

Mayors stand united on LGA issue

St. Paul Mayor Coleman says Republican goal is to divide and conquer

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MANKATO — A Republican plan for local government aid spares most rural Minnesota cities from deep cuts in favor of eliminating aid to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

But that's just the first step, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman said Tuesday during a stop in Mankato.

"If they get away with it, Mankato's next, along with North Mankato and New Ulm," he said. "They want to break this coalition."

Local mayors joined Coleman in defending a

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Four stand together on local government aid: from left, they are New Ulm Mayor Robert Beussman, Mankato City Council President Mike Laven, St.

Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and North Mankato Mayor Mark Dehen.

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