

THE CGMC IS GREATER MINNESOTA'S VOICE ON LGA

For more than 40 years, the CGMC has been the most prominent and outspoken advocate for Local Government Aid (LGA). No one fights harder, brings the level of expertise, or looks out for Greater Minnesota like the CGMC does.

A TIMELINE OF CGMC'S RECENT ADVOCACY EFFORTS

2012

LAUNCHES "THANK LGA" CAMPAIGN

CGMC staff organized and hosted townhall meetings with city leaders around the state on the vital role LGA plays in providing local services and keeping property taxes down. The THANK LGA campaign generated significant media attention and set the stage for discussions on formula reforms and increasing LGA funding.

2014

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATES FOR \$9.3M INCREASE IN THE LGA APPROPRIATION

2017

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATES FOR \$15M INCREASE IN THE LGA APPROPRIATION

2022

ADVOCACY FOR LGA FORMULA REFORM AND APPROPRIATION INCREASE

CGMC participated in many meetings through the late fall of 2021 and into 2022 to discuss LGA formula reform, as it often happens after every decennial census. At the direction of the House and Senate tax chairs, the CGMC met with the other city groups, and nonpartisan Senate, House, and Department of Revenue staff to create an updated LGA formula proposal that is a better reflection of city needs and best for our member cities. The CGMC then advocated for the updated formula proposal and for an LGA appropriation increase of \$90 million throughout the Legislative session.

The tax conference committee agreement, which included an LGA increase of \$30 million, was not passed, leaving cities for another year without an appropriation increase.

2013

KEY PLAYER IN LGA REFORM AND \$80M INCREASE IN LGA APPROPRIATION

CGMC was a vocal critic of a Dayton Administration plan that would have reduced LGA for numerous Greater Minnesota cities and channeled minimal new aid to rural communities, despite a proposed \$80 million increase to the LGA program.

Due to our pushback, the Legislature initiated a stakeholder process that included legislators and municipal organizations. CGMC was the only group at the table to exclusively represent Greater Minnesota.

2015

DEFENDS LGA AGAINST ARBITRARY CUTS

CGMC successfully pushed back against legislative proposals that would have significantly reduced LGA for first-class cities. The proposals would have undermined the integrity of the LGA formula and presented a long-term danger to the LGA program for all cities.

2019

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATES FOR \$30M INCREASE IN LGA APPROPRIATION, RESTORING LGA TO 2002 LEVEL

After the 2013 LGA increase and reform, CGMC set its sights on restoring the LGA program to its 2002 funding level — the high-water mark for the program. After a few years of modest increases, LGA finally returned to its 2002 funding level thanks to a strong campaign led by CGMC.

2023 AND BEYOND

CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR CITY NEEDS

CGMC is dedicated to increasing the LGA appropriation to keep up with inflation. CGMC membership is your city's seat at the negotiating table!