



AGENDA OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, 4:30 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. Zoom Meeting Information.

1. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom meeting.

B. Roll Call.

1. Members: Ald. Barbara Dorff, Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax, Ald. Bill Galvin & Ald. Brian Johnson.

C. Approval of the Agenda.

D. Approval of Minutes.

1. Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting.

E. Regular Business.

1. A request by Ald. Brunette to the Finance Committee which states: "To approve the funding required to have an outside Human Resource Department or consultant review the workplace complaint of the former City Clerk in order to report to the City Council."
2. Request with possible action to approve resolution in support of a strong state and local partnership and increased state budget funding for the shared revenue program.

F. Informational.

1. 1. 2021 Contingency Account:
\$150,000.00
2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

G. Adjournment.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.greenbaywi.gov
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Finance Committee meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.

Virtual Meeting Instructions



Finance Committee

Zoom Meeting Information

Join Zoom Meeting

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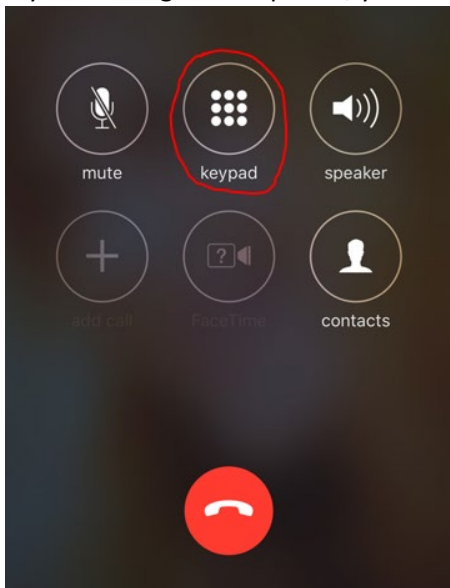
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Additional Information

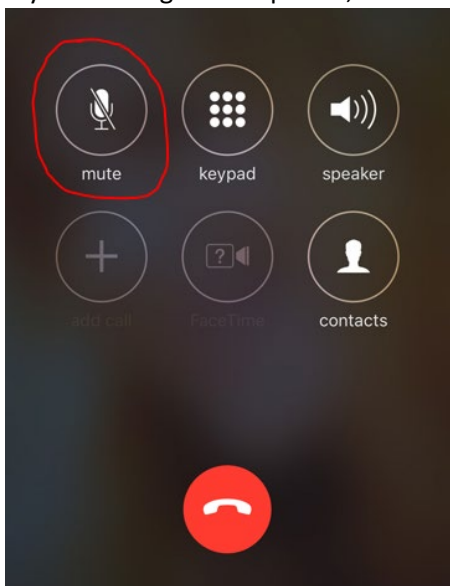
1. Wisconsin Open Meetings Law still applies
 - a. Persons interested in speaking to an item must give their name and address
 - b. Committee/Commission/Board members will still follow *Roberts Rules of Order*
2. All zoom meetings will have a password in the instructions. Please enter when prompted.
3. Please log into the Zoom meeting 10 minutes before the meeting starts to ensure proper technology is working.
 - a. If you are a Board Member, please log into [CivicClerk](#) with a computer, laptop, or tablet device.
4. Once you are in the meeting please mute yourselves.
 - a. You may unmute yourself when you are called upon to speak.
5. Waiting room
 - a. When you call in, all callers/participants will be placed in a “waiting room.”
 - b. Persons on the agenda will be admitted to the meeting, and then once the item is concluded, the host will permanently mute you from the meeting (you can still hear the meeting).
6. Using Zoom with a tablet or computer
 - a. Tablet—you will be asked to sign in. Download the app either with the Apple Store or the Play Store
 - b. Computer—you will be asked to sign in. You may download the app or click on the link to open Zoom in your browser.
7. Registering
 - a. The host may ask you to register for the meeting. A registration link will be sent to you along with the invite. You’ll receive another email confirming that you’re registered for the meeting.
 - b. If you’re using a phone, your registration will still be tied to an email.
8. Raising your hand
 - a. Committee members—you can either use CivicClerk and request to speak or you can “raise your hand” in the zoom meeting (you’d need to use a computer or tablet) to let the host know you’d like to speak. You can also un-mute yourselves and start speaking.
 - b. Persons on the agenda—you can “raise your hand” but you’d need to use a computer. You will be allowed to speak, per Wisconsin Open Meetings Rules, once the committee has “opened the floor for interested parties to speak.” Once the committee is finished with your agenda item, the host will mute you permanently, unless the committee opens the floor again.
9. What devices should I use?
 - a. Smart phone (please see more detailed instructions on page 3)
 - b. Land line
 - c. Tablet—well in advance of the meeting, please download the Zoom Meeting app before you join a meeting by using either the Apple Store or the Play Store. You will be asked to input your name, thus identifying you for the meeting. You’ll also be asked to verify your email.
 - d. Computer—well in advance of the meeting, please download the Zoom Meeting app, but you can also click on a link to open the Zoom Meeting in your browser. You will be asked to input your name, thus identifying you for the meeting.
 - e. For tablet and computer users—if you download the app you will be asked to verify your email.
10. Zoom etiquette
 - a. Muting yourselves when you’re not talking will prevent your background noise from interfering with others’ ability to listen to and participate in the meeting.
 - b. If you’re using a telephone, please identify yourself with your phone number and name before you speak. Zoom meeting hosts can see only your telephone number and will ask you to identify yourselves.
11. Closed session
 - a. Persons in the Zoom meeting will be put into a waiting room while the committee meets in Closed Session. Participants will be admitted back into the Zoom meeting once the committee reconvenes in Open Session.
 - b. Persons watching live on YouTube will see a gray screen with the City logo during closed session.
12. Persons interested in attending anonymously or listening to the meeting may call in by dialing *67 followed by the phone number above.

Calling into the Zoom meeting using a smartphone

1. Dial the phone number listed at the beginning of this document.
2. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number followed by #
 - a. If you're using a smartphone, you can access the keypad by clicking "Keypad" on your screen



3. Once you are in the meeting, notify the meeting host that you are in and state your name.
4. If you do not need to talk, please make sure your phone is on **Mute**
 - a. If you're using a smartphone, look at your screen and click the Mute button



- b. If you're using a computer, you should see a Mute button in the Zoom application





Report to the
Finance Committee
of the City of Green Bay

MEETING DATE

April 13, 2021

PREPARED BY

AGENDA ITEM # E.I

A request by Ald. Brunette to the Finance Committee which states: "To approve the funding required to have an outside Human Resource Department or consultant review the workplace complaint of the former City Clerk in order to report to the City Council."

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. 2021-03-30 Dist 12 to Finance



Alders' Petitions and Communications

Name:

Committee Name:

Today's Date:

Text of Communication:

**Upon completing this form, please email it to
celestine.jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov**



Report to the
Finance Committee
of the City of Green Bay

MEETING DATE

April 13, 2021

PREPARED BY

AGENDA ITEM # E.2

Request with possible action to approve resolution in support of a strong state and local partnership and increased state budget funding for the shared revenue program.

BACKGROUND

Municipalities in Wisconsin, like City of Green Bay, are funded primarily in two ways; property taxes, and shared revenues from the State. The demands on municipalities, whether it be from the common council/citizenry, unfunded mandates from the state, and inflation on the costs to buy products and materials for our services, have not gone down, in fact, they've increased. This is simple supply and demand. The demand on municipalities has gone up, and the supply (the funding) has gone down. At the same time, as demonstrated in the graph, the funding through the shared revenue program has decreased.

RECOMMENDATION

Asking Common Council to consider approving the resolution based on a League of Wisconsin Municipalities model. The League is a statewide member organization, advocating for cities and villages large and small, rural and urban.

FISCAL IMPACT

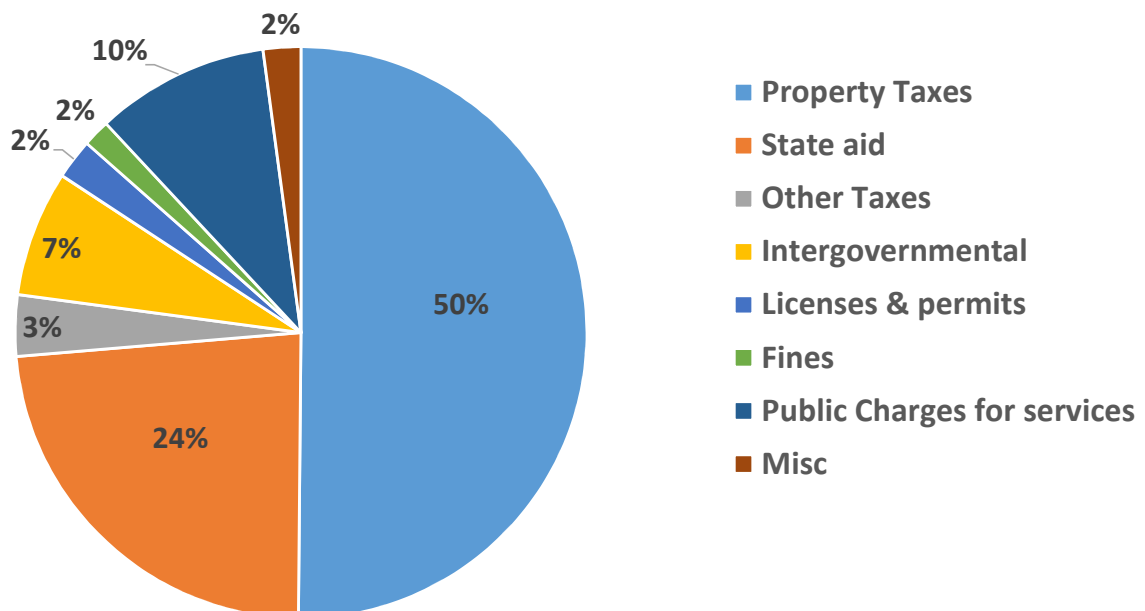
ATTACHMENTS

- I. 4-13 Finance Committee state aids

City of Green Bay 2021 Budget Reduction in State aid and local Assistance

Calendar year	Shared revenue / Municipal aid	ERP	Utility Aid	General Trans Aid	Mass Transit & Municipal Services	Totals	Totals Adjusted 1999 Dollars
1999	18,807,681	1,756,027	0	4,130,707	2,718,041	27,412,456	27,412,456
2010	17,372,772	2,119,226	937,679	3,622,937	2,788,181	26,840,795	20,503,979
2021est	15,598,855	1,572,259	432,526	3,113,512	2,816,276	23,533,428	15,184,863
						Adjust CPI 1999-2020	(12,227,593)
						% change	(45%)

2021 Budget - General Fund Revenues



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STRONG STATE AND LOCAL
PARTNERSHIP AND INCREASED STATE BUDGET FUNDING
FOR THE SHARED REVENUE PROGRAM**

April 20, 2021

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY:

WHEREAS, for over ninety years, the state shared revenue program has been a key component of Wisconsin's state and local relationship and an important part of the state's overall program of property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, shared revenue funding for municipalities has been cut by \$94 million; and

WHEREAS, over the last generation, property taxes have grown as a share of city and village revenues as shared revenue, and other state aid to Wisconsin municipalities has lagged; and

WHEREAS, state aid provided a larger share of municipal revenues in Wisconsin than property taxes from 1975 to 1997, but today property taxes account for more than twice as much municipal revenue as state aid; and

WHEREAS, state aid provided to the City of Green Bay has decreased in total adjusted dollars by 45% since 1999; and

WHEREAS, to create and maintain quality communities that attract businesses and families, municipalities must invest in services and infrastructure that people and businesses expect, like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, snowplowing, libraries, and parks; and

WHEREAS, the state should reinvest a portion of its sales and income tax revenue growth in local communities to spur further economic growth and make Wisconsin communities places where people want to live and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Green Bay calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget increasing funding for the shared revenue program and directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the City of Green Bay, to Governor Tony Evers, and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Adopted _____

Approved _____

Mayor

Clerk

Shared Revenue: Helping Fund Police and Other Services

Curt Witynski, Deputy Executive Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities



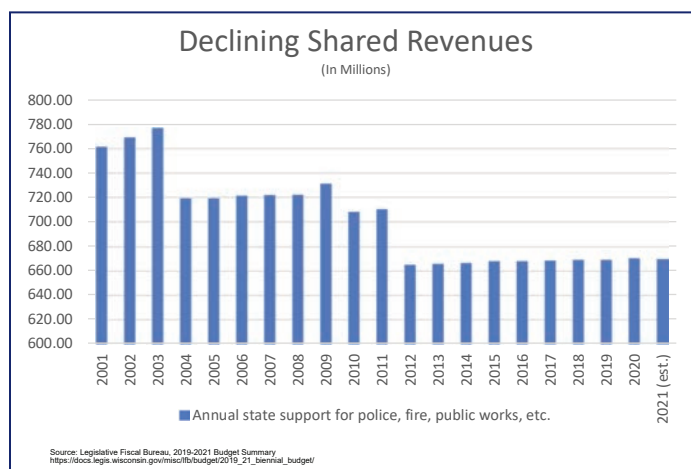
For over 100 years the state has provided general, unrestricted aid to municipalities, towns, and counties to help pay for basic local services like police and fire protection and to deliver property tax relief. This program has historically been called shared revenue. The state created the shared revenue program in 1911 using income tax dollars to hold municipalities harmless from a new property tax exemption the Legislature had created. In 2004, the shared revenue program was revised and renamed the county and municipal aid program.

Shared revenue has always maintained an important position in the state budget because it supports the most essential elements of local government services. The county and municipal aid and utility aid programs, combined with the expenditure restraint aid program, rank as the sixth largest state general fund program in 2020-21, behind elementary and secondary school aids, medical assistance, corrections operations, the University of Wisconsin system, and the school levy and first dollar tax credits.

Yet, while shared revenue remains one of the largest state programs in terms of total funding level, it has declined significantly in relative size to the rest of the state budget over the last 20 years due to large cuts to the program in 2004, 2010, and 2012, and little or no growth in other years. In 1994-95, shared revenue made up 12.5% of the state's total general fund appropriations, but that share has decreased to 4.3% of general fund appropriations in 2020-21. According to the Wisconsin Budget Project, over the last 25 years, shared revenue declined by over 47%, when accounting for inflation, from almost \$1.6 billion in 1996 to \$830 million in 2020. During that time, shared revenue for cities, villages, and towns was cut by \$94 million, a 12% drop. Over the same time frame the cost of providing services in communities has steadily increased, resulting in local property taxpayers shouldering a larger percentage of the cost of local government.

The formula for distributing shared revenue was turned off in 2002 and has not been used since. Annual payments are based on what a community received the prior year. Since 2002 each individual municipality and county has received the same payment it received the prior year except for those years when total funding for the program was cut. Total funding

for the program has remained at \$753 million since 2012. Consequently, since 2013, each community's annual payment has been the same amount it received in 2012.



For over 100 years the shared revenue program has been a key component of Wisconsin's system of state and local finance. It is an important part of the state's effort to keep property tax growth under control. Moreover, it is an equitable, efficient way to help fund police, fire, streets, and other critical local services. Yet, funding for this program has been steadily reduced over the last 20 years. The state cannot profess a commitment to holding down property taxes and continue to decrease or hold flat shared revenue. It is crucial that shared revenue be maintained, and program funding keep pace with the rising cost of providing police, fire, ambulance, street maintenance, elections, and other vital municipal services.

Distribution of Estimated 2021 County and Municipal Aid Payments (In Millions)

Towns \$42.1 | Villages \$63.2 | Cities \$525.1
Counties \$122.6

Total \$753.0

More information about the shared revenue program is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau
<http://bit.ly/SharedRevenueInfo>

Learn how you can TAKE ACTION on page 20.

ACTION STEP: State policy makers need to be informed about the importance of adequately funding the shared revenue program. Help us tell your shared revenue story in the capitol! Compile a narrative detailing what previous cuts in shared revenue have meant to your municipality and what an increase could mean for your community. There is a perception in the Legislature that increases will fund wants and not needs. At the League, we know that is not the case, but we need your help

to provide the necessary and accurate details that will resonate with legislators. Please prepare your community's shared revenue story and share it with your legislators. Please also send your completed piece to Gail Sumi, Member Engagement and Communications Director at gsumi@lwm-info.org, so that we can use your story when discussing the need for shared revenue increases under the dome!

About the Author:

Curt Witynski is the League's Deputy Director. Curt manages the League's lobbying program, representing the League before the Legislature, the governor's office, and state agencies. He writes the *Legislative Bulletin* and *Capitol Buzz* newsletters and organizes legislative material on the League's webpage.

He also answers questions from the media and members about legislation, levy limits, state aid programs, and legal issues.

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