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Municipal Clerks: Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information we have created a [COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

Mayors Address COVID-19 Budget Shortfalls During Press Conference

If you missed NJLM's Virtual Press Conference last week, a [recording is now available](#) on the NJLM's YouTube page.

The [#MunisAreEssential Press Conference](#) addressed the current and long term effects of the revenue loss local governments are experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hardwick Committeeman and League President James Perry, Sr., Mayor of Clinton Town and First Vice President Janice Kovach, Former League President, President of the Urban Mayor's Association and Mayor of Bridgeton Albert Kelly, and League Executive Board Member and Bloomfield Mayor Michael Venezia joined this call.

Municipalities are experiencing unprecedented losses in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From deferred tax payments, losses in collected business income taxes such as the hotel tax, and the potential State cuts to property tax relief funding, municipalities must provide essential services with less resources. They will be forced to make up for these budget shortfalls, whether it be through furloughing employees, eliminating community services and events, or significant reductions in services. During this press conference, four elected officials discussed the challenges that lie ahead in terms of revenue loss, and the State's role. This press conference is part of NJLM's #MunisAreEssential campaign, a campaign to raise awareness of local budget

revenue shortfalls resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the immediate need for state and federal consideration and direct funding assistance.

Visit the [#MunisAreEssential web page](#) on the League website for more information on this campaign.

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