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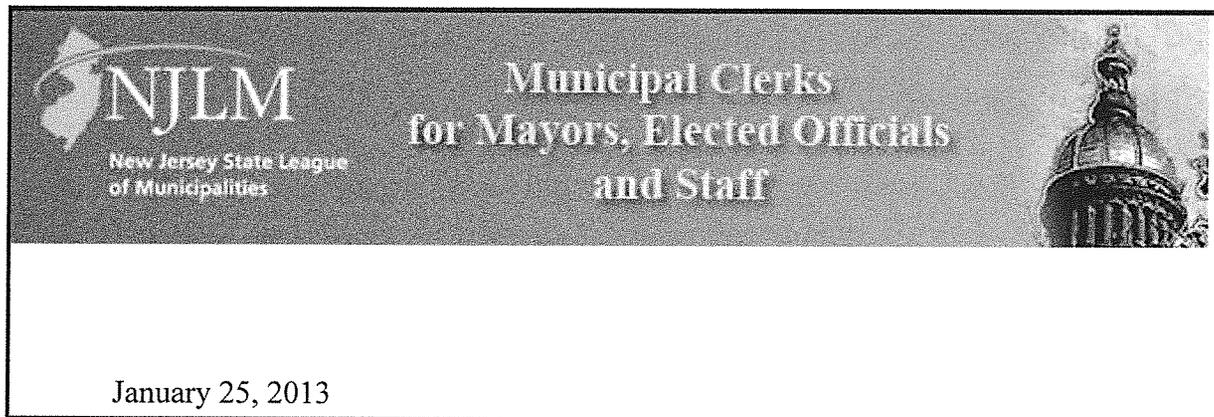
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**Re: A.Sandy Funding Update:**

**I. U.S. Senate Action Set for Monday**

**II. Please Complete NJEIT Survey to Maximize Support for New Jersey Needs**

Dear Mayor:

**I. Sandy Funding Bill Scheduled for Senate Action**

On Monday, January 28, the U.S. Senate is scheduled to take action on the Emergency Sandy Relief Funding bill (H.R. 152), which was passed by the House of Representatives on January 15. (See our January 16 letter at <http://www.njslom.org/letters/2013-0116-Sandy-Emergency-Relief.html>.)

The way for action was cleared when Senator Mike Lee of Utah was promised the opportunity to offer an amendment that would offset the funding with cuts to other programs. According to the schedule, a vote will, first, be taken on the Lee amendment. A final vote of the \$50.5 billion (by the most recent Congressional Budget Office estimates) measure will follow. Under Senate rules, each vote will require a supermajority of 60 Senators to prevail.

As you recall, back in December, the Senate had passed a Sandy funding bill on a 62-32 vote. However, the bill passed by the House this year eliminated some funding that had been added last year in order to win some Senate Republican votes.

We want to thank Senators Menendez and Lautenberg for their work on advancing this measure. We will keep you posted on the outcome.

**II. Help Make Sure New Jersey Gets Its Fair Share of the Funding**

As indicated in our January 23 letter (<http://www.njslom.org/letters/2013-0123-NJEIT-Survey.html>), the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT), in cooperation with

the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is conducting a survey, the results of which will be used to maximize emergency funding for our Garden State. At stake is grant money to fund rebuild and resiliency projects for communities and utility authorities.

The DEP, through its financing partner, the NJEIT, is collecting data to support the State's request to the Federal Government for funds for water-related repairs AND resiliency project expenses for protection against future hazards. Even if your facility was not directly impacted by Sandy, you may still be eligible for project expenses to mitigate and protect against hazardous losses in the future.

To optimize this request and maximize the total funds that ultimately get appropriated to New Jersey for water systems and flood protection, the DEP and the NJEIT are coordinating the collection of information.

**WE NEED YOUR ASSESSMENT OF TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (for both "As-Is" repairs and new "Hazardous Mitigation")**

In projecting your total water infrastructure requirements, your responses need to be ALL INCLUSIVE with respect to cost estimates relating to your infrastructure rebuild needs (e.g. we have a request for (2) generators for back-up power – a request for which we think there will be grant funds available, and as such should be included in our Assessment and final ask).

Please keep in mind that the total amount of funds being made available from the federal legislation is being appropriated through a variety of Federal Agencies, many of which the DEP does not typically deal with, but who will have appropriated funds available for DEP related infrastructure projects. As such, the DEP will be putting in funding requests to all of these agencies as part of this unique legislation. These agencies could include:

- DOD / Army Corp of Engineers (Flood control, Mitigation Planning & Design)

- Department of Agriculture (Watershed Protection, Conservation)
- NOAA (Shellfish bed assessment)
- HUD (community infrastructure)
- Historic Preservation (106 and Construction)
- Department of Interior (for Nat'l Parks)

So, again, be ALL INCLUSIVE in your total water infrastructure requirements.

Please fill out the assessment form at: [www.njeit.org/sandy](http://www.njeit.org/sandy) . It should take less than 5 minutes! (Note: THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT for funds on your part – or the State's).

If you have already submitted your information through this link, thank you for doing so. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact NJEIT at 609-219-8600.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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### URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT

**Re: B. A-1196, Public Safety Workers' Compensation, Scheduled for Assembly Floor Vote Monday, January 28**

Dear Mayor,

A-1196, (Stender, Egan, O'Donnell) which concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers, is scheduled for a vote by the full Assembly this Monday, January 28. The League **opposes** this bill and we urge you to contact your Assembly representatives immediately.

Specifically, this bill would create a rebuttable presumption that if, in the course of their employment, a public safety worker is exposed to a carcinogen, pathogen, or psychological trauma, that the resulting injury, disability, chronic or corollary illness or death is compensable under workers' compensation.

The bill is available online at:

[http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/A1500/1196\\_T1.PDF](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/A1500/1196_T1.PDF)

Clearly, as a society we must take care of our first responders. They are the first line of defense for our citizens in the face of industrial accidents, environmental incidents, terrorist attacks, and much more.

However, we must also balance our responsibility to our public safety workers with our responsibility to the taxpaying public at large. By establishing a rebuttable presumption this bill will increase costs for municipalities, and those costs will be passed on to taxpayers.

If a public safety worker is injured in any way due to their employment, they should have every opportunity to claim workers compensation benefits and to show that their injury occurred during their official duties. Unfortunately, if such a rebuttable presumption is put into law, there may be numerous employees with preexisting, non-work related injuries that will attempt to claim workers compensation benefits. In addition to higher insurance premiums, the costs of defeating a presumption will increase costs for all taxpayers.

The Senate companion, S-1778 (Greenstein) is referenced to the Senate Labor Committee. Please contact your Assembly representatives immediately and ask them to oppose A-1196. Questions can be directed to:

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
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**Re: C. League Professional Development Seminar**

***“Budget Updates”***

The sessions are identical. Register for **only one** of these programs.

**February 25, 2013**

9:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Robert Meyner Reception Center  
At PNC Bank Arts Center  
Holmdel, NJ

**OR**

**March 6, 2013**

9:00A.M.-12:30P.M.

Conference Center at Mercer  
1200 Old Trenton Rd  
West Windsor, NJ 08550

At this seminar, attendees will:

- Review recent Division of Local Government Local Finance Notices and review recent policies and regulations.
- Get an update on CY 2013 budget issues and any legislation that may affect them
- Understand the current requirements about, and how the levy cap works.
- Review current issues affecting finance officers

**Schedule:**

8:30a.m. -9:00a.m. Registration, networking and continental breakfast

9:00am-10:15a.m.-Seminar Topic and Discussion

10:15a.m.-10:30p.m.-Networking Break

10:30am-12:30p.m.-Seminar Topic and Discussion

**Presiding Mayor(s):**

- Mayor John Dean DeRienzo, Mayor of Haworth, Member of the League Executive Board (2/25)
- Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, Mayor of West Windsor (3/6)

**Presenters:**

- Christine Zapicchi, Bureau Chief, Division of Local Government Services
- Gerry Seneski, CPA, RMA, Assistant Division Director, NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services

**REGISTRATION FEE: Member Rate: \$55.00\* Non-Member: \$75.00**

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**RE: D. UPDATE ON PENSIONS, RETIREMENT, HEALTH BENEFITS, AND SERVICES**

**March 13, 2013  
Robert Meyner Reception Center  
At PNC Bank Arts Center  
Holmdel, NJ  
9:00am-12:30pm**

This seminar will focus on a wide array of topics related to Pensions and Benefits. There are new developments in the area of New Jersey's State Administered Pension Plans: changes in benefits and processing created through legislation, court decisions, and/or administrative code changes; and the continuing implementation of Chapters 92 and 103 P.L. 2007 and Chapter 89 P.L. 2008. The program will also include a Health Benefits update specifically dealing with the implementation of Chapter 78. Please join us for this timely and important seminar!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**8:30 am - 9:00 am - Continental Breakfast, Registration, and**

Networking

**9:00 am -10:15 am** - Health Benefits Update –Division of Local Government Services

**10:15 am - 10:30 am** - Networking Break

**10:30 am - 12:30 pm** - Pension and Benefits Update- Division of Pensions and Benefits

**PRESIDING MAYOR:** Mayor Wilda Diaz, Mayor of Perth Amboy City

**SPEAKERS:**

- Christopher Vaz, Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs
- Jason Martucci, Manager, Office of Local Government Research, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs
- Henry Matwiejewicz, Legislative Coordinator, Division of Pensions and Benefits
- John Megariotis, Deputy Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits

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