

## Local Cuts From State Budget Looming

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Few doubt that governor Walker's budget for the next two years will include a number of cuts for local governments. La Crosse city council president Audrey Kader can only imagine how deep those cuts might be. But some of the impact on the city's budget would likely be in economic development areas. Problematic in the long run, says Kader, because it's that development that keeps growth occurring and the city's employment relatively high compared with the rest of the state. Kader says, while taxpayers may not see the immediate impact of economic development programs, they have great benefit for the city over time.