



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: League of Wisconsin Municipalities
Wisconsin Counties Association

DATE: May 6, 2019

SUBJECT: Shared Revenue Program

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities (LWM) strongly urge the Joint Committee on Finance to incorporate Governor Evers' proposed 2 percent increase in funding for the shared revenue program into its version of the state budget.

This increase would be the first in shared revenue in many years. Over the last 18 years, the program on the municipal side, has been cut by \$94 million. Under the Governor's proposal, in 2020, each municipality and county would receive a 2 percent increase from the amount it received in 2019. Even with this modest increase in funding local governments will be challenged to maintain service levels after years of operating under the strictest levy limits in the nation, as well as reductions in shared revenue and other state aids.

WCA and LWM appreciate your time and consideration. Thanks for considering our request and please contact us with any questions.