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Minister of Children & Youth Services
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Outline

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AUMA's Provincial Budget

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AUMA's Core Recommendation:

1. Transition from the current municipal grant system to a permanent system of annual transfers with outcomes-based reporting on provincial, local and joint priorities.
2. Cap Education Property Tax Dollars at \$1.2 Billion as previously promised.
3. Stimulate the economy by continued investments in municipal infrastructure, through transfers and partnerships.

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AUMA's Response to Budget 2010

2010

Positive Points:

1. The total amount allocated to the MSI in 2010 is \$876M, (\$826M in capital grants and \$50M in operating grants).
2. The total of all focused municipal grants (the majority of which reside in Municipal Affairs and Transportation) remains similar.
3. The Green Transitive Incentive Program (Green Trip) has been funded to \$70M in 2010, with \$200M in each of 2011 and 2012.
4. The Province's commitment to fund the hiring of additional police officers in Alberta has been followed through on, to a total of \$148M.
5. The Seniors Lodge Assistance Program increased from approximately \$32M to over \$35M – an increase of 10.3 per cent.

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AUMA's Response to Budget 2010

Concerns:

1. The education portion of the property tax was increased by \$69M this year.
2. The transition of AMIP funds to MSI means that the majority of transfers to municipalities will occur through the MSI allocation formula thus funding for urban municipalities will be reduced.
3. The Municipal Water Wastewater Program has decreased by 57.2%.
4. The Municipal Sponsorship Program (MSP) has been eliminated.
5. The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) was cut by 6.4%. This is significant given the elimination of the Wild Rose Foundation and the re-direction of community groups to the CIP for funds.
6. The formula and total amount for the Municipal Police Assistance Grant remains the same, despite AUMA's vigorous efforts to make change in this area.
7. The Affordable Housing Program has been cut by 53.6 per cent.

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Thank you

AUMA appreciates all opportunities to collaborate with the Government of Alberta in working towards innovative, safe, healthy, environmentally sustainable and efficient province.

We would like to hear about your Ministry's upcoming initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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