



October 28, 2022

Dear Mayor,

ALERT: The NJ Conference of Mayors continues to conduct outreach to the Governor's Office and our legislative leadership concerning the unfair and dramatically unprecedented health benefits cost hike of 22.8% imposed on local and county governments and public workers by the State Health Benefits Commission. Mayor Mironov is urging all mayors to contact the Governor's office to seek relief from this unfair action and your Legislators for support. The Murphy Administration worked out a deal with some public workers unions to hold increases to 3% for STATE ONLY public workers, however, no such deal was arranged to include local and county workers. We need to insist that an expedited and fair resolution be put in place to mitigate this huge cost burden imposed on our taxpayers.

#### **NJCM Fall Event October 2 - Follow-up**

Last month, the NJCM held a fall event Fall at the Breakers in Spring Lake. The program included a panel presentation on the development of offshore wind energy from representatives of the state and the industry, plus networking and a clam bake lunch.

Please visit our NJCM website to see pictures from the event and access the presentations by the speakers.

<https://newjerseyconferenceofmayors.com/events/>

#### **NJCM Membership Renewal**

Membership invoices have been sent to all 564 municipalities. The strength of our voice in Trenton is in our membership numbers. We strongly encourage you to renew your membership today. The 2023

Mayor gift is a quick drying short sleeve polo shirt. See attached membership renewal form. We look forward to your continued membership and look forward to added new memberships in the NJCM.

**NJCM at the NJ League of Municipalities Tuesday, November 15 through Thursday, November 17**

The NJ Conference of Mayors will once again be attending the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Please visit us at Booth #610 where you can renew your NJCM membership, pick up your 2023 NJCM “Mayors” shirt, and have your picture taken for our digital publications. The hours for the booth will be Tuesday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, November 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Stop by and visit us.

**NJDCA Small Communities Grant**

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has issued its Grant Application for the 2023 New Jersey Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (Small Cities CDBG Program). The application process was opened on October 19, 2022, in the DCA System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE). To learn if your community is eligible, see the list of municipalities and counties, in the Small Cities 2023 Final Plan at:

<http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/cdbg.html>. To learn more about the Small Cities Program, click on [https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/docs/State\\_Fiscal\\_Year\\_2023\\_Small\\_Cities\\_Final\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/docs/State_Fiscal_Year_2023_Small_Cities_Final_Plan.pdf)

**Stormwater Utilities Grant Application Deadline Extended – November 1**

As part of its comprehensive efforts to improve water quality and mitigate the worsening impacts of flooding caused by climate change, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has announced it is seeking applications for \$10 million in grants to modernize stormwater management systems and to provide technical assistance to municipal, county and utility authorities to plan to become more resilient, including conducting feasibility studies for forming stormwater utilities and resilience planning for local governments impacted by Tropical Storm Ida, that will focus on

strategies to better manage the impacts of stormwater. The deadline for filing this grant application has been extended to November 1. See link to the application and grand details:

<https://nj.gov/dep/wlm/grants/swgrant.html>

### **U.S. EPA Seeks Nominations for Local Government Advisory Committee**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a solicitation for nominations to serve on its Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), which advises EPA on critical environmental issues impacting local governments. The agency is also accepting nominations for LGAC's Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS).

Members of the LGAC and SCAS will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues, including but not limited to: advancing environmental justice, developing capacity for technical assistance at the local level, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, bolstering resilience to the impacts of climate change, enhancing the infrastructure needed to provide drinking water and wastewater services, and supporting local governments in the assessment and remediation of PFAS chemicals.

Candidates must be current elected officials representing local, state, tribal or territorial governments; officials working full-time for a government who have been appointed directly by an elected official will also be considered. Members will be appointed for one or two-year terms. [For further information click here](#)

### **New Jersey Election Information**

November 8 is Election Day. Link provides details on in-person early voting, vote by mail, and election day.

<https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>

Sincerely,

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