

UNEVEN ACCESS TO SELF-HELP TOOLS

A complex array of state laws prevent cities of all sizes from using local funding and financing measures without state authorization. To illustrate these missing tools, we've collected details on 15 sample cities' authority to use four common taxes and public-private partnerships. Some cities are missing all of these tools. However, even if

a city technically has access to a funding source it may not work for infrastructure or be adjustable to accommodate more investment. This exercise shows a very different ability to “self-help” from city to city raising fair questions about how to compete for funding in an infrastructure package that prioritizes it.

MISSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TOOLS IN FIFTEEN SAMPLE CITIES

