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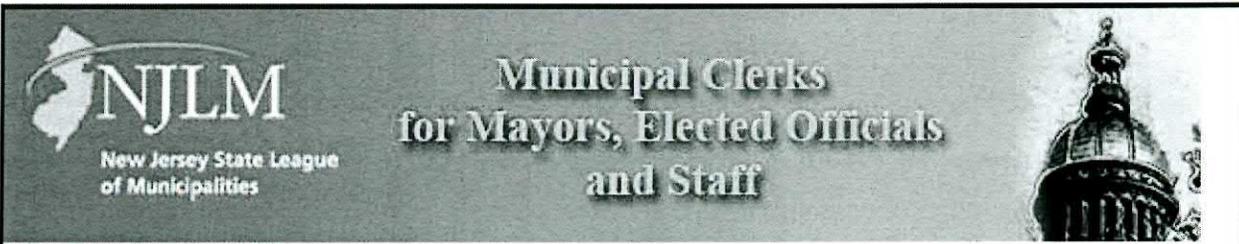
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December 21, 2011

**RE: I. Governor Signs Transitional Aid Restoration Bill**

Dear Mayor:

Governor Christie, yesterday, signed into law S-3118/A-4373, which would appropriate \$140,500,000 to DCA for transitional Aid to Localities and administrative costs. The new law authorizes enhanced State oversight of municipalities in the Transitional Aid to Localities Program.

Transitional Aid funds are only available to municipalities anticipating difficulties making payments toward nondiscretionary or critical obligations including, but not limited to, debt service, contractual obligations, and public safety payroll. And it is only available where local officials have “implemented substantive cost reduction strategies.” In addition, municipalities receiving Transitional Aid are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Division of Local Government Services, acknowledging state controls and committing to compliance therewith.

With municipal budgets hanging in the balance, timely action was needed to resolve this matter. Otherwise massive municipal program and personnel cut-backs could deny our fellow citizens access to vital life-sustaining and life-enhancing services.

By line item veto of the Appropriations Act in June, Governor Christie removed \$139 million from this program, reducing the total appropriation to \$10 million. On July 18, however, the Governor announced his support for a supplemental appropriation to provide the full \$149 million for the program in the State’s current Fiscal Year, provided State administrative expenses were covered and appropriate safeguards, regarding the use of these funds, were guaranteed.

This program is meant to help municipalities deal with extraordinary difficulties. Throughout the appropriations process, the Administration proposed a \$149 million appropriation for this purpose. That level of funding was a part of the Governor’s original budget proposal.

We applaud S-3118/A-4373, which advances Governor Christie’s decision to restore \$139 million to the Transitional Aid program. And we salute Speaker Oliver, Assemblyman Prieto and Senators Norcross and Sarlo.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**Re: II. Sustainable Jersey “Bootcamp Webinar” on January 24, 2012 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**TO REGISTER: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/708175302>**

**Dear Mayor:**

**We would like to call your attention to the upcoming Sustainable Jersey webinar on January 24, 2012.**

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Dr. Edward Mahaney, Mayor, Cape May City (Silver Certified Community)**
- **Beth Kinney, Director of Community Services or Jin Blades, Manager, Department of Community Services, City of Summit (Silver Certified Community)**
- **Medea Villere, Project Coordinator, Sustainable Jersey**

Part 2 of this webinar series will help your Green Team understand how to mobilize for certification or re-certification. Hear from speakers whose towns have reached the silver level to learn about the process that they used.

This webinar will focus on helping towns get ready for re-certification, especially at the silver level. One of the big goals of this webinar is to give you the opportunity to learn from the experts and get your questions answered by those who have already achieved silver status.

Mayor Edward Mahaney will kick off the webinar with a short overview of the process that Cape May City utilized in organizing its successful (first time) application for silver certification.

Representatives from Summit will talk about their process for getting re-certified at the silver level. They will be sure to let you know about their town’s exciting initiatives in becoming environmentally friendly, as well as detail their successes with the

Sustainable Jersey program.

Medea Villere, from the Sustainable Jersey program will be on hand to answer your questions about anything from uploading documents to what happens if you hit "submit" before you're ready!

This webinar is designed to allow participants to get answers to their questions. So we're leaving plenty of time for YOUR questions. If you'd like to submit questions in advance, please email them to [info@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:info@sustainablejersey.com) and we'll be sure to cover them during the webinar.

We hope to see you there!!

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
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**Re: III. INVITATION TO ATTEND 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAYORS'  
LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**The State House Annex**

**Committee Room 4**

West State Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

**REGISTRATION FEE: Member and Non-Member \$25.00**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Mayors' Legislative Day is a unique occasion for local leaders to interact

with individuals who are responsible for setting the agenda for **issues such as affordable housing, the funding of tax appeals, statutory funding compliance, shared services and mandates relief**. It is also a great way to hear, first hand, about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly at the start of the new legislative session. Following the Panel Discussion, local leaders will have an opportunity to ask State Leaders questions that directly impact their municipality.

Rounding out the program is the League's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame Inductees.

**Public Parking is available in the Capital Complex parking garage** which is next to the State

Museum. Proceed to the guard booth and have picture ID ready to gain access to the parking garage.

**Please complete the enclosed registration form and fax back to the NJLM, as soon as possible. Fax # (609) 695-0151.**

For program and registration form: <http://www.njslom.org/mayors-legislative-day-2012.html>

For information on 14th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame:  
<http://www.njslom.org/HallofFame2012.html>

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**Re: IV. League Professional Development Seminar: "Budget Updates"**

The sessions are identical. Register for **ONLY ONE** of these programs.

**February 3, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Robert Meyner Reception Center**  
**At PNC Bank Arts Center**

**Holmdel, NJ**

**OR**

**February 15, 2012**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Conference Center at Mercer**

**1200 Old Trenton Rd**

**West Windsor, NJ**

**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 2012 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 Topics and Discussion

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

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

**Presenters:**

- Marc H. Pfeiffer, Deputy Director, Division of Local Government Services

- Christine Zapicchi, Bureau Chief, Division of Local Government Services

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

\*Member rate applies to: Municipalities, State, County, and Municipal Utilities & Authorities.

**To register:**

- Visit [www.njslom.org](http://www.njslom.org) and click on *Services*
- Select *Calendar of Events*, Go to the date you are attending
- Download registration form, complete and fax it with your voucher to (609) 695-0151

Questions about registering – contact Suzanne Delany [SDelany@njslom.com](mailto:SDelany@njslom.com) or 609-695-3481 ext. 111

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