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Brooklyn Park Mayor Jeffrey Lunde joined Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans at a press conference today to voice their support for Governor Mark Dayton's investment in Local Government Aid (LGA).

The governor's proposal invests an additional \$80 million into LGA while simplifying the payment formula to provide cities with a stable, adequate funding source from the state.

"The past decade of deficits and cuts has put a major strain on the state and local partnership in Minnesota," said Commissioner Frans. "Governor Dayton's investment in LGA will restore that valuable partnership and will allow cities to count on a stable, consistent LGA program."

Governor Dayton formulated his proposal using input from the Mayors Advisory Group for Local Government Aid which held meetings over the last year to gather ideas from civic leaders from cities large and small. The mayors presented their ideas directly to the governor in a meeting in October.

"This proposal is a culmination of the hard work of the advisory group and organizations from across the state that came together to find a fair solution for Minnesota's cities and towns," said Commissioner Frans.

A new LGA formula is also being discussed by state legislators. The formula, agreed to by the League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, simplifies the determining factors from seven to three.

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