2019-21 State Budget Webinar

May 13, 2019
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Action from week of May 6
Items Removed from Budget

- Medical Marijuana & Decriminalization
- Medicaid Expansion
- Levy Limits
- Minimum Wage
- Dark Stores
- 17 year-olds
- Voter Requirements
- Redistricting
- Broadband
Governor Evers proposed a 2% increase for county and municipal shared revenue.

If approved, counties would receive an additional $2 million statewide.

JCF rejected the shared revenue increase.

Counties will receive the same shared revenue payment as the prior year.
The Wisconsin County Utility Tax Association advocated for an increase in local government utility aid payments. Specifically, the request was to index annual payments to inflation. Unfortunately, JCF did not take any action on the proposed amendment.
Governor Evers proposed utilizing $1.446 million in surplus revenue from the state mental health institutes program revenue account.

Source of funding is charges to counties for placements in the MHIs.

Funding used for youth crisis stabilization facility and peer-run respite center for veterans.

Counties concerned about impact on future rates.

JCF adopted Governor’s recommendation.
Agenda for week of May 13
JCF will take action on the budgets of the following agencies:

- Administration -- General Agency Provisions
- Administration -- Facilities
- Administration -- Housing and Energy
- Administration -- Transfers
- Elections Commission
- State Treasurer
- Revenue -- Lottery Administration
- Employee Trust Funds
- Board on Aging and Long-Term Care
- Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Safety and Professional Services
- Environmental Improvement Fund
- Fox River Navigational System Authority
- Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board
- State Fair Park
Governor’s budget **eliminates** the sunset date (June 30, 2021) for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Program

Will continue to assist homeowners and small commercial establishments meeting certain income and eligibility criteria to repair or replace eligible failing private onsite wastewater treatment systems.
▸ We are asking JCF to concur with the Governor and lift the sunset on the POWTS Wisconsin Fund program
▸ We are asking for a total of 2.0 FTE positions to be added in DSPS for the streamlining and approval of the sanitary permit process
▸ We are asking for the maintenance inventory for counties to be extended for five years so that counties who have not completed their maintenance inspections can comply with state law
BUDGET RESOURCES
LFB Website:
www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb

- Click “Publications”
- Budget Papers
  - 2019-21 Biennial Budget
  - LFB prepares “budget papers” or summaries
- Each paper includes:
  - Current law or status of item
  - Summary of Governor’s proposal
  - Discussion points
  - Alternatives
OTHER RESOURCES

- Both The Wheeler Report and WisPolitics also have public websites.
  - **The Wheeler Report**: www.thewheelerreport.com
  - **WisPolitics**: www.wispolitics.com
- **WisconsinEye**: www.wiseye.org
  - WisconsinEye shows committee meeting and the Legislature live.
- **Wisconsin Counties Association**: www.wicounties.org
  - All WCA budget documents and memos are available under the “Legislative” tab.
THANKS!

Any questions?

You can also email your questions to any member of the WCA Government Affairs staff.