

2016 SCALE Legislative Priorities

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Government Without Borders

Working Together to Strengthen Each Other

The mission of the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE) is to forge new and innovative ways in which government entities can collaborate to provide superior services while making the most of limited resources.



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Top Legislative Priority Area



- SCALE recommends surplus state funds be used for capital projects, especially transportation, and not be rebated to taxpayers.

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Capital Investment.



- SCALE supports state bonds for the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office (due to Scott County partnership). The request is for \$25.9 million.

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Capital Investment.



- SCALE supports additional funding for Soil and Watershed Conservation Districts (SWCDs) for soil stabilization projects, such as the project by Sawmill Road in Jordan.

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Capital Investment.



- SCALE supports Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District's request for funding of its five-year flood mitigation plan.

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Capital Investment.



- SCALE supports additional general obligation bonding dollars or surplus cash for local roads and bridges, including the County Turnback Account.

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Capital investment .



- SCALE supports a request for \$2.5 million in state bonding to support the construction of the Highway 169/41 interchange. It also supports a \$7.5 million request for state bonds for the County Road 14 overpass needed to tie into frontage roads.

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A better transportation system.



- SCALE supports additional funding for road projects that impact economic development (Corridors for Commerce, TED funds).

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- SCALE opposes any legislatively-imposed sales tax for transit/transportation.

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- SCALE supports changing the condemnation process to require property owners, in cases where negotiations have failed to reach agreement and the property owner has hired an appraiser, to disclose their appraisal prior to the deadline for the governmental agency to make its final written offer.

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- SCALE supports the elimination of all legislative restrictions on the Dan Patch commuter corridor and the review of transportation opportunities in the corridor.

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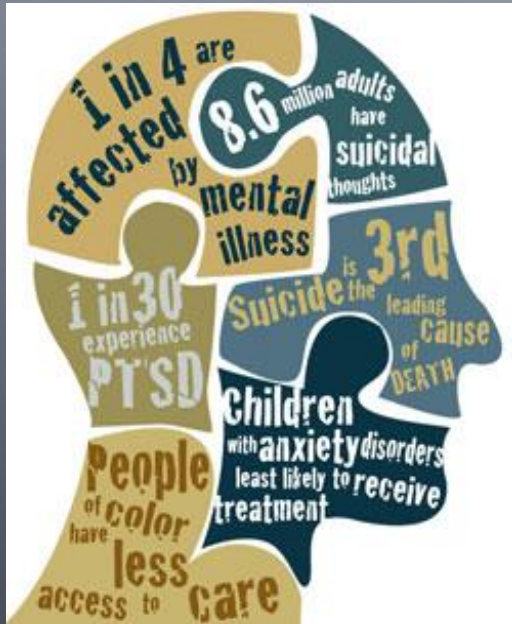
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- SCALE supports an additional \$4.5 million grant to supplement the \$2 million grant given to the Suburban Transit Association (which includes MVTA) in 2015 to provide transit service from Plymouth to Marshall Road Transit Station in Shakopee.

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A healthier Minnesota.



- SCALE supports an increase in the number of mental health crisis beds in Scott County and other reforms that promote early intervention and stabilization to reduce health care and jail costs and provide better care for those suffering with mental illness.

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A better Minnesota.



- SCALE supports early childhood education scholarships targeted for at-risk children, as well as funding for parent education and home visitation programs for at-risk families.

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- SCALE supports workforce housing grants that include funds for existing housing in need of rehabilitation.

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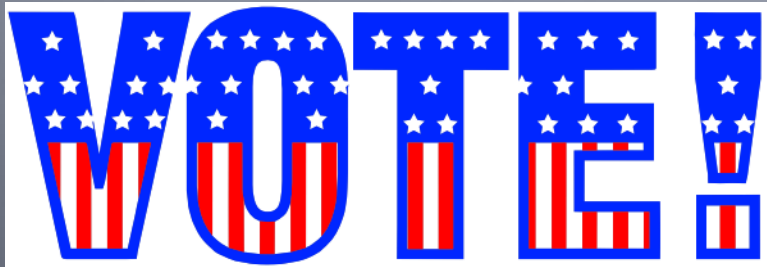
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- SCALE supports updating Minnesota drivers' licenses to meet Homeland Security requirements for identification and travel.

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- SCALE supports an election law change to permit absentee voters to put ballots into polling machines during the seven days prior to election.

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Better governance.



- SCALE supports the selection of locally elected officials to serve with staggered terms on the Metropolitan Council.

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Thank you.



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