



Mayor Bill Chegwidden,
League President

President's Note:

Working together, the League of Municipalities can do important work that helps local governments around the state. The recent turnout in Trenton illustrates that perfectly. Local leaders shared their insights with Legislators and after some hard work and campaigning, the Legislature passed the OPRA reform bill and Governor Murphy has signed it. Not a bad way to start the summer.

This month we'll be working with Legislators to finalize the details of the 2025 State Budget. Once again, we will be working with the New Jersey Conference of Mayors urging the State Legislature and Governor to fully fund the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Act. While we appreciated the \$150 million in Municipal Aid Relief that was included in the SFY24 budget, it is long past due to fully fund Energy Tax Receipts.

Also this month, catch up on the latest classes at the [League's Mini-Conference](#), June 12, where sessions include the Ethics of AI, Sick Time Payout, the Latest Developments in OPRA, Procurement Updates from the Division of Local Government Services, and other useful topics. This day-long event is a great opportunity to learn and for licensed professionals to keep their certifications up to date.

By the time you get this, the Annual Conference's Housing System will be open. We ask that you and your team book through the official housing system on the Annual Conference website so we can support you in the preparation of the event as well as while you're in Atlantic City.

Action List: June

1. Reach out to your [State Senator and Assembly. reRresentatives](#) urging funding in the State 2025 Budget to fully restore Energy Tax Receipts.

2. [Lunch & Learn: OPRA Modernization Law](#). On Tuesday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m., the League will review the new law to modernize and reform the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).
3. [Lunch & Learn: DEP & NFIP Floodplain Management](#). On Monday, June 10 at noon, the League will host a Lunch & Learn NFIP Floodplain Management with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The League has partnered with the DEP to provide a no-cost training opportunity focusing on New Jersey specifics in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and floodplain management for local community officials. This Lunch & Learn is free with advanced registration.
4. [Lunch & Learn: Municipal Cannabis UP-date with the CRC](#). On Tuesday, June 18 at noon, the League will host a Lunch & Learn webinar with speakers from the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) to discuss recent actions by the CRC of municipal concern. Speakers from the CRC will provide an update on the cannabis consumption area rules and detail the newly released municipal licensing database tool, along with providing additional insight into other areas of interest to municipal officials.
5. [Review Budget UP-dates](#). The [Town Crier Blog](#) is a resource for information on Budget matters impacting local governments. Look at what state-level spending plans are for the Departments of the Treasury, State, and Environmental Protection in the SY2025 budget, and other useful insights.

League News: Mayors Visit Trenton to Provide Important OPRA Testimony



Plainfield Mayor Adrian O.
Mapp



Millstone Borough Mayor,
NJLM Immediate Past
President Ray Heck



Deptford Mayor Paul
Medany

Grant Center Spotlight

Municipal Stormwater Assistance Grants.

Purpose

To provide assistance to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittees with upgrades to their MS4 stormwater programs in order to comply with the requirements of the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal (issued November 30, 2022, and effective January 01, 2023).

Due Date

Extended to June 30, 2024

Details

Approximately \$19 Million in grants are available, with \$75,000 for eligible MS4 permittees formerly classified as Tier B and \$25,000 for the existing Tier A permittees to upgrade their MS4 Stormwater Programs to better align with the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal funding is being made available to MS4 permittees under this grant program.

Each of the 101 Tier B permittees reassigned as a Tier A on July 1, 2022, is eligible to apply for \$75,000.

The remaining 456 Tier A permittees are eligible to apply for \$25,000. Distribution of funds is at the sole discretion of the Department. All unclaimed remaining funds will become part of future grant funding opportunities. The timeline for distribution of the grant funding is shown below, but, because the funds will be distributed on a rolling basis, municipalities are encouraged to submit the required information as soon as possible. requirements.

Applications

[Existing Tier A Municipalities application \(PDF\).](#)

[Tier MS4 Permit and Grant Application \(PDF\).](#)

Submit To

Applications must be submitted to stormwatermanager@deg.nj.gov.

Additional Information

[Download the NOFA 12 page \(PDF\).](#)

Contact Information

Email stormwatermanager@deg.nj.gov or [Visit the Municipal Stormwater Assistance Grants Program Website](#)

Get to Know Your Executive Board



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Mayor David DeGiralamo, MD, DMD, is in his first term on the Union Township Committee and was elected by his colleagues to serve as Mayor. He was elected to the League's Executive Board in 2022.

DeGiralamo has focused his efforts on building communications between the committee and township residents, largely through a 16-page quarterly newsletter (called The People's Press) that he initiated and writes in its entirety and a monthly "Mayor's Letter." In addition, Mayor DeGiralamo also has championed community events throughout the year, including an inaugural tree lighting ceremony last December, an inaugural springtime gathering (called FinnFest) and a first-of-its-kind spectacle called "The Hunterdon Games," a friendly, but intense, competition pitting eight municipalities in the North Hunterdon region against one another on various events, like Tug of War, pie eating, kickball, and spelling bee.

Dr. DeGiralamo completed his undergraduate training at Duke University, where he received a B.S. in Psychology and Neuroscience, his medical school training at UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and his medical residency training at UCLA Medical Center.

He also is a graduate of the Harvard Business School (at which he received his MBA) and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (at which he received his DMD). He currently works as both an owner of a medical device-focused investment fund and a general dentist in the Flemington area. DeGiralamo has two children, Dominic and Juliet.



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Magazine Moment

The June issue of *NJ Municipalities'* focuses on Community Celebrations. From preparations for the nation's 250th Celebration, featured on the cover, to more local efforts, such as Deerfields 225th and Deptford's annual efforts, celebrations are part of the glue that keeps communities close.

"In these days of social media, it is more imperative than ever for residents to hear from us and to meet us in person and what better opportunity than to actually meet local officials in a comfortable atmosphere?" – Deptford Mayor Paul Medany

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And please consider writing an article for the magazine. We're committed to sharing your success stories and concerns in the form of articles and op-eds for the publication. See the [author's guidelines](#) for more information, or [email Managing Editor AmY. S12iezio](#). We're now seeking submissions for the October issue (due August 10).

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