

State Must Step Up for Local Communities

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Governor calls on Legislature to provide larger increases for local communities, remove restrictions on local control in shared revenue legislation.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers is calling on the Wisconsin State Legislature to provide more resources to local communities and remove restrictions on local control in legislation regarding shared revenue that was introduced earlier this week. Gov. Evers today released a statement responding to the proposal, [AB 245](#), indicating he cannot support the proposal and will veto it in its entirety if it is sent to his desk in its current form. Despite having been introduced only two days ago, Assembly Republicans are hosting a public hearing on the bill in the Committee on Local Government later this morning.

According to [data from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau \(LFB\)](#), since 2011, state aid to communities has been cut by more than nine percent while public safety costs have increased by more than 16 percent. As a result, over the last decade, local communities have been asked to do more with less and have been forced to make difficult decisions to cut critical services, including public safety. Gov. Evers has been clear for four years now that the state must do its part to ensure communities have the resources they need to meet basic and unique needs alike.

A full transcript of the governor's statement is available below. The statement is also available on YouTube [here](#).

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