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The 'A' Issuer Default Rating (IDR) and GO ratings reflect Milwaukee's recent trend of structural operating deficits, temporarily mitigated by federal pandemic stimulus funds, rising but still moderate long-term liability burden, stagnant revenue growth prospects, inability to independently raise revenue and adequate expenditure flexibility. The Negative Rating Outlook continues to reflect the city's long-term structural budget gap, with Milwaukee reliant on appropriations of its tax stabilization fund and stimulus funds in recent years to balance the budget.

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