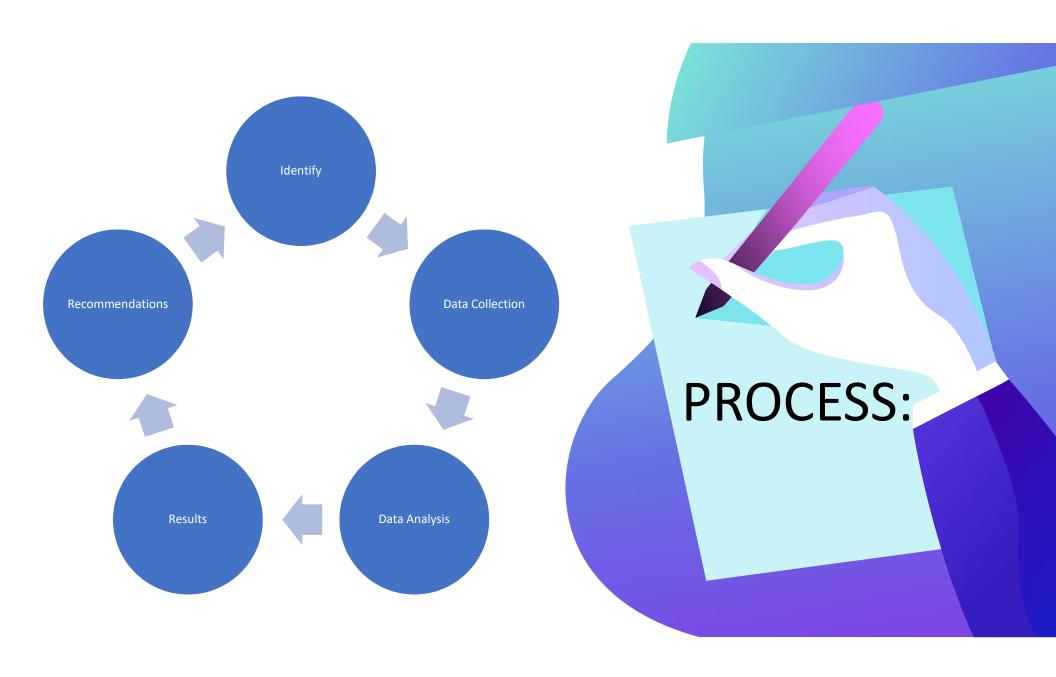
## **COMPENSATION STUDY**

CITY OF WHITEWATER SPRING 2024





- **25** Cities/Villages
- Comparable Communities

## Identifying Comparable Communities

#### Determined by:

- ✓ Equalized Value (Millions)
  - √ 20 points
- ✓ Municipal Property Tax Levy (Ths)
  - √ 15 points
- ✓ Basic Spending (Per Capita)
  - √ 15 points
- ✓ Municipal Property Tax Rate (Mill Rate)
  - ✓ 15 points
- ✓ Per Capita Income
  - √ 15 points

- ✓ Operating Spending (Per Capita)
  - √ 10 points
- ✓ General Obligation Debt (Ths)
  - √ 5 points
- ✓ Shared Revenue (Ths)
  - √ 5 points
- ✓ Population
  - √ 10 points

110 Total Points Awarded

https://wispolicyforum.org/research/municipal-datatool-examining-and-comparing-wisconsin-cities-and-villages/

# Identifying Comparable Communities (cont.)

20% Spread



#### Method used to score:

. Equalized Val	ue (Millions): ~ Max	imum 20 Points			
\$861					
Factor	Minimum	Range	Maximum	Range	Points
1.33	\$647	\$861	\$861	\$1,145	20
1.67	\$516	\$646	\$1,146	\$1,438	15
2.00	\$431	\$515	\$1,439	\$1,722	10
2.33	\$370	\$430	\$1,723	\$2,006	5
All Others					0

# Identifying Comparable Communities (cont.)



Platteville – 108 Points



River Falls – 96 Points

Delavan – 92 Points

Jefferson – 89 Points

Elkhorn – 93 Points

Fort Atkinson – 94 Points

Weston – 89 Points

### **Comparable Communities**

## Data Analysis

Templates created

	Job Title						
Comparable	Minimum	Maximum					
Community	Salary	Salary	Actual Salary	Title (If Different)	Comment		
Platteville*							
River Falls *							
Delavan							
Jefferson							
Elkhorn							
Fort Atkinson							
Weston							
Whitewater							
Average							
50th Percentile							

### Preliminary Results



Comparable for most positions

Attention needed for the following positions:

 Current spreads avg. 20-23% with some as low as 3%

- City Clerk
- City Manager
- HR Manager
- Librarian

### Recommendations

- Use the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - This represents the market rate
- Increase the spreads to 35%
  - This allows for retaining and recruiting qualified staff
- Develop a plan to move through the pay scale
  - Opportunities for development
  - Rewards high performers
  - Assists with recruiting and retaining





## **Thank You**