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## **City advocacy organizations receive Friend of the CGMC Award**

ST. PAUL—The League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, Municipal Legislative Commission, and Minnesota Association of Small Cities have each received the “Friend of the CGMC” Award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have helped advance the interests of Greater Minnesota.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought forth unprecedented challenges for local governments this year. As cities were dealing with the ramifications of the pandemic and business shutdowns this spring, CGMC joined forces with the four aforementioned organizations to advocate for cities across the state to receive a fair share of the federal coronavirus relief aid given to Minnesota. Throughout the spring, leaders from the CGMC and the other four groups were in contact on a daily basis — often multiple times a day — to share information, participate in joint meetings with legislators or the Governor’s office, and collaborate on strategies. By working together, the groups were able to present a shared perspective and united front when fighting for fair and equitable distribution of CARES Act funding.

“Our work with the League, Metro Cities, Municipal Legislative Commission and the Association of Small Cities highlights the power of collaboration,” said CGMC Executive Director Bradley Peterson. “The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on every city, and the CARES Act funding has been critical to their recovery efforts. The collective efforts of all five city advocacy organizations striving for the same goal was vital to bringing equitable CARES Act funding to each city in Minnesota.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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