday, December 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Program at 6:30 p.m.)

Where: Speakeasy Restaurant, off of Hwy 10
1100 N Shore Dr
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501



Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House

District 60A
Hennepin County



Minnesota House of Representatives

December 17, 2008

Governor Tim Pawlenty
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty,

Over the past few weeks the Finance Chairs in the House have been working with state agencies to gather data in order to provide guidance as you move forward towards unallotting appropriations to the state budget for FY 2009. From the outset, we wanted to establish an open and transparent budget process that will enable the public to understand these decisions.

A number of Commissioners and agency staff came before the House Finance Committee and House Tax Committee as part of this process to provide guidance on unallotments. However, with a few exceptions, the information provided was less than inadequate in terms of detail. Like you, we rely on the state agencies to provide detailed budget information. According to the responses from the Commissioners, they have very limited data available to share, are still contemplating their recommendations, and are working towards the beginning of January to provide more information.

We have received word that you may begin the unallotment process as early as this week. Although we lack the budgetary detail needed to help make informed decisions, there are a number of budgetary principles that we encourage you to consider in unallotting the budget:

*It is important not to jeopardize federal funds by unallotting state programs that bring in federal dollars supporting Minnesota priorities.

*It is important not to jeopardize public safety by unallotting aid payments to local units of government that would lead to further reductions in essential community services, such as police, sheriff and fire protection, community corrections, and responding to child protection and vulnerable adult needs.

*It is important not to unallot resources that flow to Minnesota classrooms. Unallotting classroom funding only hurts our ability to build a highly skilled workforce into the future.



*We should not unallot recently enacted long-term cost containment provisions in the health and human services budget in order to help with short term budget constraints. This cost containment and prevention will save on long term

*Unallotments should focus on areas of the budget where cost savings can be recouped in the short and long term.

*Due to the nature of recession we are in, it is contradictory and counterproductive to unallot the state budget in such a way that forces more layoffs. We need to work toward lowering Minnesota's unemployment rate in the short term, while we build jobs for the future.

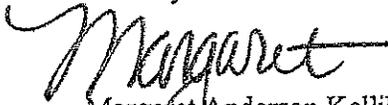
As we look for cost saving measures in order to fix Minnesota's budget deficit, we need a thoughtful approach that does not make across the board cuts. We must consider ramifications of the tough decisions before us, and we must also preserve those things that Minnesotans hold dear: such as high quality public schools, safe communities, and maintaining and growing good paying jobs.

Our budget experts tell us that we need to help spur job growth in order to provide stability in the state budget. We need to invest dollars directly into Minnesota's economy by passing a modest capital investment package early in the 2009 Session that is focused on projects that are ready to be built, renovated or retrofitted for energy efficiency.

Governor, at your earliest convenience I would welcome the opportunity to discuss a Green Jobs Academy, to quickly align Minnesota's workforce with the fast-growing clean energy economy. I believe our robust supply of electricians and other laborers in the state would provide a ready pool for a cost-effective and speedy training that could begin to meet the future needs of our state and national green job needs. These green jobs are a growth sector for our economy and an investment early will drive our economic recovery. I would request we include leaders on the green jobs initiative in the legislature, industry and higher education in our discussions. We need to focus our efforts on making this happen quickly and focus on the future green jobs sector.

As you proceed toward unallotment, we request that we have the opportunity to review your unallotment proposals before they are made. We have additional suggestions that align with the principles outlined above.

Thank you.



Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House

Cc: Commissioner Tom Hanson

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2009 CGMC Legislative Action Day Agenda

Thursday, January 15, 2009

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 - **CGMC Budget & Membership Discussion**
CGMC President Mayor Wayne Wolden, Wadena & Tim Flaherty
 - **Lobbying Strategy and Message for Legislators**
Tim Flaherty
 - **Local Government Aid (LGA) & the State Budget Deficit**
Tim Flaherty and Steve Peterson
 - **Land Use & Annexation Reform**
Bradley Peterson
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Registration per Person: \$60

- Bill me
- Payment enclosed
- I'll pay at the meeting

Please make checks payable to CGMC.

Please include \$21 for each additional guest dinner.

Return completed form by January 8 to:

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GROWING COOLER

How Land Use Can Help Minnesota Reach Its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals

In Minnesota, the discussion is over: climate change is real and it's time to do something about it. In 2007, the legislature and governor took action and passed Minnesota's greenhouse gas reduction goals that call for an 80% reduction in CO₂ by 2050. To accomplish this goal, reductions in CO₂ must come from all areas of production. One of the largest contributors to CO₂ in Minnesota is transportation. So what does that have to do with land use? Find out at this free conference at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

WHEN: January 5th from 1 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Cowles Auditorium on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis Campus, 301 19th Ave South

WHO: State Legislators and staff, local elected officials, local government administrators and planners, and the general public with an interest in land use and climate change

RSVP: Steve Peterson at 651-259-1922 or smpeterson@fhaherty-hood.com

PROGRAM

1:00 – 1:50 *Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change*

Dr. Reid Ewing, coauthor of *Growing Cooler*, will discuss the relationship between land use development, transportation, and climate change.

2:00 – 2:50 *The Minnesota Perspective*

Dr. Ewing moderates a panel of Minnesota experts discussing three recent Minnesota-specific studies on the role land use can play in climate change and environmental protection.

Panel participants:

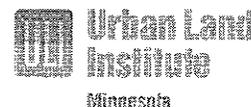
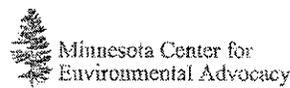
- Dr. Julian Marshall, coauthor of the Center of Transportation Studies' "A Smaller Carbon Footprint"
- William Schroerer, Transportation and Land Use technical working group lead on the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group
- John Shardlow, co-project lead of the University of Minnesota's "Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan"

3:00 – 3:40 *The Private Sector: Obstacles and Opportunities for Developers of Compact Development*

Michael Lander, a developer of many successful compact mixed-use developments, will discuss how the market is creating greater demand for these developments. Mr. Lander will also discuss the obstacles developers face in creating compact development and how local and state officials can help reduce these barriers.

3:40 – 4:00 *A Word from Our Sponsors*

A varied group of sponsors have come together to provide this conference at no cost to participants. Each sponsor will have a brief opportunity to present its goals for impacting climate change through land use reform.



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

REID EWING

Reid Ewing is a professor of City and Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah, associate editor of the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, columnist for *Planning* magazine, and Fellow of the Urban Land Institute. Early in his career, he served two terms in the Arizona legislature, worked on urban policy issues at the Congressional Budget Office, and taught city planning in Iran and Ghana. He holds master's degrees in Engineering and City Planning from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Transportation Systems from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His research and writings are aimed at planning practitioners. He authored *Developing Successful New Communities* for the Urban Land Institute; *Best Development Practices and Transportation and Land Use Innovations* for the American Planning Association; and *Traffic Calming State-of-the-Practice* for the Institute of Transportation Engineers. His two titles for the American Planning Association made him APA's top selling author for many years. His most recent book, written for EPA and published by the Urban Land Institute, is *Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change*. Due out in 2009 and co-published by the American Planning Association and American Society of Civil Engineers is *U.S. Traffic Calming Manual*.

This year and next (2008-09), his research will be published in the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *Journal of Planning Literature*, *Journal of Urban Design*, *Urban Design International*, *Journal of Urbanism*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, *Transportation Research Record*, and *ITE Journal*. His prior work on smart growth development includes the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED-Neighborhood Development guidelines, the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Recommended Practice for Context-Sensitive Thoroughfares, the National Wildlife Federation's Endangered by Sprawl, and dozens of consulting projects around the United States.

JULIAN MARSHALL

Dr. Marshall is an Assistant Professor for the Civil Engineering Department at University of Minnesota. His current area of study is urban sustainability engineering and investigating energy and environmental impacts of cities, especially from transportation. His three main areas of research are air pollution, urban design, and climate change emissions. He has

several published writings including *Environmental Science & Technology's* "most-downloaded article."

Dr. Marshall received a B.S. in chemical engineering from Princeton University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Energy and Resources Group at the University of California at Berkeley. In addition to his faculty appointment in civil engineering, Dr. Marshall is an affiliated member of the University of Minnesota's Mechanical Engineering Department, the Environmental Health Sciences division of the School of Public Health, and the Urban and Regional Planning program of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, as well as the School of Environment and Health at the University of British Columbia, Canada.

WILLIAM SCHROEER

Mr. Schroer is the State Policy Director for Smart Growth America. He has 18 years' experience designing and directing transportation and land use policy evaluations for government, nonprofit, and private clients, as well as examining costs and benefits, feasibility, economic, social, and distributional impacts. During the 1990s, Will was at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, where he led the agency's Transportation Group. He received the 1996 National Planning Award from the American Planning Association, and two EPA Service Awards, one for contributions to the U.S. Climate Change Action Plan. He then spent nine years leading the smart growth practice for ICF Consulting. Will holds a B.A. magna cum laude from Carleton College and a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University.

JOHN SHARDLOW

Mr. Shardlow has been involved in planning and zoning education for lawyers, planners, and elected and appointed officials for 28 years. John regularly prepares and teaches seminars through the League of Minnesota Cities, and has developed and taught classes through Government Training Services. He has been a Planning Consultant for more than 100 cities and counties throughout Minnesota. John served as a member of the core management team of the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, and is currently serving as the Chair of the Minnesota Chapter of the Urban Land Institute. John is also a member and Vice Chair for Programming for ULI National Sustainable Development Council.

John has extensive and wide-ranging project experience serving clients in both the public and private sectors. He has frequently been called upon to lead multi-disciplinary teams of consultants in completing large, complicated planning projects. He has worked on many award winning projects including the Lino Lakes 1-35E AUAR, the Twin Lakes Stakeholder Advisory Panel, and the Burnsville Heart of the City. John's skills include project planning for residential, commercial, mixed-use, industrial, and institutional developments; comprehensive and community planning; and preparing redevelopment plans, tax-increment financing plans, subdivision regulations, and environmental assessments. John frequently provides expert testimony on matters related to planning.

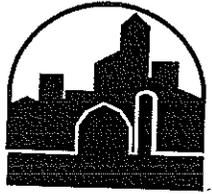
MICHAEL LANDER

Mr. Lander is founder and president of Lander Group. He incorporated the company in 1984 in California and has since been active in the planning, design, and development of commercial, residential, and mixed-use real estate projects in California, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. His experience includes land acquisition, market research, land planning and architectural design, structuring and securing public and private financing, marketing (leasing and sales), partnership formation, property management, and overall development and coordination.

Since relocating to Minneapolis in 1990, the Lander Group—alone and in partnerships with other firms—has developed and sold many successful infill residential projects and completed substantial renovations of mixed-use commercial buildings. As a partner in the urban design firm Town Planning Collaborative, Mr. Lander helped create the award-winning plan for St. Louis Park's new town center and an acclaimed design charrette for Minneapolis's Uptown district.

Michael is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Congress of the New Urbanism, the Minnesota Multi-Housing Association, and the Minnesota chapter of the AIA, and serves on the public policy committee of the Builders' Association of the Twin Cities. He is a licensed real estate broker and general contractor in Minnesota, and holds the CCIM designation from the National Association of Realtors. He is a past president of the Minnesota/South Dakota CCIM chapter and he is currently serving on the board of LOCUS, a national real estate group working on the Transportation for America campaign.

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Department Heads
FROM: City Administrator *JN*
DATE: December 19, 2008
RE: Update on 2008 Local Government Aid (LGA) Cut

Today the Governor announced that aid to cities and counties would be reduced by \$110 million. Small cities, under 1,000 population, were exempted from these LGA cuts. The Minnesota Department of Revenue is showing that the 2008 LGA reduction to Windom will be \$110,120. Again, please remember this 2008 money is what we budgeted in December 2007 and spent in 2008 so we are starting 2009 \$110,120 behind.

We will be able to make up this amount; although, it will mean difficult choices for the Council. Even if the Council were to levy the maximum amount allowed by State law there would still be an \$80,000 gap. So, reductions will be necessary in operational and capital spending. The City Council will be meeting on December 29th at 5:30 p.m. to reconsider the 2009 tax levy and budget based on this new information.

To assist the Council with these discussions if there are programs, projects or expenses that can be reduced, delayed or eliminated please let me know by noon on Tuesday, December 23rd as we are working to get the Council packets completed by that time.

Please share this information about the reductions in LGA with your employees as it is important that everyone be provided accurate information and understand the challenges ahead.

Thank you.

2008 State Aid Unallotments Cities Population ≥ 1,000

12/19/2008

CITY NAME	2007 Pop	Pay 2008 Levy + Aid Revenue Base	Certified Dec. 26 LGA Payment	Certified Dec. 26 MVHC Payment	Unallotment Amount	Actual Dec. 26 LGA Payment	Actual Dec. 26 MVHC Payment	Unallotment % of Levy + Aid Revenue Base	
TOTALS	4,278,799	2,178,948,135	242,074,244	37,905,220	(66,009,930)	188,564,439	25,405,095		22.10%
WATSON CITY OF	212	114,102	29,197	3,880	0	29,197	3,880	-	0.00%
WAUBUN CITY OF	384	168,839	43,170	4,777	0	43,170	4,777	-	0.00%
WAVERLY CITY OF	1,028	862,664	31,124	18,503	(35,197)	0	14,430	4.08%	100.00%
WAYZATA CITY OF	4,145	3,379,363	12,177	6,819	(18,996)	0	0	0.56%	100.00%
WELCOME CITY OF	678	568,963	107,667	20,004	0	107,667	20,004	-	0.00%
WELLS CITY OF	2,491	1,490,333	463,028	51,534	(60,806)	402,222	51,534	4.08%	13.13%
WENDELL CITY OF	174	95,979	18,756	3,772	0	18,756	3,772	-	0.00%
WEST CONCORD CITY OF	829	769,212	123,348	26,584	0	123,348	26,584	-	0.00%
WEST ST PAUL CITY OF	18,914	9,799,288	638,568	211,079	(399,811)	238,757	211,079	4.08%	62.61%
WEST UNION CITY OF	75	10,849	2,550	621	0	2,550	621	-	0.00%
WESTBROOK CITY OF	699	378,260	119,273	15,188	0	119,273	15,188	-	0.00%
WESTPORT CITY OF	67	8,496	1,886	427	0	1,886	427	-	0.00%
WHALAN CITY OF	58	28,577	4,556	1,585	0	4,556	1,585	-	0.00%
WHEATON CITY OF	1,500	1,171,098	305,187	26,486	(47,781)	257,406	26,486	4.08%	15.66%
WHITE BEAR LAKE (JT) C	24,776	6,269,297	671,041	113,788	(255,787)	415,254	113,788	4.08%	38.12%
WILDER CITY OF	65	40,945	7,920	994	0	7,920	994	-	0.00%
WILLERNIE CITY OF	566	230,819	33,292	6,120	0	33,292	6,120	-	0.00%
WILLIAMS CITY OF	203	88,627	19,674	2,504	0	19,674	2,504	-	0.00%
WILLMAR CITY OF	19,040	7,758,251	2,187,289	152,027	(316,537)	1,870,752	152,027	4.08%	14.47%
WILLOW RIVER CITY OF	398	130,789	22,894	4,029	0	22,894	4,029	-	0.00%
WILMONT CITY OF	313	157,364	42,548	5,504	0	42,548	5,504	-	0.00%
WILTON CITY OF	197	12,346	1,923	690	0	1,923	690	-	0.00%
WINDOM CITY OF	4,422	2,699,030	647,375	87,952	(110,120)	537,255	87,952	4.08%	17.01%
WINGER CITY OF	183	86,869	17,915	1,802	0	17,915	1,802	-	0.00%
WINNEBAGO CITY OF	1,398	922,387	281,533	28,274	(37,633)	243,900	28,274	4.08%	13.37%
WINONA CITY OF	27,458	15,665,942	4,955,985	280,455	(639,170)	4,316,815	280,455	4.08%	12.90%
WINSTED CITY OF	2,305	1,654,409	321,520	34,506	(67,500)	254,020	34,506	4.08%	20.99%
WINTHROP CITY OF	1,330	932,634	221,996	29,769	(38,051)	183,945	29,769	4.08%	17.14%
WINTON CITY OF	167	73,197	13,599	3,424	0	13,599	3,424	-	0.00%
WOLF LAKE CITY OF	49	15,751	1,626	1,030	0	1,626	1,030	-	0.00%
WOLVERTON CITY OF	129	57,711	12,205	2,130	0	12,205	2,130	-	0.00%
WOOD LAKE CITY OF	406	228,216	54,267	7,192	0	54,267	7,192	-	0.00%
WOODBURY CITY OF	57,279	25,366,396	0	344,837	(344,837)	0	0	1.36%	0.00%
WOODLAND CITY OF	497	267,650	1,584	154	0	1,584	154	-	0.00%
WOODSTOCK CITY OF	103	55,637	15,819	1,885	0	15,819	1,885	-	0.00%
WORTHINGTON CITY OF	11,379	5,810,303	1,529,907	125,880	(228,900)	1,301,007	125,880	4.08%	14.96%
WRENSHALL CITY OF	370	146,116	24,399	4,449	0	24,399	4,449	-	0.00%
WRIGHT CITY OF	94	30,290	4,105	1,377	0	4,105	1,377	-	0.00%
WYKOFF CITY OF	416	256,634	57,874	10,644	0	57,874	10,644	-	0.00%
WYOMING CITY OF	3,734	1,908,627	11,280	38,811	(50,091)	0	0	2.62%	100.00%
ZEMPLE CITY OF	72	12,862	431	691	0	431	691	-	0.00%
ZIMMERMAN CITY OF	4,877	1,409,325	155,887	42,448	(57,500)	98,387	42,448	4.08%	36.89%
ZUMBRO FALLS CITY OF	161	73,830	17,444	2,903	0	17,444	2,903	-	0.00%
ZUMBROTA CITY OF	3,165	1,699,766	268,984	44,562	(69,350)	199,634	44,562	4.08%	25.78%

~ Spending reductions won't impact military, veterans, K-12 education, and public safety ~



[Click here to listen to the press conference](#)

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced a plan to use the remaining \$155 million in reserve funds and trim \$271.4 million in state expenditures to balance the state's budget for the current fiscal year.

"Families and businesses across the country are tightening their belts and government needs to do the same thing," Governor Pawlenty said. "These reductions in state spending reflect our priorities to protect funding for K-12 education, public safety, military, and veterans. As much as possible, we have worked to minimize the impact of these cuts by reducing accounts with surplus balances or excess funds that have not been spent or committed to projects. I also appreciate the legislature's constructive input that helped us arrive at these decisions."

Through a process known as unallotment, the Governor has the authority to reduce the amount of state spending to prevent a deficit. Minnesota law requires a balanced budget by the end of each two-year budget cycle.

The current two-year budget period (FY 2008-09) began on July 1, 2007 and runs through June 30, 2009. The state general fund budget is \$34.6 billion. For the current budget period, Minnesota has a projected shortfall of \$426 million. Applying the \$155 million budget reserve to the projected deficit leaves a remaining deficit of \$271.4 million that is being addressed through reductions in state spending.

The Governor's spending reductions of \$271.4 million include:

- \$66 million Reduction of local aids and credits to cities
- \$44 million Reduction of local aids and credits to counties
- \$73 million Reduction in human services spending
- \$40 million Reduction in appropriations to the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- \$40 million 10 percent reduction in most state agency unexpended operating Budgets
- \$4 million From the unspent balance in the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Fund
- \$2.2 million Voluntary reduction of the Legislature's unexpended funds
- \$1.5 million From the 21st Century Minerals Account

- \$700,000 From the Minnesota Investment Fund

Reduction in local government aids and credits - \$110 million

The Governor is reducing state aids and credits to cities and counties by \$110 million. That amount will be deducted from a larger amount to be distributed to cities and counties on December 26, 2008.

County aid is being reduced by \$44 million – which is a reduction of 1.68 percent of each county's annual aid plus levy. The four counties with a population of less than 5,000 are exempted from these reductions.

City aid is reduced by \$66 million – which is a statewide average 3.03 percent reduction from cities' annual aid plus levy. No city's reduction exceeds 4.08 percent of annual aid plus levy. Cities with population of less than 1,000 are exempted from these reductions.

The Governor decided to exempt small counties and cities based on input from local government officials because they have less flexibility and fewer options to deal with budget challenges. In effect, 60 percent of Minnesota cities (505 of 854) will not experience a reduction in their December payment.

"These are modest reductions that local governments should be able to handle without impacting key services like public safety," Governor Pawlenty said.

Reduction in human services spending – \$73 million

The Department of Human Services budget represents approximately 28 percent of the state's general fund budget and is a major cost-driver in state government. In an effort to avoid direct impacts to individuals, Governor Pawlenty reduced \$73 million in spending - less than one percent of the agency's total biennial general fund appropriation.

Of these reductions, \$28 million will come from the Medical Education Research Costs (MERC) account. MERC receives \$51 million annually from the general fund to provide funding for the clinical training of selected medical professions by compensating teaching facilities for a portion of the costs of clinical training provided in patient care settings.

Another \$10 million will come from add-on payments to hospitals to treat Medical Assistance patients. This reduction will not affect base payment rates to hospitals.

Additionally, the following unexpended grants and fund balances will be unallotted:

\$17 million - Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund Balance

This amount is excess and is beyond the projected level of use of this program for the fiscal year. These funds would not be utilized during this fiscal year.

\$2 million - New Mental Health Grants

These unspent dollars were intended to encourage health care providers to integrate mental health care with traditional health care. An existing delay in the start of newly expanded mental health grants to counties means these funds would not have been spent in the current fiscal year.

\$6 million - Mental Health Grants Existing law allows the state to make this quarterly payment in the next fiscal year.

\$98,000 - Community Service/Service Development (CSSD) Grants

These grants are provided to non-profits and are traditionally used to enhance their properties. This grant balance has not been awarded, nor have any applications yet been received for this amount.

\$2.717 million - Growth in Medical Assistance (MA) waiver programs

This caps enrollment growth in programs which encourage individuals to stay in homes rather than in institutions. There will be no disruption in services for those currently enrolled in these programs.

\$250,000 - Housing Grants

These grants would have been used for persons eligible for MA waived services (see previous paragraph) but have not been awarded.

\$6 million - Adoption Assistance/Relative Custody Assistance

The funding appropriated for this program exceeds projected spending for the current fiscal year. Funds would otherwise cancel at the end of the current fiscal year.

\$491,000 - Patient incentive grants

These grants were intended to fund incentives for patients in publicly-funded programs to maintain their health. The grant program has not been fully developed and therefore these funds are not committed in the current fiscal year.

\$200,000 - Outreach bonus payments

These grants provide cash bonuses of \$25 to entities who enroll people in certain publicly-subsidized health care programs. The amount appropriated for outreach bonus payments would not otherwise be spent this fiscal year.

Reduction from appropriations to the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities – \$40 million

Funding for the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) will each be reduced \$20 million, for a total of \$40 million. For the remainder of FY09, the reductions represent approximately five percent of the unexpended general fund appropriation for each.

"These reductions present a challenge, but the availability of reserves and unspent state appropriations at these institutions should allow them to respond without dramatic impact on students," Governor Pawlenty said. The MnSCU system has approximately \$70.8 million in reserves across all campuses and about \$7 million in central reserves. The University of Minnesota has \$15 million in central reserves and \$50 million of unspent state appropriations not needed to cover binding obligations.

A 10 percent reduction in most state agency unexpended operating budgets and a voluntary reduction of the Legislature's unexpended funds – \$42.2 million

Governor Pawlenty ordered state agencies to target 10 percent of unspent operating funds to be used to reduce the current shortfall. State agencies will submit detailed plans to meet this target by January 1. Areas exempted from these immediate state agency actions include public safety, military and veterans affairs, and corrections. These steps are in addition to hiring restrictions placed on state agencies and boards in February 2008 and the Governor's recent directive to immediately reduce travel and cut performance increases.

The Governor requested the Legislature consider a voluntary reduction of its unexpended funds to help solve the current deficit. Legislative leaders have offered \$2.2 million.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Fund – \$4 million

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Fund contains money previously transferred from the General Fund. The MHFA Fund currently has an unobligated balance of \$17.7 million. Of this total, \$4 million is unallotted leaving \$13.7 million for projects. 2

1st Century Minerals Account – \$1.5 million

The 21st Century Minerals Account contains money previously transferred from the General Fund. The \$1.5 million unallotment represents a small amount of the fund that is not committed to specific projects at this time.

Minnesota Investment Fund/Biomass Heating Grants Program – \$700,000

No applications have been submitted for this available grant money and no funds have been expended.

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Pawlenty plans to cut funds for local governments

By **MARTIGA LOHN** , Associated Press

December 19, 2008

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Gov. Tim Pawlenty is protecting K-12 education, public safety and veterans from budget cuts while tapping money for local governments and human services.

Pawlenty is presenting his plan for cutting a \$426 million shortfall in the budget that runs through June. He's first using up the remaining \$155 million in the state's reserve fund.

Then he's taking \$110 million from money that was to be sent to cities and counties on Dec. 26. He's exempting four small counties, and the cities with the smallest populations.

Some of the other big cuts are \$73 million from human services, \$40 million from the state's colleges and universities and \$40 million from the budgets of state agencies.

While those are the biggest cuts, the whole list covers many of the state government's functions and includes taking back unspent grant money for various programs.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 19, 2008

Contact: Erin Flaherty
(651) 225-8840

Greater Minnesota Cities Criticize Aid Cuts as Unfair

Cities across Minnesota are responding with heated emotions to today's announcement from Governor Pawlenty that their final aid payments of the year will be cut by 22%.

With just two weeks left in their budget year, cities are not only disappointed that the final aid payment from the state was reduced with little time to recover, but are also frustrated by the narrow approach the governor and DFL House leadership took in addressing a statewide problem.

To close the budget deficit for the current biennium, the governor and DFL House leadership pushed to protect a handful of programs, including K-12 education, which comprises 40% of the state's budget. The DFL Senate leadership favored a smaller across-the-board cut for all programs.

"Having the rug pulled out from under cities at the last minute is upsetting, especially when we are willing to partner with the state to find a fair, long-term solution," cited Wadena Mayor Wayne Wolden, president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. "But by exempting other programs from the cuts, the real losers in this bargain are the middle class taxpayers."

If the fallout of the 2003 LGA cuts is any indicator, cities argue, those affected most by today's announcement will be middle class property taxpayers in cities with lower property wealth or higher need. Cities also worry that, because their economic health was stronger in 2003, the burden shifted to property taxpayers in the upcoming years will be more painful and the recovery process will be more drawn out.

"Cities believe the Senate DFL had the right approach," said Wolden. "At this late in the game—when prioritizing one program over others is not the most responsible thing to do—it

would have been better for everyone to sacrifice a little, than to pass the problem onto middle class property taxpayers.”

As the governor and legislative leadership have indicated that solving the next biennium’s budget deficit will require prioritizing programs, cities are urging the state to make this process more transparent and open to public input. Cities are also encouraging the state to take a fairer approach to their negotiations, and to explore both budget cuts and revenue increases for those most able to absorb the costs.

For more reaction to today’s announcement, please contact the following city officials:

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218-639-4906

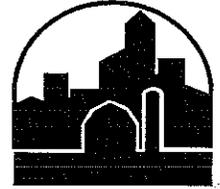
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TO: Department Heads
FROM: City Administrator
DATE: December 18, 2008
RE: Update on Local Government Aid & 2008\2009 Expenditures for Non-Enterprise Funds

As a follow-up to our discussion about Local Government Aid (LGA) at the last Department Head meeting the situation is, as of yet, still unresolved. Action from the Governor's Office is likely to come within the next week as second half LGA payments are due to be paid before the end of the year. The most recent information from the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) is that the cuts to 2008 LGA will be between \$25 - \$100 million. Remember this 2008 money is what we have already budgeted in December 2007 and spent in 2008.

The following estimates, from the LMC, regarding LGA cuts for Windom are based upon a percentage of our tax levy plus tax credits and aids. The anticipated 2008 LGA reduction to Windom is between \$32,400 -- \$172,400.

If the 2008 LGA reduction is at the lowest end of this range most cities, including Windom, will be able to make up this amount; although, it will mean delaying re-hires, eliminating capital expenditures, cutting some budgeted expenses and delaying or reducing the scope of projects. While this course of action is less than ideal and will cause additional deferred maintenance the situation is manageable. If the LGA cuts are at the top of this range, or higher, more severe actions will need to be taken.

Essentially these 2008 LGA cuts are directly impacting what the City has on-hand for its cash flow account, which is for the February bond payments and keeps us solvent until the next property tax payment and LGA payment (if any) in Spring 2009.

The 2009 LGA funding and other aids\credits will be addressed when the legislature convenes in January. This too is very late because cities are required to certify their 2009 budgets by December 31, 2008 and will start their fiscal years in January. The City Council will be meeting on December 29th at 5:30 p.m. to reconsider the 2009 budget based on any new information from the State regarding LGA.

Due to these unknowns all General Fund 2009 capital expenditures are on-hold as is hiring new employees for open positions. Also, please review your 2009 budgets again in preparation to make recommendations on possible cuts and/or reductions.

As more information becomes available I will keep you informed. Thank you for your careful consideration and assistance as we move through this uncertain economic climate.



Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

CGMC in Brief

December 18, 2008

Contact: Tim Flaherty
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LGA Cuts: Announcement Expected on Friday, 12/19

The governor announced via letter to the legislative leadership that the December LGA payment will comprise a portion of the cuts made to solve the state's current \$271 million deficit. The governor's letter is attached.

In negotiations with the governor, the Senate offered a 1.6% across-the-board cut to all state funded programs, but this was rejected by DFL House leaders and the governor. Instead, the governor intends to target individual programs. On a positive note, the governor indicated LGA cuts will be based on a percentage of a city's levy plus aid. To address these expected cuts, the CGMC has attached a chart with the approximate reduction of LGA and MVC payments for cities based on city levy plus aid (chart separately attached in the email).

In response to the expected cuts, CGMC President Wayne Wolden delivered a letter to the governor and legislative leaders today. Mayor Wolden's letter is also attached.

Tell Your City's Story to the Media and Public

The City of Winona has submitted the attached guest column to its local media describing the importance of LGA to greater Minnesota cities, articulating the strains facing local city budgets, and dispelling misinformation about city budgets and city fiscal planning.

With cuts to LGA now expected, the CGMC encourages all member cities to contact their local media affiliates and inform them of the impact these cuts will have on city budgets. It is critically important for the public to know how the state's cuts will affect basic city services and local jobs.

For more information about the Winona column, please contact Erin Flaherty via email or call 651-225-8840.



CGMC Board Meeting Review

The CGMC Executive Board convened via conference call on Wednesday to discuss revised legislative strategy and budget items in respect to changing dynamics surrounding the 2009 legislative session.

President Wayne Wolden (Wadena) encouraged all Coalition members to ask their legislators to contact governor Pawlenty and House leadership and tell them that cuts to the December LGA payments are unacceptable. **Our message is that cuts to LGA will affect essential services and property taxes, leading to more job losses across the state. The state should not unfairly and irresponsibly balance its budget on the backs of local cities.**

CGMC Participates in LMC's Local Government Forum

On Tuesday, CGMC President Wayne Wolden and Steve Peterson from Flaherty & Hood, P.A. took part in the League of Minnesota Cities' Local Government Policy Forum, which convened to discuss issues uniting and dividing the cities across Minnesota.

The main topic was the expected unalotment of the December LGA payment and possible ways to mitigate the impact of the cuts. Solutions discussed included recertification (requires legislative approval), state mandated reductions, and short-term borrowing from the state. Additionally, the city representatives focused on messaging for the upcoming legislative session.

For more information about this forum, please contact Steve Peterson via [email](#) or call 651-225-8840.

CGMC Membership More Important Now Than Ever

The CGMC recognizes that cities face difficult economic times, but membership in the CGMC is more critical now than ever.

This week, CGMC President Wayne Wolden sent a letter to CGMC mayors and city administrators, emphasizing that a strong effort by the CGMC can help ensure the issues and programs important to greater Minnesota cities—particularly LGA—remain viable and strong. For example, in 2003, lobbying efforts by the CGMC were directly responsible in limiting LGA cuts statewide, particularly in greater Minnesota. As a result of our efforts, CGMC cities received \$24.5 million more in LGA in 2003 than they would have under the governor's proposed cuts. Through your support, CGMC will continue to fight for you at the Capitol.



**CGMC Legislative
Action Day and
Reception
(1/15/09)**

As previously mentioned, the CGMC Legislative Action Day & Reception has been moved to January 15, 2009 due to an unexpected scheduling conflict with the legislature. Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

The full day begins with an overview of CGMC policies and legislative strategy, followed by lobbying at the Capitol and a legislative leadership panel, where several key legislators will be on hand to give their perspective on the upcoming legislative session and take your questions. Capping off the day is a dinner reception at historic Mancini's restaurant in St. Paul. See the attached agenda to learn more.

Don't miss your chance to speak directly to your elected legislators about the key issues facing greater Minnesota this session! (Registration materials attached.)

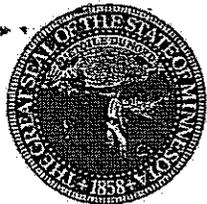
**New Legislative
Assistant Joins
CGMC Team**

Flaherty & Hood, P.A. has recently filled our Legislative Assistant/Office Secretary position.

Lauren Anderson is a recent graduate of Minnesota State University-Mankato, where she majored in Political Science and minored in Economics. Lauren fills the position previously held by Shelly Walsh (which means you will be receiving lots of emails from her in the future!). Lauren is from Shakopee, with family in Roseau, Warroad, and the metro area. As Legislative Assistant, she will serve as firm receptionist and CGMC event planner, in addition to providing support to the CGMC legislative practice.

Welcome, Lauren!





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December 17, 2008

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Representative Marty Seifert
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Dear Legislative Leaders,

Thank you for your constructive approach in discussing ideas to resolve the \$426 million state budget deficit for the current fiscal year. The Legislative Advisory Commission (LAC) meeting, committee hearings with our commissioners, caucus meetings, and individual discussions have been appreciated and helpful.

The Senate's recommendation provided on December 11 would reduce general fund budget appropriations across the board. While that input is sincerely appreciated, such an approach would not reflect our efforts to use "priority based" budgeting principles. For example, I have identified military, veterans, K-12 funding, and public safety as priority areas. It also does not reflect the realities of the limited funding balances that are now available for unallotment. Those balances are unequal in nature. Speaker Kelliher also opposes such an "across the board" approach.

I also appreciate the budget principles presented in Speaker Kelliher's December 17 letter. However, the letter only suggests areas not to unallot, rather than making the tough choices necessary to identify what should be unallotted. I look forward to her further ideas in that regard.

In the spirit of continued cooperation, I would like to share with you a summary of the unallotment options we are considering. We have already consulted with the LAC about the need to reduce the budget reserve by \$155 million and our plans to address the remaining deficit through unallotment. The remaining reductions will likely come from the following categories:

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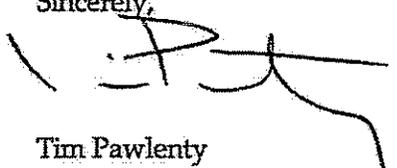
- A reduction of local aids and credits not to exceed a modest percentage of annual statewide levy plus aid. Also, no individual city will see a reduction greater than a modest percentage of its annual levy plus aid. Based on advice provided in our meeting with leadership from the League of Minnesota Cities, I propose to exempt cities that are eligible for LGA with populations less than 1,000. Similarly, we hope to exempt counties with populations less than 5,000.
- A reduction of DHS funding. We will attempt to avoid eligibility disruptions as much as possible and instead are considering reductions in grants, reimbursement rates, and unexpended balances in other funds. The input from Senator Berglin regarding these matters was helpful.
- A reduction from appropriations to the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
- A reduction in most state agency operating budgets of approximately 10 percent to achieve a \$40 million savings.
- A reduction in unspent balances from a variety of other funds and accounts.

In addition to these reductions, I respectfully request the Legislature to consider a voluntary 10 percent reduction of its unexpended funds, in the amount of \$4 million. This amount is similar to reduction levels we have asked most state agencies to absorb.

I plan to announce these reductions soon and appreciate any additional advice or input you wish to provide. Again, specific suggestions regarding what should be unallotted are much more helpful than suggestions regarding what should not be unallotted.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Cc: Commissioner Tom Hanson, Department of Management and Budget
Legislative Advisory Commission



Dedicated to a Strong Greater Minnesota

December 18, 2008

[Addressed to the governor and legislative leadership]

On behalf of the 81 cities of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), I am contacting you to voice our concerns regarding cuts to the Local Government Aid (LGA) payments, which has been discussed as part of the solution to filling both the current biennium's deficit and the next biennium's deficit.

In less than two weeks, cities will complete their 2008 budget years. As the state has experienced tough economic times, so have cities, and as such, we have spent the year meticulously budgeting the most efficient use of our resources.

At this point in the year, the December LGA payment is essential to balancing our budgets. Every dollar of this payment has been allocated and spent. In the most basic terms, cities rely on the December LGA payment to pay the bills; without it, cities will have to make up the difference by cutting jobs, reducing services, and draining reserves.

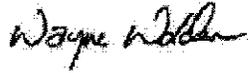
What troubles us even more is the possibility that LGA may be singled out, or "prioritized", for more drastic cuts than other state-funded programs. The consequences of this kind of action will not only leave cities scrambling to make ends meet for the current budget year, but also jeopardize their fiscal health in years to come. Because our levies for 2009 are already established, cities will be unable to raise revenues equal to 2008 levels until 2010—and in order to do so, 2010 property taxes will spike.

We are also aware that LGA cuts will be part of the discussion for solving the next biennium's budget deficit. This option compounds the dire situation cities are facing. Many cities received an increase in LGA for 2009 because they were identified as lower in property tax wealth or higher in need for the next biennium. Due to the levy limit formula, they were required to lower their levies accordingly in anticipation of these funds. If the state disproportionately reduces LGA to close the next biennium's budget gap, these cities will struggle with the aftermath for years to come.

I hope this letter has provided you with a straightforward analysis of what cuts to the LGA program will mean for cities in greater Minnesota. Consequently, we are asking you to ensure that any cuts to the December LGA payment or the entire LGA program are a fair reflection of cuts to other state-funded programs. Cities realize that cooperation at all levels of government is needed in order to emerge from this economic crisis stronger than we were before it. As a

solution, we believe the state must make achieving a more fair, stable, and sustainable revenue system a priority in the next biennium—fair for taxpayers, stable for units of government that provide services, and sustainable for the long-term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Wolden". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mayor Wayne Wolden, City of Wadena
President of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Guest Editorial

Suggested headline: LGA cuts threaten Winona's economic health

What's Minnesota's New Year's resolution? Cut the fat.

With the State facing a \$5.2 billion deficit for the next biennium, the Governor and Legislature will be looking for ineffective, non-essential, and over-funded programs to cut. In an economic crisis like this, we can all agree that it is time to take a tough look at the State's fiscal problems. But let's make sure we take an honest look, too.

One solution on the Governor's plate is to cut Local Government Aid (LGA), a state program founded on the principle that no matter what corner of the state you live in, no matter how poor your city's property tax base is, and no matter how high your city's need is, you have the right to fundamental services. LGA enables cities to provide these basic services at a fair price.

Those who champion LGA cuts think local governments have grown bloated on state aid and—to borrow a corporate catchphrase—need to operate more “lean”. Indeed, Phil Krinkie, president of the self-described “watchdog” group the Taxpayers League of Minnesota, argued in a recent Star Tribune column that cities have grown dependent on LGA to “support non-essential activities”. Cut the fat, Krinkie barks.

For someone who markets himself as the taxpayer's watchdog, Krinkie is seemingly asleep at his post. Police officers are essential. Fire departments are essential. Clean drinking water is essential. Safe roads—especially during Minnesota's dangerous winters—are essential. Without LGA, cities like Winona could not afford these services without shifting the burden to property taxpayers—the same people Krinkie claims to protect.

Even with the support of LGA—a program that has yet to recover from the deep cuts of 2003—cities have not been immune to rising fuel costs, crumbling housing markets, and tightening credit markets. Like you, we've made sacrifices in order to make ends meet. Specifically, the City of Winona has instituted a hiring freeze, and manages a work force 15% smaller than our work force 20 years ago, even though Winona's service area is currently 50% larger.

Through these cuts and relatively modest property tax increases, Winona has ended each year with a balanced budget. In fact, the City of Winona collects the lowest percentage of your property tax bill.

Now, with just weeks left in the City's 2008 budget year, the State is threatening to cut the December LGA payment in order to balance the current biennium's \$271 million deficit. Every dollar of this payment has already been allocated to close the City's 2008 budget. With few options and little time left, cutting the December LGA payment will

force Winona to dip into reserves and cut essential jobs—the same crash-diet fiscal practices that dug the State into its current hole.

That's not a scare tactic. For Winona, it's the truth.

If there's one thing we all know, it's that New Year's resolutions are often shortsighted, short-term, and inevitably short on reaching our expectations. The Governor and the Legislature must stop using the same kinds of gimmicks to solve the State's fiscal problems, and instead, work towards a fair, stable, and sustainable tax system that will ensure the State's economic wellbeing, even in times of hardship like these. Local governments—cities, counties, and school districts—are ready to partner with the State in order to achieve this goal. Why not a simple across the board cut of all state funded allocations? That would amount to less than 2% for all groups dependent upon state aid.

The City of Winona urges you to contact your elected state officials and the Governor. Tell them that LGA is not a handout—it's essential to keeping Winona strong.

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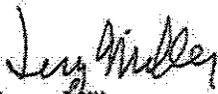
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2009 CGMC Legislative Action Day Agenda

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Tentative as of 12/15/08



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- 11 a.m. Full Membership Meeting** • Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
- **Welcome and Introductions**
CGMC President Mayor Wayne Wolden, Wadena
 - **CGMC Budget & Membership Discussion**
CGMC President Mayor Wayne Wolden, Wadena & Tim Flaherty
 - **Lobbying Strategy and Message for Legislators**
Tim Flaherty
 - **Local Government Aid (LGA) & the State Budget Deficit**
Tim Flaherty and Steve Peterson
 - **Land Use & Annexation Reform**
Bradley Peterson
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch** • Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
- 1:30 p.m. Lobby at Capitol Complex** • Capitol/State Office Building
CGMC members are responsible for scheduling appointments with legislators.
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- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Mancini's

**Registration per
Person: \$60**

- Bill me
- Payment enclosed
- I'll pay at the meeting

Please make checks payable
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Please include \$21 for each
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Approximate Reduction of December LGA and MVC Payments Based on City Levy + Aid

The reduction in aid payments to cities will likely be capped as a percentage of a city's levy plus aid. Aid for this run includes LGA and Taconite Aid. No city under 1,000 in population receives a cut in this run.

City	December LGA Payment	Estimated December MVC	Total December Payment	Payment Reduction as Percentage of City Levy + Aid					
				2%	3%	4%	5%	7%	10%
Albert Lea	\$2,665,833	\$235,526	\$2,901,359	-\$196,100	-\$294,200	-\$392,300	-\$490,400	-\$686,500	-\$980,700
Alexandria	\$670,578	\$104,866	\$775,444	-\$108,200	-\$162,300	-\$216,500	-\$270,600	-\$378,800	-\$541,200
Austin	\$3,810,488	\$300,988	\$4,111,475	-\$221,600	-\$332,400	-\$443,200	-\$554,100	-\$775,700	-\$1,108,100
Babbitt	\$171,537	\$43,263	\$214,800	-\$31,200	-\$46,800	-\$62,400	-\$78,000	-\$109,300	-\$156,100
Bagley	\$208,718	\$19,517	\$228,235	-\$18,000	-\$27,000	-\$36,000	-\$44,900	-\$62,900	-\$89,900
Bemidji	\$1,534,029	\$90,102	\$1,624,131	-\$118,300	-\$177,400	-\$236,600	-\$295,700	-\$414,000	-\$591,400
Benson	\$472,144	\$52,385	\$524,529	-\$35,300	-\$52,900	-\$70,500	-\$88,200	-\$123,400	-\$176,300
Brainerd	\$1,979,231	\$186,582	\$2,165,813	-\$155,500	-\$233,300	-\$311,000	-\$388,800	-\$544,300	-\$777,500
Breckenridge	\$625,480	\$47,878	\$673,358	-\$37,900	-\$56,800	-\$75,700	-\$94,600	-\$132,500	-\$189,300
Cannon Falls	\$328,241	\$59,374	\$387,615	-\$58,200	-\$87,300	-\$116,300	-\$145,400	-\$203,600	-\$290,800
Cloquet	\$1,123,007	\$128,845	\$1,251,852	-\$113,100	-\$169,600	-\$226,200	-\$282,700	-\$395,800	-\$565,400
Crookston	\$1,579,561	\$80,468	\$1,660,029	-\$94,600	-\$141,900	-\$189,100	-\$236,400	-\$331,000	-\$472,800
Detroit Lakes	\$459,824	\$87,962	\$547,786	-\$69,900	-\$104,800	-\$139,800	-\$174,700	-\$244,600	-\$349,500
Dilworth	\$297,282	\$42,921	\$340,203	-\$31,300	-\$47,000	-\$62,600	-\$78,300	-\$109,600	-\$156,500
Dodge Center	\$384,295	\$46,978	\$431,273	-\$36,400	-\$54,600	-\$72,800	-\$91,000	-\$127,400	-\$182,000
East Grand Forks	\$1,339,471	\$96,590	\$1,436,061	-\$107,900	-\$161,900	-\$215,800	-\$269,800	-\$377,700	-\$539,600
Elbow Lake	\$201,625	\$29,831	\$231,456	-\$22,300	-\$33,400	-\$44,600	-\$55,700	-\$78,000	-\$111,400
Ely	\$777,317	\$84,642	\$861,959	-\$64,100	-\$96,100	-\$128,100	-\$160,200	-\$224,200	-\$320,300
Eveleth	\$1,020,907	\$77,694	\$1,098,601	-\$71,400	-\$107,100	-\$142,800	-\$178,500	-\$250,000	-\$357,100
Faribault	\$2,921,216	\$225,968	\$3,147,184	-\$222,200	-\$333,200	-\$444,300	-\$555,400	-\$777,600	-\$1,110,800
Fergus Falls	\$1,993,782	\$183,006	\$2,176,788	-\$157,000	-\$235,500	-\$314,000	-\$392,500	-\$549,600	-\$785,100
Gilbert	\$306,754	\$48,646	\$355,400	-\$31,400	-\$47,200	-\$62,900	-\$78,600	-\$110,000	-\$157,200
Glencoe	\$583,157	\$91,387	\$674,544	-\$60,400	-\$90,600	-\$120,800	-\$151,000	-\$211,400	-\$301,900
Glenwood	\$368,708	\$46,957	\$415,664	-\$34,100	-\$51,200	-\$68,200	-\$85,300	-\$119,400	-\$170,600
Goodview	\$66,506	\$46,006	\$112,512	-\$28,400	-\$42,700	-\$56,900	-\$71,100	-\$99,600	-\$112,500
Grand Marais	\$92,105	\$24,571	\$116,675	-\$18,400	-\$27,700	-\$36,900	-\$46,100	-\$64,500	-\$92,200
Grand Rapids	\$602,026	\$156,561	\$758,587	-\$122,000	-\$183,000	-\$244,000	-\$305,000	-\$427,000	-\$610,000
Granite Falls	\$349,374	\$52,134	\$401,508	-\$36,200	-\$54,300	-\$72,400	-\$90,500	-\$126,700	-\$181,000
Hawley	\$220,770	\$19,403	\$240,172	-\$16,300	-\$24,500	-\$32,600	-\$40,800	-\$57,100	-\$81,600

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Hibbing	\$4,003,758	\$347,851	\$4,351,609	-\$298,200	-\$447,300	-\$596,400	-\$745,400	-\$1,043,600	-\$1,490,900
Hinckley	\$122,760	\$14,676	\$137,435	-\$13,800	-\$20,800	-\$27,700	-\$34,600	-\$48,500	-\$69,200
Hoyt Lakes	\$140,522	\$45,626	\$186,147	-\$40,700	-\$61,000	-\$81,300	-\$101,700	-\$142,300	-\$186,100
Hutchinson	\$1,090,083	\$196,818	\$1,286,901	-\$155,700	-\$233,600	-\$311,400	-\$389,300	-\$545,000	-\$778,600
International Falls	\$1,693,467	\$134,902	\$1,828,368	-\$109,200	-\$163,700	-\$218,300	-\$272,900	-\$382,000	-\$545,800
Janesville	\$337,481	\$39,826	\$377,307	-\$26,200	-\$39,300	-\$52,300	-\$65,400	-\$91,600	-\$130,900
Kenyon	\$264,050	\$32,525	\$296,575	-\$23,400	-\$35,100	-\$46,800	-\$58,500	-\$81,900	-\$117,000
La Crescent	\$283,181	\$76,717	\$359,898	-\$49,500	-\$74,300	-\$99,100	-\$123,800	-\$173,400	-\$247,700
Le Sueur	\$467,275	\$56,570	\$523,845	-\$46,500	-\$69,700	-\$93,000	-\$116,200	-\$162,700	-\$232,500
Litchfield	\$876,716	\$115,239	\$991,955	-\$78,600	-\$117,800	-\$157,100	-\$196,400	-\$275,000	-\$392,800
Luverne	\$633,547	\$85,095	\$718,642	-\$44,200	-\$66,400	-\$88,500	-\$110,600	-\$154,800	-\$221,200
Mankato	\$3,647,439	\$325,280	\$3,972,719	-\$380,500	-\$570,800	-\$761,000	-\$951,300	-\$1,331,800	-\$1,902,600
Marshall	\$1,240,657	\$132,686	\$1,373,343	-\$136,300	-\$204,500	-\$272,700	-\$340,900	-\$477,200	-\$681,700
Melrose	\$367,018	\$51,890	\$418,908	-\$38,900	-\$58,300	-\$77,700	-\$97,100	-\$136,000	-\$194,300
Montevideo	\$888,109	\$86,094	\$974,203	-\$66,600	-\$100,000	-\$133,300	-\$166,600	-\$233,300	-\$333,200
Moorhead	\$3,849,285	\$252,763	\$4,102,047	-\$274,800	-\$412,100	-\$549,500	-\$686,900	-\$961,700	-\$1,373,800
Morris	\$978,133	\$51,714	\$1,029,846	-\$61,600	-\$92,500	-\$123,300	-\$154,100	-\$215,800	-\$308,200
Mountain Iron	\$412,825	\$54,672	\$467,497	-\$59,100	-\$88,700	-\$118,200	-\$147,800	-\$206,900	-\$295,600
New Ulm	\$2,260,539	\$239,062	\$2,499,600	-\$188,200	-\$282,300	-\$376,300	-\$470,400	-\$658,600	-\$940,800
North Mankato	\$873,624	\$158,428	\$1,032,051	-\$127,000	-\$190,500	-\$254,000	-\$317,500	-\$444,600	-\$635,100
Olivia	\$384,370	\$47,729	\$432,098	-\$31,400	-\$47,200	-\$62,900	-\$78,600	-\$110,000	-\$157,200
Ortonville	\$380,172	\$34,699	\$414,871	-\$25,900	-\$38,800	-\$51,800	-\$64,700	-\$90,600	-\$129,500
Owatonna	\$2,061,030	\$323,478	\$2,384,508	-\$262,200	-\$393,400	-\$524,500	-\$655,600	-\$917,800	-\$1,311,200
Park Rapids	\$250,449	\$53,117	\$303,565	-\$42,200	-\$63,300	-\$84,400	-\$105,500	-\$147,700	-\$211,000
Perham	\$267,005	\$45,362	\$312,366	-\$30,400	-\$45,500	-\$60,700	-\$75,900	-\$106,200	-\$151,800
Plainview	\$322,263	\$52,583	\$374,846	-\$35,900	-\$53,800	-\$71,700	-\$89,600	-\$125,500	-\$179,300
Princeton	\$370,838	\$64,665	\$435,503	-\$55,900	-\$83,900	-\$111,800	-\$139,800	-\$195,700	-\$279,500
Red Wing	\$705,238	\$239,343	\$944,581	-\$278,800	-\$418,200	-\$557,700	-\$697,100	-\$944,600	-\$1,311,200
Redwood Falls	\$580,552	\$88,873	\$669,425	-\$63,400	-\$95,100	-\$126,800	-\$158,500	-\$221,900	-\$317,000
Renville	\$223,094	\$29,148	\$252,242	-\$22,600	-\$33,900	-\$45,200	-\$56,500	-\$79,100	-\$113,000
Rochester	\$3,810,153	\$1,103,918	\$4,914,071	-\$951,500	-\$1,427,200	-\$1,902,900	-\$2,378,600	-\$3,330,100	-\$4,757,300
Roseau	\$329,485	\$33,523	\$363,008	-\$33,500	-\$50,200	-\$66,900	-\$83,700	-\$117,100	-\$167,300
Rushford	\$286,613	\$43,374	\$329,987	-\$23,500	-\$35,200	-\$47,000	-\$58,700	-\$82,200	-\$117,400

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Sartell	\$0	\$95,439	\$95,439	-\$82,000	-\$95,400	-\$95,400	-\$95,400	-\$95,400	-\$95,400
Sauk Rapids	\$999,154	\$110,440	\$1,109,594	-\$109,400	-\$164,100	-\$218,800	-\$273,500	-\$382,900	-\$547,000
Springfield	\$464,769	\$48,448	\$513,217	-\$33,500	-\$50,300	-\$67,100	-\$83,800	-\$117,400	-\$167,700
St. Charles	\$373,760	\$40,398	\$414,158	-\$29,900	-\$44,800	-\$59,800	-\$74,700	-\$104,600	-\$149,400
St. James	\$698,284	\$61,639	\$759,923	-\$44,000	-\$66,000	-\$88,100	-\$110,100	-\$154,100	-\$220,100
St. Joseph	\$400,920	\$64,151	\$465,071	-\$51,000	-\$76,500	-\$101,900	-\$127,400	-\$178,400	-\$254,900
St. Peter	\$1,202,555	\$100,812	\$1,303,367	-\$88,500	-\$132,800	-\$177,000	-\$221,300	-\$309,800	-\$442,500
Staples	\$512,967	\$42,108	\$555,074	-\$33,300	-\$49,900	-\$66,500	-\$83,200	-\$116,400	-\$166,300
Thief River Falls	\$1,216,384	\$79,520	\$1,295,904	-\$81,500	-\$122,200	-\$163,000	-\$203,700	-\$285,200	-\$407,500
Tracy	\$459,436	\$52,567	\$512,002	-\$35,600	-\$53,500	-\$71,300	-\$89,100	-\$124,700	-\$178,200
Virginia	\$2,093,126	\$171,502	\$2,264,628	-\$161,200	-\$241,800	-\$322,500	-\$403,100	-\$564,300	-\$806,200
Wadena	\$612,732	\$39,477	\$652,209	-\$39,800	-\$59,700	-\$79,600	-\$99,600	-\$139,400	-\$199,100
Waite Park	\$55,136	\$78,190	\$133,325	-\$94,300	-\$133,300	-\$133,300	-\$133,300	-\$133,300	-\$133,300
Warren	\$248,760	\$26,915	\$275,674	-\$15,800	-\$23,700	-\$31,600	-\$39,500	-\$55,300	-\$79,000
Warroad	\$312,243	\$19,779	\$332,022	-\$25,900	-\$38,800	-\$51,800	-\$64,700	-\$90,600	-\$129,400
Waseca	\$1,223,771	\$141,607	\$1,365,378	-\$112,600	-\$168,900	-\$225,200	-\$281,500	-\$394,100	-\$563,000
Willmar	\$2,187,289	\$151,788	\$2,339,077	-\$155,200	-\$232,700	-\$310,300	-\$387,900	-\$543,100	-\$775,800
Windom	\$647,375	\$89,080	\$736,455	-\$54,000	-\$81,000	-\$108,000	-\$135,000	-\$188,900	-\$269,900
Winona	\$4,955,985	\$259,748	\$5,215,732	-\$313,300	-\$470,000	-\$626,600	-\$783,300	-\$1,096,600	-\$1,566,600
Worthington	\$1,529,907	\$125,852	\$1,655,759	-\$112,200	-\$168,300	-\$224,400	-\$280,500	-\$392,700	-\$561,000
CGMC Total	\$81,750,233	\$9,168,736	\$90,918,969	-\$8,066,900	-\$12,064,800	-\$16,009,700	-\$19,965,100	-\$27,814,600	-\$39,185,200

Other regional Centers

Duluth	\$14,530,855	\$513,495	\$15,044,350	-\$851,300	-\$1,277,000	-\$1,702,700	-\$2,128,400	-\$2,979,700	-\$4,256,700
St. Cloud	\$5,855,373	\$623,427	\$6,478,800	-\$622,200	-\$933,300	-\$1,244,400	-\$1,555,500	-\$2,177,700	-\$3,111,000

Select Metro

Andover	\$0	\$206,237	\$206,237	-\$175,500	-\$206,200	-\$206,200	-\$206,200	-\$206,200	-\$206,200
Anoka	\$473,515	\$153,682	\$627,197	-\$112,900	-\$169,400	-\$225,900	-\$282,400	-\$395,300	-\$564,700
Apple Valley	\$0	\$453,949	\$453,949	-\$360,800	-\$453,900	-\$453,900	-\$453,900	-\$453,900	-\$453,900
Blaine	\$0	\$429,427	\$429,427	-\$334,000	-\$429,400	-\$429,400	-\$429,400	-\$429,400	-\$429,400
Bloomington	\$0	\$606,659	\$606,659	-\$606,700	-\$606,700	-\$606,700	-\$606,700	-\$606,700	-\$606,700
Brooklyn Center	\$556,622	\$272,018	\$828,640	-\$209,400	-\$314,100	-\$418,800	-\$523,500	-\$732,800	-\$828,600

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Brooklyn Park	\$0	\$568,747	\$568,747	-\$476,000	-\$568,700	-\$568,700	-\$568,700	-\$568,700	-\$568,700	-\$568,700
Burnsville	\$0	\$501,778	\$501,778	-\$447,400	-\$501,800	-\$501,800	-\$501,800	-\$501,800	-\$501,800	-\$501,800
Champlin	\$0	\$180,400	\$180,400	-\$130,300	-\$180,400	-\$180,400	-\$180,400	-\$180,400	-\$180,400	-\$180,400
Chanhausen	\$0	\$80,477	\$80,477	-\$80,500	-\$80,500	-\$80,500	-\$80,500	-\$80,500	-\$80,500	-\$80,500
Chaska	\$25,000	\$78,406	\$103,406	-\$75,300	-\$103,400	-\$103,400	-\$103,400	-\$103,400	-\$103,400	-\$103,400
Columbia Heights	\$630,074	\$250,019	\$880,093	-\$142,200	-\$213,300	-\$284,400	-\$355,600	-\$497,800	-\$711,100	-\$836,100
Coon Rapids	\$225,000	\$611,092	\$836,092	-\$349,900	-\$524,900	-\$699,800	-\$836,100	-\$975,500	-\$1,089,480	-\$1,297,500
Cottage Grove	\$0	\$297,531	\$297,531	-\$209,000	-\$297,500	-\$297,500	-\$297,500	-\$297,500	-\$297,500	-\$297,500
Crystal	\$871,190	\$218,290	\$1,089,480	-\$162,400	-\$243,700	-\$324,900	-\$406,100	-\$568,600	-\$812,200	-\$1,031,600
Eagan	\$0	\$431,602	\$431,602	-\$430,300	-\$431,600	-\$431,600	-\$431,600	-\$431,600	-\$431,600	-\$431,600
Eden Prairie	\$0	\$226,517	\$226,517	-\$226,500	-\$226,500	-\$226,500	-\$226,500	-\$226,500	-\$226,500	-\$226,500
Edina	\$0	\$145,637	\$145,637	-\$145,600	-\$145,600	-\$145,600	-\$145,600	-\$145,600	-\$145,600	-\$145,600
Falcon Heights	\$156,567	\$16,409	\$172,975	-\$21,800	-\$32,700	-\$43,600	-\$54,500	-\$76,300	-\$109,000	-\$145,600
Forest Lake	\$0	\$126,473	\$126,473	-\$125,300	-\$126,500	-\$126,500	-\$126,500	-\$126,500	-\$126,500	-\$126,500
Fridley	\$361,153	\$211,781	\$572,934	-\$176,400	-\$264,600	-\$352,800	-\$441,000	-\$572,900	-\$726,500	-\$972,900
Golden Valley	\$0	\$167,320	\$167,320	-\$167,300	-\$167,300	-\$167,300	-\$167,300	-\$167,300	-\$167,300	-\$167,300
Ham Lake	\$0	\$70,826	\$70,826	-\$70,800	-\$70,800	-\$70,800	-\$70,800	-\$70,800	-\$70,800	-\$70,800
Hamburg	\$28,682	\$12,177	\$40,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hastings	\$62,852	\$278,351	\$341,202	-\$194,100	-\$291,200	-\$341,200	-\$341,200	-\$341,200	-\$341,200	-\$341,200
Hopkins	\$25,000	\$124,990	\$149,990	-\$150,000	-\$150,000	-\$150,000	-\$150,000	-\$150,000	-\$150,000	-\$150,000
Hugo	\$0	\$110,603	\$110,603	-\$96,800	-\$110,600	-\$110,600	-\$110,600	-\$110,600	-\$110,600	-\$110,600
Inver Grove Heights	\$0	\$280,526	\$280,526	-\$267,300	-\$280,500	-\$280,500	-\$280,500	-\$280,500	-\$280,500	-\$280,500
Lakeland	\$59,676	\$17,833	\$77,509	-\$18,500	-\$27,700	-\$37,000	-\$46,200	-\$64,700	-\$77,500	-\$110,600
Lakeville	\$0	\$320,050	\$320,050	-\$320,000	-\$320,000	-\$320,000	-\$320,000	-\$320,000	-\$320,000	-\$320,000
Lilydale	\$2,295	\$8,053	\$10,348	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lino Lakes	\$0	\$117,251	\$117,251	-\$117,300	-\$117,300	-\$117,300	-\$117,300	-\$117,300	-\$117,300	-\$117,300
Little Canada	\$112,584	\$47,114	\$159,698	-\$46,200	-\$69,300	-\$92,400	-\$115,600	-\$159,700	-\$244,500	-\$376,100
Maple Grove	\$0	\$376,091	\$376,091	-\$376,100	-\$376,100	-\$376,100	-\$376,100	-\$376,100	-\$376,100	-\$376,100
Maplewood	\$0	\$244,474	\$244,474	-\$244,500	-\$244,500	-\$244,500	-\$244,500	-\$244,500	-\$244,500	-\$244,500
Mendota Heights	\$0	\$41,822	\$41,822	-\$41,800	-\$41,800	-\$41,800	-\$41,800	-\$41,800	-\$41,800	-\$41,800
Minneapolis	\$41,115,446	\$3,129,583	\$44,245,028	-\$5,703,200	-\$8,554,700	-\$11,406,300	-\$14,257,900	-\$19,961,000	-\$28,515,800	-\$38,880,000
Minnetonka	\$0	\$238,783	\$238,783	-\$238,800	-\$238,800	-\$238,800	-\$238,800	-\$238,800	-\$238,800	-\$238,800
Minnetrista	\$0	\$9,847	\$9,847	-\$9,800	-\$9,800	-\$9,800	-\$9,800	-\$9,800	-\$9,800	-\$9,800

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Mounds View	\$60,686	\$87,386	\$148,072	-\$63,000	-\$94,500	-\$126,000	-\$148,100	-\$148,100	-\$148,100
New Brighton	\$0	\$133,244	\$133,244	-\$124,500	-\$133,200	-\$133,200	-\$133,200	-\$133,200	-\$133,200
New Hope	\$224,789	\$155,933	\$380,722	-\$155,400	-\$233,100	-\$310,900	-\$380,700	-\$380,700	-\$380,700
Newport	\$342,078	\$36,030	\$378,108	-\$44,700	-\$67,000	-\$89,300	-\$111,700	-\$156,300	-\$223,300
North St. Paul	\$908,488	\$66,571	\$975,059	-\$77,100	-\$115,600	-\$154,200	-\$192,700	-\$269,800	-\$385,500
Oakdale	\$0	\$267,308	\$267,308	-\$159,700	-\$239,600	-\$267,300	-\$267,300	-\$267,300	-\$267,300
Plymouth	\$0	\$255,699	\$255,699	-\$255,700	-\$255,700	-\$255,700	-\$255,700	-\$255,700	-\$255,700
Prior Lake	\$0	\$114,775	\$114,775	-\$114,800	-\$114,800	-\$114,800	-\$114,800	-\$114,800	-\$114,800
Ramsey	\$0	\$223,511	\$223,511	-\$159,200	-\$223,500	-\$223,500	-\$223,500	-\$223,500	-\$223,500
Richfield	\$1,087,845	\$305,494	\$1,393,339	-\$272,300	-\$408,500	-\$544,700	-\$680,800	-\$953,200	-\$1,361,700
Robbinsdale	\$617,676	\$129,228	\$746,904	-\$105,400	-\$158,100	-\$210,900	-\$263,600	-\$369,000	-\$527,100
Rogers	\$0	\$48,957	\$48,957	-\$49,000	-\$49,000	-\$49,000	-\$49,000	-\$49,000	-\$49,000
Rosemount	\$0	\$180,833	\$180,833	-\$180,800	-\$180,800	-\$180,800	-\$180,800	-\$180,800	-\$180,800
Roseville	\$0	\$202,514	\$202,514	-\$202,500	-\$202,500	-\$202,500	-\$202,500	-\$202,500	-\$202,500
Savage	\$0	\$226,782	\$226,782	-\$226,800	-\$226,800	-\$226,800	-\$226,800	-\$226,800	-\$226,800
Shakopee	\$0	\$241,443	\$241,443	-\$241,400	-\$241,400	-\$241,400	-\$241,400	-\$241,400	-\$241,400
Shoreview	\$0	\$139,314	\$139,314	-\$139,300	-\$139,300	-\$139,300	-\$139,300	-\$139,300	-\$139,300
South St. Paul	\$1,021,733	\$214,610	\$1,236,343	-\$153,000	-\$229,500	-\$305,900	-\$382,400	-\$535,400	-\$764,900
Spring Lake Park	\$0	\$75,307	\$75,307	-\$55,600	-\$75,300	-\$75,300	-\$75,300	-\$75,300	-\$75,300
St. Anthony Village	\$0	\$69,023	\$69,023	-\$69,000	-\$69,000	-\$69,000	-\$69,000	-\$69,000	-\$69,000
St. Louis Park	\$0	\$334,234	\$334,234	-\$334,200	-\$334,200	-\$334,200	-\$334,200	-\$334,200	-\$334,200
St. Paul	\$28,390,822	\$1,537,610	\$29,928,432	-\$2,532,400	-\$3,798,600	-\$5,064,800	-\$6,330,900	-\$8,863,300	-\$12,661,900
St. Paul Park	\$107,110	\$53,804	\$160,914	-\$26,900	-\$40,300	-\$53,800	-\$67,200	-\$94,100	-\$134,400
Stillwater	\$227,971	\$179,769	\$407,740	-\$190,300	-\$285,400	-\$380,600	-\$407,700	-\$407,700	-\$407,700
Vadnais Heights	\$0	\$62,299	\$62,299	-\$52,700	-\$62,300	-\$62,300	-\$62,300	-\$62,300	-\$62,300
West St. Paul	\$638,568	\$214,165	\$852,733	-\$173,600	-\$260,300	-\$347,100	-\$433,900	-\$607,500	-\$852,700
White Bear Lake	\$671,041	\$113,860	\$784,901	-\$113,700	-\$170,600	-\$227,500	-\$284,400	-\$398,100	-\$568,700
Woodbury	\$0	\$343,314	\$343,314	-\$343,300	-\$343,300	-\$343,300	-\$343,300	-\$343,300	-\$343,300
State Totals	\$242,074,244	\$38,301,227	\$280,375,471	-\$35,649,900	-\$49,208,200	-\$61,839,100	-\$74,207,000	-\$97,970,600	-\$131,896,100

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 *MVC is an estimate because our most recent data does not match House Research most recent run. The difference is less than .05%.