

CGMC Is Greater Minnesota's Voice on LGA

For more than 40 years, 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 CGMC does.

A TIMELINE OF CGMC'S RECENT ADVOCACY ON LGA

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 LGA APPROPRIATION

2017 SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATES FOR \$15M INCREASE IN LGA APPROPRIATION

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF LGA DURING PANDEMIC

As the state faced a potential deficit and economic uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CGMC was quick to speak out about the importance of LGA. Through meetings with legislators and the Governor's staff, press releases, guest columns in newspapers across the state, social media efforts and an "LGA Week" campaign, CGMC brought attention to the vital role LGA plays in helping cities power through the pandemic — and its role in providing a strong foundation for recovery afterward.

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.

2022 & Beyond FIGHTING FOR GREATER MINNESOTA IN LGA REFORM DISCUSSIONS

Since the start of the 2021 legislative session, all four chairs of the legislative committees that control LGA have indicated they want to revise the program's formula. Formula revisions present opportunities, but also bring serious risks. CGMC will be fighting for our member cities every step of the reform process. CGMC membership is your city's seat at the negotiating table!



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