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Wisconsin Towns Association Statement on the 2021-23 State Budget

The Wisconsin Towns Association lauds the Legislature and Governor Evers for adopting a state budget that supports local government and rural Wisconsin.

The biennial budget, signed by Governor Evers yesterday, includes critical additional investment in local roads, fire/EMS, and broadband expansion. The budget also addresses some of the taxing capacity issues felt by towns with low equalized values and large amounts of public land through:

- ✓ Increased payments in lieu of taxes for DNR land;
- ✓ Increased county forest acreage payments; and
- ✓ Fixes to the state's general transportation aids formula.

Jerry Derr, WTA President, provided the following statement: "We thank the Legislature and Governor Evers for recognizing the need for strategic investment in local government funding and for making this considerable infusion of resources into Wisconsin's towns."

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