

Joint County-City Discussion on the Budget

Goal: To better understand budget difficulties inside Dane County, a joint discussion will be held among elected legislative members throughout the County. The goal of the discussion will be to identify areas of concern within the county or municipal budgets, and discuss potential strategies of regional collaboration. It will be the expectation that ideas of future collaboration will be generated at the event, and spark more nuanced conversations at a later date.

When: A Saturday in August (for discussion, when would be the best time of year for this event? Should we wait until the budget is released or does it matter?)

Location: (For discussion)

Event Structure: The event will be a two-hour round table discussion lead jointly by the County Board Chair and Madison Common Council President. Any other member of leadership will be welcomed with a spot at the head of the table. The objective will be to spend 15-20 minutes on any topic area, possibly divided into categories prior to the event (for example: health services, streets, police, fire, etc). (For discussion, should this be limited to Madison & the County, or include other municipalities?)

Pre-event Survey: Before the event, an email will be sent to all elected legislative leaders inviting them to the event. The invitation will include an RSVP and simple survey or questionnaire regarding budget difficulties that the participant will like to discuss. This will hopefully shape the overall conversation