

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES

2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all 854 Minnesota cities. The League's advocacy work is guided by a member-driven policy development process.

Bonding

The League supports a substantial bonding bill that includes appropriations for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, funding for the local road wetland replacement fund, flood hazard mitigation, and dam repair and removal projects.

Housing

The League calls for solutions that address the full housing spectrum, support local innovation, offer incentives instead of mandates, and advance community-specific solutions.

Local control

The League opposes legislation that erodes the fundamental principle of local control in cities across Minnesota.

Public safety duty disability

The League will advance legislation for injury prevention and treatment and will seek state funding for certain disability benefits currently funded by employers. The League will oppose efforts to expand conditions presumed to be work-related for workers' compensation purposes.

LGA & other state aids

The League calls for annual local government aid (LGA) appropriation increases to at least account for inflationary pressures. The League also supports permanent funding for the Small Cities Assistance Account, and the immediate restoration of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) employer aid.

MINNESOTA CITY FACTS:

854 Cities in Minnesota

500 Cities with populations under 1,000

150 Cities with populations over 5,000











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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS STAFF

The League's Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) staff work on legislative issues that matter to cities. Feel free to contact our IGR staff members with any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding legislative issues.







We're here to help!

IGR staff and the legislative issues they cover are listed here.

Not sure who to contact?

Assistant Director Anne Finn (information right) is happy to help direct you to the right staffer for complex or miscellaneous issues.

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- Economic development
- · Pensions & retirement
- Public finances
- Taxes
- Tax increment financing (TIF)
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- Energy
- Environment
- Land use & annexation
- Local/tribal relations
- State bonding
- Sustainable development
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- Employment law
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- Broadband
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- Federal relations & advocacy
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