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### **Background**

General transportation aid (GTA) is paid to counties and municipalities to assist in the maintenance, improvement, and construction of local roads. The funding sources of these aid payments are the fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees collected by the state.

Distribution of GTA funds is based on a six-year costs average or a statutorily set rate-per-mile. Transportation-related expenditures and revenues incurred by local governments are necessary factors in the calculation process. This financial information is taken directly from the Municipal Financial Report Form that each local government files annually with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The Cost Reporting Manual provides guidance in identifying the eligible expenditures and deductible revenues that are applicable to GTA.

The GTA program enables local governments to receive state aid payments to offset the cost of county and municipal road construction, maintenance, and traffic operations/law enforcement.

### **Statewide GTA Total Allocations**

- State of Wisconsin General Transportation Aids (GTA) [2023](#): **\$526,137,000**
- State of Wisconsin General Transportation Aids (GTA) [2024](#): **\$536,659,700**
- State of Wisconsin General Transportation Aids (GTA) [2025](#): **\$547,392,900**

### **The City of Milwaukee**

- 2023 GTA allocation: **\$26,647,195**
  - ~5% of the statewide allocation
- 2024 GTA allocation: **\$26,612,030**
  - ~4.9% of the statewide allocation
- 2025 GTA allocation: **\$26,512,586**
  - ~4.8% of the statewide allocation

**Please note:** The city has received roughly 5% of the statewide GTA allocation over the past three years despite the City having 5,092 lane-miles of streets and almost 10% of the state's population.

### **City of Milwaukee 2023 Expenditure Examples:**

- Streets, traffic control, and lighting construction: **~\$43.8 million**
- Traffic control and lighting operations and maintenance: **~\$10.7 million**
- Storm sewers, bridges, underground conduit: **~\$23.6 million**
  - \* The City spent \$13 million in interest on street/transportation related debt

The City of Milwaukee's Public Works Department (DPW) expenditures greatly exceed the GTA from the state. The DPW Infrastructure Division enables the safe and enjoyable movement of people throughout the City of Milwaukee regardless of age, mode or ability. DPW Infrastructure designs, builds and

maintains Milwaukee's assets in the public right of way, including streets, bridges, traffic signals, street lighting, the storm water system, green infrastructure, sewers, and City-owned buildings and parks.

DPW-Infrastructure maintains and manages:

- 5,092 lane-miles of streets
- Approximately 180 bridges, including 21 moveable river bridges with 25,000+ annual openings
- Approximately 780 traffic signals
- Approximately 87,000 street and alley lights
- 625 miles of underground conduit
- 2,514 miles of public sewers
- Green Infrastructure that captures more than 7 million gallons of stormwater runoff