September 16, 2020

I. League Urges Governor to Fully Fund Clean Communities and Recycling Programs

Yesterday, the League of Municipalities wrote to Governor Murphy objecting to the proposed diversion of Clean Communities and Recycling Grant funding included in the Administration’s proposed FY 2021 budget. The State is looking to use the reallocated funding to support State Parks.

We had already contacted the Senate and Assembly budget writing committees objecting to the proposed diversions of $12 million from the State Recycling Trust Fund and $10 million from the Clean Communities Trust Fund. In the State’s last Fiscal Year, the Recycling Trust Fund provided $14.3 million in grants to municipalities to support their recycling efforts. Also last Fiscal Year, the Clean Communities Trust Fund provided $17.3 million in grants to support municipal anti-litter programs, beach clean-ups, stream clean-ups, and other local environmental activities.

When these programs were put in place, the League was successful in the inclusion of "poison pill" provisions, designed to discourage future raids on the funding. Specifically, if
the annual appropriations act does not fully fund the Clean Communities and the Recycling Grant accounts, the Director of the State’s Division of Budget and Accounting is required to notify the Director of the Division of Taxation of that failure. The statutory provisions authorizing the taxes and fees that fund both programs would then “be without effect.” In other words, this would not only create immediate gaps in local budgets, but also a significant hole in State revenues, going forward.

We have asked the Governor, to please let us know he plans to correct this issue, prior to enactment of the FY 2021 Appropriations Act.

We will keep you posted on this. In the meantime, please contact your State legislators, urging them to address these shortcomings in the state budget.

Contact: Jon Moran, Senior Legislative Analyst, jmoran@njlm.org, 609-695-3481 x121.

II.105th Annual NJLM Conference – Presented Virtually: Early Registration Pricing Before October 16

The League is here to help our members navigate through the pandemic & plan for recovery. Join us this November at the 105th Annual Conference presented virtually - no need to travel. Earn CEUs at live sessions, and watch recorded sessions on-demand for up to one year. Learn about new vendor solutions and network with peers from the convenience of your home town.

A session schedule will be available online mid-October, and in 2020 the printed Conference Program will be included as an insert in the November issue of NJ Municipalities magazine.

Register before October 1 to take advantage of an early registration discount.

III. Earn CEU Credits Right at Your Home or Office with NJLM!

a. The Kaleidoscope of Ethics Webinar

October 2, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Your Computer

CEUs: CMFO/CCFO-4.0 Eth; CTC-4.0 ETH; CPWM-4.0 ETH; RMC-4.0 Eth; QPA-4.0 Eth; NJCLE-4.0 Eth; CPC-3.5 Ethics; CPA-4.0 Eth; CRP-3.5; Planning/Zoning Board Secretary-3.5 Admin; Zoning Official-3.5 Admin; Land Use Administrator-3.5 Admin; CTA-3.0 PTA; RPPO/RPPS-4.0 Ethics; PACLE-3.5 Eth

Event Details for The Kaleidoscope of Ethics

b. Prepping For Labor Negotiations: Who Needs to be Involved, What’s Negotiable, and the Expected Costs Webinar
October 7, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Your Computer

**CEUs:** CMFO/CCFO-2.0 BUD-3.0 Off MGMT; CPWM-2 GOVT, 3 MGMT; RMC-2.0 FIN, 3.0 Prof Devel; CPA-2.0 FIN; 3.0 MAS; NJCLE-5.0; RPPO/RPPS-5.0 M/S; QPA-5.0 Off Admin/Gen Duties; PACLE-4.0

Event Details for **Prepping for Labor Webinar**

c. Personnel during a Pandemic: Rights, Obligations and Continuity of Operations Webinar

October 20, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Location: Your Computer

**CEUs:** CMFO/CCFO-4.0 Off MGMT; CTC-4.0 Gen/Sec; CPWM-2.0 Mgmt, 2.0 GOVT; RMC-4.0 Prof Devel; QPA-4.0 Off Admin/Gen Duties; CPA-4.0 MGMT; RPPO/RPPS-4.0 M/S; NJCLE-4.0; CPC-3.5: Planning Board Secretaries-3.5 Admin; Zoning Officials-3.5 Admin;, Land Use Administrators-3.5 Admin; PACLE-3.5

Event Details for **Personnel During a Pandemic Webinar**

More programming to come! Continue to check the [League seminar page](#)!