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2011-2013 Budget Address to the

North Dakota Legislative Assembly

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Governor Jack Dalrymple

Fund Our Priorities

On-going Revenues Exceed
On-going Expenditures

2011-13 General Fund Ongoing Revenues \$3.197 Billion

2011-13 Recommended Ongoing Expenditures \$3.185 Billion

Tax Relief

2009-11 Property Tax Relief	\$300 Million
2011-13 Property Tax Relief	\$350 Million
2009-11 Income Tax Relief	\$100 Million
2011-13 Income Tax Relief	<u>\$150 Million</u>
Cumulative Tax Relief	\$900 Million

Increased Funding for K-12 Education

Completion of Adequacy	\$ 54.3 Million
Increase in Per Student Payment Rate	\$ 32.0 Million
Supplemental Performance Pay for Teachers	\$ 7.5 Million
Transportation, Principal Mentoring, Early Childhood Education, and Other Initiatives	\$ <u>8.5 Million</u>
Total	\$102.3 Million

Mead says funding local governments is his top priority

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Although it's less than he called for, Gov. Matt Mead said the Joint Appropriations Committee's recommended budget for local government and highway funding is "a start."

This week, the committee recommended \$35 million for city, town and county governments through the consensus block grant to the counties and \$40 million to the highway fund. The money would come from the state's General Fund.

The committee also recommended allocating \$125 million for local governments in the 2013-2014 budget if revenue estimates hold.

Earlier this month, Mead recommended that the Legislature divert a percentage of severance tax dollars that go into the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund and earmark it for local governments, highways and savings.

Each of the three entities would receive about \$52 million per year under his plan. Mead wanted a permanent diversion but said he would settle for seven years.

During a media conference Thursday, Mead reiterated that financing local governments, principally for construction projects, is his top priority.

His idea, he said, was to put the money to work and take advantage of low construction costs rather than risk the funds in domestic and foreign investments.

"If we can get more funding than one-time funding that we have now, it's a good start," he said.

Mead said he intends to keep going back to the Legislature in future years to try to get the money allocated for a longer term.

Mead addressed several legislative issues during the media conference.

Regarding education, Mead said he has "no sacred cows" because it is too important.

"Accountability is what we want," Mead said.