Every Minnesotan wants to live in a vibrant community that is prospering now and into the future—Minnesotans want a hopeful future for themselves and their families. Tim Walz will build that future.

**THE ONE MINNESOTA COMMUNITY PROSPERITY PLAN** tackles the unique challenges facing towns, cities, and tribal communities across our state. Tim Walz knows we can help ensure every community reaches its full potential by listening to Minnesotans from all walks of life; giving local leaders the tools they need to succeed; and bridging the urban-rural divide. That is why as governor he would create a Community Prosperity Council that would bring together a group of diverse leaders to develop a package of funding and policy initiatives to boost local communities.

Tim’s agenda, developed through countless conversations all over the state, will spur innovation from North Mankato to the North Shore to North Minneapolis. *The One Minnesota Community Prosperity Plan invests in our communities* by finally giving them the funds they need to get their budgets on track. It offers block grants to towns and cities to help jumpstart development, inject vibrancy, and make the critical investments necessary to ensure every community isn’t just surviving—but thriving.

**CHALLENGE – FIXING WHAT TIM PAWLENTY BROKE**

- Thanks to partisan obstruction, the state has dramatically under-funded infrastructure and local government aid. This means higher property taxes, and fewer services. Quality of life for millions of Minnesotans has suffered. Communities should have libraries, parks, safe roads, and police and fire services. They need the resources to provide those services—exactly what the One Minnesota Community Prosperity Plan provides.

**SOLUTIONS:**

**Finally and Fully Fund the Essentials:**

- Across the state, fully funding our infrastructure—from roads and bridges to broadband—will remove barriers to economic growth and ensure that families have good quality of life.
- Transportation: Tim will make serious investments in roads, bridges, and transit. Tim will fight for and sign into law an increase in the gas tax to give our crumbling infrastructure the boost it needs.
- Housing: Tim will expand funding for affordable housing and workforce housing, and fund the Minnesota renter’s credit. He’ll also work with local leaders to support creative local solutions, such as the affordable housing trust funds that some communities are developing.
- Water: Tim will fully fund improvements to our state’s water infrastructure.
- Broadband: Tim will invest $300 million in high-speed internet access the state by expanding broadband service at or above the state’s 2026 speed goals. These funds will be targeted at economic development—ensuring that both unserved and underserved communities get connected at speeds to make them competitive and prosperous.

**Improve Local Services and Lower Property Taxes:**

- Local Government Aid: Tim will restore local government aid (“LGA”) to communities to pre-Tim Pawlenty levels, rolling back years of Republican cuts, and tie future annual increases to inflation (at a minimum). Over 90% of Minnesota’s communities receive LGA, yet, adjusting for inflation, they still have less per-capita revenue than they did prior to Tim Pawlenty’s cuts.
- Local Control: Tim will ensure that communities can chart their own future, by giving them the freedom to enact ordinances that protect the rights of their workers.
CHALLENGE – FINDING NEW SOLUTIONS TO SPUR GROWTH

• Each community in Minnesota faces challenges unique to their geography and economy, from a lack of access to quality childcare to rebuilding main street businesses. Not all of our communities are the same, and top-down approaches to innovation and development are not working. As Governor, Tim will listen and work with communities to find solution, just as he did in Congress. And he will give communities the resources to achieve their own solutions.

SOLUTIONS:

**Community Prosperity Grants:** Tim’s community grant plan will provide block grants to towns, cities, suburbs, exurbs, or neighborhoods within major cities to engage in innovative projects that will help spur economic development. These revenue-sharing grants will be provided to local and regional governments as follows: 85% of the project costs will be paid by the state; 10% will be paid by the county; and 5% paid by the local governmental entity.

• These grants will allow communities to unleash economic prosperity by providing public goods and services, from funding local child-care programs, to boosting local infrastructure, to training local high-skilled workers, to developing local amenities such as parks or trails.

• These grants can also fund innovative ideas that may not fit old categories. For example, they could fund creative spaces in a school or library that support the workforce needs of local business.

**Tomorrow’s Problem Solvers:** Tim will provide targeted funding at schools and colleges to encourage students to develop ideas on how to solve problems and create new jobs within their communities, and then to fund the testing and execution of those ideas.