

2023 Wisconsin Act 19 Information

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) would like to inform you of [2023 Wisconsin Act 19](#), the state biennial budget bill, and the following items impacting state and local government.

1. Shared Revenue Programs

Establishes appropriation amounts for the local government fund accounts created by [2023 Wisconsin Act 12](#).

- **County and municipal aid**
 - FY2024: \$742,109,000
 - FY2025: \$753,075,300
 - FY2026 and in each fiscal year thereafter – the amount is increased by the percentage change in the amount of sales tax revenues for the previous fiscal year from the immediately preceding fiscal year
 - Paid on the 4th Monday in July and 3rd Monday in November each year
- **Expenditure restraint incentive program**
 - FY2024: \$58,145,700
 - FY2025: \$58,145,700
 - Paid on the 4th Monday in July each year
- **Exempt computer aid**
 - FY2024: \$98,047,100
 - FY2025: \$98,047,100
 - Paid on the 4th Monday in July each year
- **Personal property tax exemption**
 - FY2024: \$75,620,900
 - FY2025: \$75,620,900
 - Paid on the 1st Monday in May each year
- **Repeal of personal property taxes**
 - FY2025: \$173,800,000
 - [2023 Wisconsin Act 12](#) – exempted personal property from taxation starting January 1, 2024
 - Aid payments to taxing jurisdictions for the loss of property tax revenue on or before the 1st Monday in May beginning 2025
- **Video service provider fee**
 - FY2024: \$10,008,200
 - FY2025: \$10,008,200
 - Paid on the 4th Monday in July each year
- **Municipal services**
 - 2023-2024: \$18,584,200
 - 2024-2025: \$18,584,200
 - Managed by the [Department of Administration \(DOA\)](#)
- **Supplemental county and municipal aid**
 - FY2025: \$274,867,200
 - Created by [2023 Wisconsin Act 12](#) – payments beginning in 2024
- **Innovation grants**
 - FY2025: \$300,000,000 for innovation grants
 - FY2025: \$3,000,000 for planning grants
 - Creates secs. 79.038(1)(em) and (2)(b), Wis. Stats. – requires DOR to certify amounts of grants awarded and DOA to pay the amounts
- **Community youth and family aids**
 - FY2025: \$46,652,800
- See DOR's [Act 12 Information sheet](#) for additional information

2. School Levy Property Tax Credit

- **Creates secs. 79.10(7m)(a)1.a., and 1.b., Wis. Stats.**
 - FY2024: \$1,195,000,000
 - Payments totaling \$940,000,000 on the 4th Monday in July 2023 for 2022 property tax levies
 - Payments totaling \$255,000,000 on the 1st Monday in May 2024 for 2023 property tax levies
 - FY2025: \$1,275,000,000
 - Payments totaling \$940,000,000 on the 4th Monday in July 2024 for the 2023 property tax levies
 - Payments totaling \$335,000,000 on the 1st Monday in May 2025 for the 2024 property tax levies
 - In each fiscal year thereafter – on the 4th Monday in July, distribute \$940,000,000 for the property tax levies of the calendar year immediately preceding the distribution
 - In each fiscal year thereafter – on the 1st Monday in May, distribute \$335,000,000 for the property tax levies of the calendar year immediately preceding the distribution
- **Amends sec. 79.10(7m), Wis. Stats.**
 - Removes reference to single payment date "on the 4th Monday in July"
- **Amends sec. 79.14, Wis. Stats., and appropriation amounts**
 - FY2024: \$1,195,000,000
 - FY2025: \$1,275,000,000
- **Effective – July 7, 2023**

3. Other Local Government Changes

- **Levy limits**
 - Amends sec. 66.0602(2)(b), Wis. Stats. – adds adjustments to the levy limit base calculation for the new personal property aid under sec. 79.0965, Wis. Stats. (similar to the adjustments for the existing personal property aid under sec. 79.096)
 - Effective – day after publication
- **Utility aid payments**
 - Amends sec. 79.04(7)(a), Wis. Stats. – increases utility aid incentive payment multiplier from \$600 to \$900 for payments starting 2024
 - Amends sec. 79.04(7)(c)1., Wis. Stats. – increases utility aid incentive payment multiplier from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for payments starting 2024
 - Specific to counties and municipalities with production plants that generate power using alternative energy or are located on or adjacent to brownfields
 - Effective – day after publication
- **Compensation to counties and municipalities – impacted by a 2022 federal court decision on taxation of tribal property**
 - Court decision
 - August 15, 2022, decision specific to land within the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau and Red Cliff reservations created by the 1854 Treaty of La Pointe between the United States and those bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
 - Under the decision, the Treaty of 1854 precludes the state from taxing all real property within the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau and Red Cliff reservations if that property is owned by the tribe or by one or more tribal members, regardless of any prior nontribal ownership
 - See DOR's [Treaty of 1854 Update](#) for additional information
 - Effective – July 7, 2023
- **Property assessment**
 - New exemption from general property taxes under sec. 70.11(47), Wis. Stats.
 - All property owned or leased by the Wisconsin Cranberry Research and Education Foundation
 - Located in Jackson County
 - Consists of at least 130.5 acres of land
 - Effective January 1, 2023

- **Payments by the state and the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority to municipalities** – for water, sewer and electrical services and all other services directly provided by a municipality
 - Amends sec. 70.119(2), Wis. Stats. – to add statutory reference for new section
 - The department shall make reasonable payments for municipal services pursuant to the procedures specified in subs. (4), (5) and, (6), and (6m), except as provided in sub. (9).
 - Effective – July 7, 2023
 - Creates sec. 70.119(6)(m), Wis. Stats. – to exclude grants for fire and emergency medical services from payment for municipal services
 - In negotiating and computing the proposed payments to a municipality, the department cannot consider the municipality’s receipt of a grant under s. 45.58 to be a payment for municipal services
 - Effective – July 7, 2023
 - Amends sec. 70.119(7)(a), Wis. Stats. – to change statutory references with creation of local government fund
 - The department shall make payment from the appropriation under s. 20.835(5)(r) for municipal services provided by municipalities to state facilities. If the appropriation under s. 20.835(5)(r) is insufficient to pay the full amount under sub. (6) in any one year, the department shall prorate payments among the municipalities entitled thereto. The University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority shall make payment for municipal services provided by municipalities to facilities of the authority described in s. 70.11(38).
 - Effective – July 1, 2024
- For additional information, contact the [Wisconsin Department of Administration](#)