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TO: Representative Evan Goyke
Room 112 North, State Capitol

FROM: Noga Ardon, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Shared Revenue Payments and Local Government Public Safety Expenditures

At your request, this memorandum provides information on shared revenue payments received by local governments in Wisconsin since 2001. The memorandum also provides information on local government expenditures for the purpose of public safety since 2001.

Shared Revenue and Utility Aid

In 2004, the current county and municipal aid program replaced the former shared revenue program as the largest local assistance program for counties and municipalities. The program continues to be referred to as shared revenue. Prior to 2002, shared revenue payments were based on a formula. However, since 2002, this formula has not been in effect. As a result, except in years when funding levels change with legislation, counties and municipalities receive the same amount of county and municipal aid as the prior year, subject to specific statutory reductions.

Table 1 below shows the total amounts of shared revenue received by each local government type in each year between 2001-2021. The table also shows the totals paid to all municipality types combined, as well as statewide totals. The table does not reflect the \$4.0 million reduction to Milwaukee County's county and municipal aid payment which is intended to offset a portion of the state's contribution toward the construction of the new Bucks arena, or other smaller adjustments to county and municipal aid.

TABLE 1**Shared Revenue Payments, 2001-2021**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Villages</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Municipal Total</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>State total</u>
2001	68,793,700	71,270,700	607,502,000	747,566,400	175,313,000	922,879,400
2002	69,337,500	73,802,400	611,322,800	754,462,700	176,520,800	930,983,500
2003	68,640,900	74,240,300	618,411,500	761,292,800	177,236,700	938,529,500
2004	58,161,200	69,693,800	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2005	57,905,700	69,949,300	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2006	57,094,300	70,760,600	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2007	57,094,300	70,760,600	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2008	56,891,800	70,963,100	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2009	56,849,400	71,005,600	574,628,300	702,483,300	157,219,800	859,703,100
2010	50,399,900	67,389,600	560,300,100	678,089,600	151,736,100	829,825,700
2011	50,284,300	67,505,200	560,300,100	678,089,600	151,736,100	829,825,700
2012	42,926,700	62,379,000	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2013	42,926,700	62,379,000	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2014	42,894,400	62,411,300	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2015	42,894,400	62,411,300	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2016	42,678,900	62,626,800	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2017	42,350,700	62,955,000	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2018	42,215,600	63,090,000	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2019	42,682,400	62,623,300	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2020	42,122,100	63,183,600	525,120,500	630,426,200	122,649,500	753,075,700
2021	41,847,400	63,453,300	525,131,200	630,432,000	122,643,800	753,075,700

Public Safety Expenditures

You also requested information on the amounts expended by local governments for the public safety purposes. Table 2 below displays the total amounts expended for the provision of police services, fire services, emergency communications (911), ambulance services, and correctional facilities by towns, villages, cities, and counties, as well as municipal and statewide totals for odd-numbered years between 2001-2019. This information is gathered from the Municipal Finance Report submitted to the Department of Revenue.

It should be noted that in some years, entire towns may incorporate, or portions of towns may be annexed, into villages or cities. In such cases, those municipalities' expenses would be reflected in the total for villages or cities, rather than towns, which could result in an apparent decrease in the total amount expended by towns. Additionally, public safety functions are not uniformly provided by all local governments. Some local governments may enter into agreements to either jointly provide public safety services or use the public safety services provided by other governments.

TABLE 2

Local Government Public Safety Expenditures, 2001-2019

<u>Year</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Villages</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Municipal Total</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Statewide Total</u>
2001	\$123,474,700	\$185,492,300	\$1,134,798,800	\$1,443,765,800	\$741,050,400	\$2,184,816,200
2003	139,431,200	196,248,300	1,207,880,300	1,543,559,800	824,658,500	2,368,218,300
2005	138,225,400	226,039,800	1,301,630,500	1,665,895,700	878,969,100	2,544,864,800
2007	136,709,300	257,236,100	1,385,111,200	1,779,056,600	949,292,500	2,728,349,100
2009	150,466,800	270,247,400	1,497,476,000	1,918,190,200	1,032,486,800	2,950,677,000
2011	142,612,500	281,602,900	1,541,615,400	1,965,830,800	1,107,136,000	3,072,966,800
2013	145,732,200	295,871,800	1,657,110,400	2,098,714,500	1,053,671,300	3,152,385,800
2015	152,460,000	307,710,300	1,662,634,100	2,122,804,400	1,116,336,000	3,239,140,500
2017	159,784,200	330,204,900	1,726,285,500	2,216,274,600	1,167,746,900	3,384,021,500
2019	173,082,400	353,237,600	1,798,702,400	2,325,022,400	1,260,799,700	3,585,822,100

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me with any further questions.

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