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Proposed Local Savings Cover only 61% of State Funding Cuts

Madison, WI. – Gov. Walker’s state budget bill proposes cuts in five major funding programs for municipalities. Together the cuts total \$136 million. In announcing the proposed cuts, Gov. Walker pointed to provisions in his budget repair bill that would require some local workers to pay a portion of their health care and pension benefits. The Governor explained that the savings for local governments would offset the loss of state funding.

For the past several weeks, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities has worked with local treasurers and finance directors to analyze the full impact of the cuts and the savings. Based on worksheets from 36 large communities, the proposed savings will cover only 61% of the funding cuts in 2012.

The worksheets came from members of the Urban Alliance, an organization within the League focused on the needs of larger communities. After reviewing the compiled data, Mayor John Dickert of Racine, President of the Urban Alliance, said, “The Governor gave us tools to cover some the funding cuts. Now we need to work with the Joint Committee on Finance to find ways to cover the other 39%. Simply shifting the state budget deficit to local budgets doesn’t help the taxpayers of Wisconsin.”

Some communities will save little in health insurance from the Governor’s proposal. Mayor Ron Krueger of Watertown noted, “All of our city employees already pay 10% of their health insurance premiums. Going to 12% as the Governor suggests doesn’t save us much—about \$17,500 a year—and Watertown will lose almost \$650,000 in state funding in 2012.”

Also, pension contributions by utility workers will not help with the general fund revenue cuts. As Mayor Tim Hanna of Appleton pointed out, “Our total payroll is \$38 million, but only about one-third goes for civilian employees in the general fund. A 5.8% pension payment from those employees will save Appleton a little under \$800,000 in 2012, but Appleton is losing almost \$1.9 million in funding.”

Attached to this press release is a chart summarizing the 36 worksheets, which are posted under “Announcements” on the [League’s website](http://www.lwm-info.org).

Each worksheet contains contact information for the municipal official who prepared the worksheet. Members of the press are encouraged to contact these officials directly for detailed background information.

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Impact of proposed cuts from the state budget bill and estimated savings from the state budget adjustment bill on the municipality's general fund in calendar 2012

Cuts in State Funding						
Municipality	Shared Revenue	General Transportation Aids	Payments for Municipal Services	Recycling Grants	Transit Aids	Total Cuts
Appleton	1,455,479	417,600	1,067	-	-	1,874,146
Ashland	64,380	101,078	677	87,341	-	253,476
Baraboo	130,361	115,082	7,880	54,388	-	307,711
Beaver Dam	188,683	95,169	-	82,204	-	366,056
Beloit	402,722	311,719	1,814	-	-	716,255
De Pere	352,768	172,396	-	140,000	-	665,164
Eau Claire	1,223,200	414,400	57,900	-	-	1,695,500
Fond du Lac	674,148	255,906	20,000	210,000	42,410	1,202,464
Fort Atkinson	136,460	73,937	270	54,000	-	264,667
Green Bay	1,805,801	529,936	61,521	648,000	45,000	3,090,258
Greenfield	525,988	263,044	-	177,628	-	966,660
Janesville	1,135,577	349,389	16,500	-	-	1,501,466
Kaukauna	160,535	146,809	-	-	-	307,344
La Crosse	792,275	342,770	98,237	250,000	150,000	1,633,282
Manitowoc	490,468	307,360	31,140	320,494	-	1,149,462
Marshfield	241,659	178,824	10,012	96,030	-	526,525
Menasha	184,627	106,470	12,025	100,000	-	403,122
Merrill	71,307	72,210	2,983	47,500	13,000	207,000
Milwaukee	10,332,274	3,819,283	196,758	3,348,450	-	17,696,765
Neenah	382,493	174,188	-	302,500	-	859,181
New Berlin	327,743	223,506	-	66,222	-	617,471
Oak Creek	520,000	247,000	-	132,000	-	899,000
Oshkosh	1,114,545	405,046	111,514	340,786	119,690	2,091,581
Platteville	88,059	49,036	29,702	65,000	-	231,797
Pleasant Pr.	114,551	136,780	133	71,094	-	322,558
Racine	1,182,408	556,268	9,973	460,000	205,000	2,413,649
Sheboygan	677,571	253,414	14,026	279,765	-	1,224,776
S. Milwaukee	255,427	135,177	323	126,004	-	516,931
Superior	360,239	193,000	27,870	-	-	581,109
Two Rivers	88,323	82,876	265	123,559	-	295,023
Watertown	286,522	201,613	245	153,815	-	642,195
Waupun	65,000	75,000	6,500	75,000	-	221,500
West Allis	1,128,520	369,944	914	-	-	1,499,378
West Bend	535,421	231,857	12,198	155,233	21,475	956,184
Whitewater	110,733	83,275	35,294	49,134	-	278,436
Wis. Rapids	190,417	146,555	4,653	104,223	-	445,848
totals	27,796,684	11,637,917	772,394	8,120,370	596,575	48,923,940

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Savings from Act 10

Municipality	Pension	Health Insurance	Total Savings	Total Cuts	Net Effect in dollars	Net Effect in percent
Appleton	796,137	72,704	868,841	1,874,146	(1,005,305)	46%
Ashland	58,600	-	58,600	253,476	(194,876)	23%
Baraboo	181,798	12,817	194,615	307,711	(113,096)	63%
Beaver Dam	106,482	-	106,482	366,056	(259,574)	29%
Beloit	404,879	-	404,879	716,255	(311,376)	57%
De Pere	115,932	-	115,932	665,164	(549,232)	17%
Eau Claire	666,400	69,900	736,300	1,695,500	(959,200)	43%
Fond du Lac	599,182	191,508	790,690	1,202,464	(411,774)	66%
Fort Atkinson	121,579	81,218	202,797	264,667	(61,870)	77%
Green Bay	1,040,846	214,448	1,255,294	3,090,258	(1,834,964)	41%
Greenfield	219,476	-	219,476	966,660	(747,184)	23%
Janesville	502,454	38,400	540,854	1,501,466	(960,612)	36%
Kaukauna	168,315	13,036	181,351	307,344	(125,993)	59%
La Crosse	785,474	232,316	1,017,790	1,633,282	(615,492)	62%
Manitowoc	351,505	43,534	395,039	1,149,462	(754,423)	34%
Marshfield	352,797	-	352,797	526,525	(173,728)	67%
Menasha	186,414	20,076	206,490	403,122	(196,632)	51%
Merrill	120,175	39,500	159,675	207,000	(47,325)	77%
Milwaukee	8,271,603	5,973,427	14,245,030	17,696,765	(3,451,735)	80%
Neenah	361,522	-	361,522	859,181	(497,659)	42%
New Berlin	450,384	22,422	472,806	617,471	(144,665)	77%
Oak Creek	355,965	-	355,965	899,000	(543,035)	40%
Oshkosh	776,456	252,404	1,028,860	2,091,581	(1,062,721)	49%
Platteville	169,450	-	169,450	231,797	(62,347)	73%
Pleasant Pr.	140,403	33,799	174,202	322,558	(148,356)	54%
Racine	1,008,151	257,813	1,265,964	2,413,649	(1,147,685)	52%
Sheboygan	451,585	96,024	547,609	1,224,776	(677,167)	45%
S. Milwaukee	135,799	33,293	169,092	516,931	(347,839)	33%
Superior	295,974	192,500	488,474	581,109	(92,635)	84%
Two Rivers	201,995	9,751	211,746	295,023	(83,277)	72%
Watertown	235,088	17,536	252,624	642,195	(389,571)	39%
Waupun	99,989	57,000	156,989	221,500	(64,511)	71%
West Allis	917,234	386,891	1,304,125	1,499,378	(195,253)	87%
West Bend	424,051	28,313	452,364	956,184	(503,820)	47%
Whitewater	137,593	44,101	181,694	278,436	(96,742)	65%
Wis. Rapids	110,084	8,215	118,299	445,848	(327,549)	27%
totals	21,321,771	8,442,946	29,764,717	48,923,940	(19,159,223)	61%

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