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Assembly Republicans Unveil Shared Revenue Proposal

Madison – State Representative Karen Hurd (R-Fall Creek) and her Assembly Republican colleagues made an announcement alongside local officials to give more state aid to local governments.

“Public safety is a growing concern amongst Wisconsinites of every background. As the party of law and order, public safety is, and has always been, top priority for Republicans. Local municipalities, whether rural or urban – are critical in keeping their communities safe. For this reason, I am proud to support this historic investment in our local government. Roughly 20% or \$1.5 billion, of the state sales tax will be devoted to local governments in shared revenue. This means at least a 10% increase for every local Government. We commit to ensuring that our homes and families are safe and protected, and that law enforcement services will be properly maintained.”

Over \$500 million in new money will be directed toward local government innovation and public safety. The proposal includes \$300 million for an Innovation Fund to encourage efficiencies, cost savings, and consolidation. If local governments come together and provide a service more efficiently the state will provide a financial incentive. Another part of the proposal includes \$227 million for law enforcement, fire, EMS, public works, and transportation.

Furthermore, the proposal triples the funding for existing grants to local governments to upgrade their 911 systems and provides significant increases for EMS providers to go towards ambulances, equipment, and durable medical supplies. The reimbursement funds for officer training are being doubled.

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The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.