# The League's Work with Minnesota Cities: History, Perspective and the Future Regional Council of Mayors

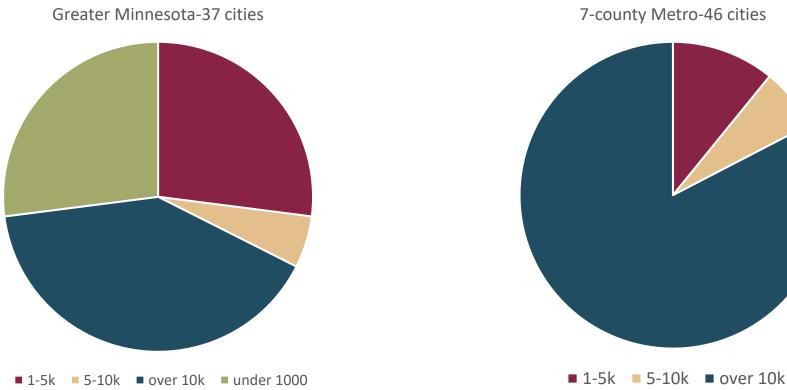
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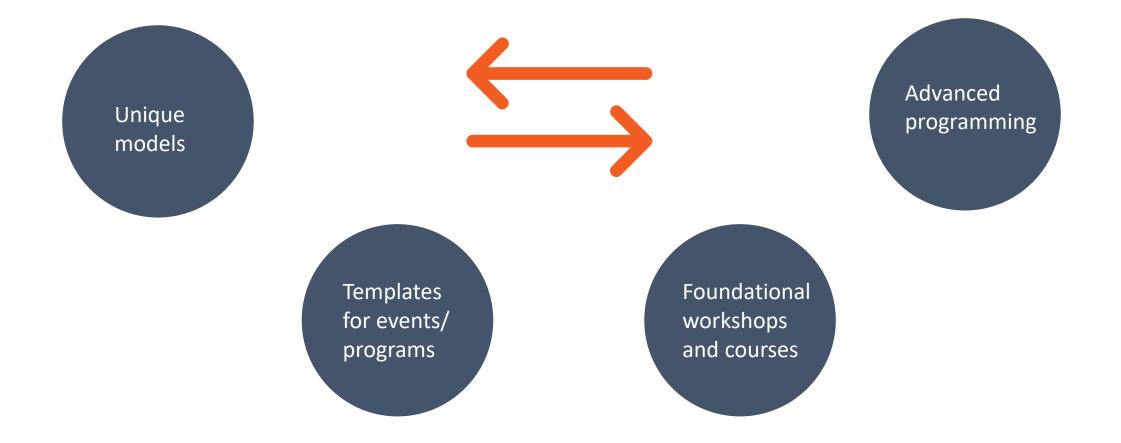
The League's work began in 2015; how we started	COMBINATION OF EMERGING MEMBER INQUIRIES AND STAFF INITIATIVE	THREE COHORTS OF GARE TRAINING
<b>PART-TIME STAFF</b> MEMBER WITH VOLUNTEERS	Description of the state of the	TWO BOARD STRATEGIC PLANS 2017 AND 2018



# Cities contacting LMC and/or attending race equity workshop



### Developing a program framework



	Migrating to DEI focus	Opportunities for all to contribute and thrive—residents, elected officials, and staff	Input of city leaders during our meetings throughout the state
	Addresses and supports unique needs of individual cities	All cities can have a role in advancing equity	Initiative of Centerville mayor and LMC President D Love

# Diversity, equity and inclusion work with Minnesota Cities

- Cities are in different places, with distinct issues
- Work is not linear
- The influence of partisanship
- Making strides takes time and is hard to do
- Work is emotionally taxing; risk reward factor
- Issues overlap with other sectors and jurisdictions
- Fulfilling the League Mission



### **DEI** Coordinator position at LMC



# Developing relationships

Guiding member services