

Key Plan Recommendations for State Government

- Governor and Legislature should establish a task force to study and develop strategies to reduce reliance on property taxes to fund schools and local government services
- Governor and Legislature should provide exceptions to levy limits to local governments that provide exemptions for new affordable housing
- State and Federal governments should work cooperatively with private partners to ensure a housing finance system that includes private, federal, and state sources of housing capital
- Governor and Legislature should fund the Smart Growth Dividend Aid Program
- Governor and Legislature should fund a regional voucher program or assisted housing mobility program

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- Governor and Legislature should continue to fund programs such as Family Care which provide the major funding for home modifications which allows persons with disabilities and the elderly to maintain their independence
- State, county and local governments should work to fully implement the public transit element of the year 2035 regional transportation system plan to provide better connectivity between affordable housing and jobs
- Amend state law to prohibit the creation of new TIF districts in communities with a job/housing imbalance unless the TIF proposal includes steps to reduce or eliminate the imbalance
- Job/housing balance should be a criterion considered during the award of Federal and State economic development incentives

Key Plan Recommendations for State Agencies

- WHEDA should conduct a job/housing balance analysis
- WHEDA should incorporate extremely low-income households into the Qualified Allocation Plan used to award Low Income Housing Tax Credit funding
- WHEDA should consider revising the criteria used to determine LIHTC awards based on lack of affordable housing and where a job/housing imbalance exists
- WI Department of Workforce Development should document the number of migrant workers that come to the region to help quantify the need for temporary housing for workers and families