



**2017 Urban Policy Forum: A 21st Century Fiscal
Structure for Local Government in Wisconsin
Park Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin
June 7-9, 2017
DETAILED AGENDA**

The 2017 Urban Policy Forum (#UPF17) will explore a new fiscal structure for local government in Wisconsin. This ambitious, long-term project is as necessary as it will be difficult to enact. The members of the Urban Policy Forum must lead Wisconsin in this important transition; they have the knowledge and the responsibility as stewards of local government.

#UPF17 will be a day-and-a-half forum of Urban Alliance members. It will begin informally on Wednesday, June 7 with a reception, followed by a full day of panel discussions and roundtables on Thursday, a speaker Thursday night and a brainstorming session and wrap-up Friday morning. There are two host sponsors; Ehlers & Associates and WEA Trust.

Wednesday:

5:30-7:30 p.m. Casual reception.

Thursday:

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:45-10:15 Panel #1: Curt Witynski and a Local Finance Director explaining in detail what we have now.

10:15-11:45 Panel #2: Mayor Tom Barrett and a small-city or village leader on why we need an alternative.

Lunch: No speaker

1:15-2:45 Panel #3: Expert panel (Dale Knapp, Rick Chandler, Rick Olin) on the pro's and cons of what we have and speculations on what we should have.

3:00-4:30 Panel #4: Reaction panel including the Wisconsin Realtors Association and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

6:00 p.m. Dinner Speaker: Dan Gilmartin, Michigan League will address "Creating room for the discussion." An outline of Michigan's fiscal challenges and the Michigan League's long term campaign to change things.

Friday:

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00: Regional government/tax base sharing: Minnesota's experience.

9:30-11:30 Work session facilitated by UW Extension Dr. Yunji Kim. Create the future. Roundtable conversation about what a new system would look like.

Wrap up and conclude before lunch.