

2023 Legislative Priorities

- **Local Government Aid**
 - ✓ Increase LGA appropriation by at least \$102 million
 - ✓ Add inflation and population growth to LGA appropriation
 - ✓ Review of LGA formula to ensure maximum effectiveness for Greater MN cities
- **Environment**
 - ✓ At least \$1 billion water and wastewater package that leverages \$680 million from federal infrastructure bill, American Rescue Plan, state surplus, and state bonding bill
- **Address Greater Minnesota's Child Care Shortage**
 - ✓ \$20 million in bonding for child care facilities capital assistance program
 - ✓ Reform licensure for mid-size providers
- **Greater Minnesota Workforce**
 - ✓ Develop program that encourages workforce growth in Greater MN through educational opportunities
- **Tackle Greater Minnesota's Housing Challenges**
 - ✓ \$5 million for grants to support public infrastructure related to housing development
 - ✓ \$5 million for the Greater MN Fix-Up Fund
 - ✓ \$15 million for the Greater MN Workforce Housing Development Fund
 - ✓ Funding for grants to housing trust funds
 - ✓ Support technical changes to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency programs and state law to make housing tools more effective for Greater Minnesota
- **Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program**
 - ✓ \$20 million in bonding for the BDPI grant program
 - ✓ Increase to the general fund appropriation to at least \$2.5 million for each year of the 2023-24 biennium
- **Transportation**
 - ✓ Permanent and ongoing funding of \$50 million for city streets of all sizes (\$25 million for cities with fewer than 5,000 residents and \$25 million for cities with more than 5,000 residents)
 - ✓ Support reforms and funding to the Corridors of Commerce program or creation of a like interregional highway expansion program to address commercial and safety needs of highway travel in Greater Minnesota
- **Duty Disability**
 - ✓ Fully funding the Department of Public Safety's Public Safety Officer Benefit, guaranteeing 100% of claims from local governments will be reimbursed
 - ✓ Administrative policy reform to ensure proper benefit continuance