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Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 4:07 PM
To: Lashway, Lisa
Subject: From NJLM - Three Mayors Letters

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

May 6, 2009

Re: I Civil Service Emergency Rule

**Re: II NJN Open House: Getting Your Message out in New Jersey's "New"
Media Environment**

Re: III Economic Recovery Update: Community Development Block Grant

Re: I. Civil Service Emergency Rule

Dear Mayor:

On March 25, 2009, The Civil Service Commission promulgated an Emergency Rule providing for temporary layoffs including staggered temporary layoffs. On April 17, 2009, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey upheld the Emergency Rule. The decision, however, stayed the provision of the Emergency Rule that permitted staggered temporary layoffs pending review of the negotiability of staggered temporary layoffs by the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, PERC is scheduled to hear arguments regarding the negotiability of a staggered temporary layoff as set forth in the Emergency Rule. The union's have filed unfair practice charges and requests for interim relief with PERC challenging the Emergency Rule's staggered temporary layoff provision and the temporary layoffs sought to be implemented by the State, the Borough of Washington and the Township of Maplewood.

The League has pledged its support of the State's position in upholding the Emergency Rule regarding the temporary layoffs and staggered temporary layoffs for civil service municipalities. The League is also supportive of the position taken by the Borough of Washington and Township of

Maplewood with respect to the union's challenge to the alternatives to layoffs and temporary layoffs sought to be implemented by these municipalities. We will be sending a letter on this to PERC. And, we will keep you posted of any developments. If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext.121.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: II. NJN Open House: Getting Your Message out in New Jersey's "New" Media Environment

Dear Mayor:

Please circulate to your fellow Elected Officials, Economic Development Director and appropriate Department Heads.

I am inviting you to an Open House for Government Agencies at the NJN Trenton Studio on Thursday, May 21 from 9 am to noon. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is cosponsoring the Open House with NJN Public Television & Radio and will offer a panel discussion entitled, **Getting Your Message Out in New Jersey's "New" Media Environment.**

In a one-hour presentation, NJN will talk to you about some of their services of which you might not be aware – services that can help you and your organization maximize production and marketing dollars and reach a statewide audience.

NJN will introduce you to The Production Center at NJN, opportunities for Sponsorship and Media Campaigns, and tell you how to submit your stories to *NJN News*. You'll also have a chance to talk with NJN staff one-on-one about your specific production and marketing needs. Tours of the facility will be offered.

At 11 am, the League will hold a panel discussion on how technology offers new tools and opportunities for you to communicate your message to your constituents. Panelists will include public information officers, media specialists and Mayors. Please visit njn.net for more details. There is no fee, but registration is required.

You can register online at njn.net – just click on OPEN HOUSES on the homepage – or call (800) 553-2303. This is one of three Open Houses offered by NJN this spring. An Open House for Small Businesses and Event Planners is scheduled for June 17.

If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to email or call me or contact JoAnne Ruscio at NJN at (609) 777-3993 or jruscio@njn.org. And please share this email with anyone you

think might be interested.

I hope to see you on May 21. Agenda attached below.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director, New Jersey League of Municipalities

**Government Agencies Open House Agenda
Thursday, May 21
9 am to noon**

9:00 am Coffee and networking

9:30 am Welcome
Presentations

- NJN Programming Sponsorship & Media Sales: TV/ Radio/Web
- The Production Center at NJN
- NJN News

10:30 am Opportunity to talk with NJN staff across from video wall
Tours of NJN Studios

11:00 am Panel discussion – **Getting Your Message out in New Jersey’s “New” Media Environment.**

Hosted by The NJ State League of Municipalities

Re: III. Economic Recovery Update: Community Development Block Grant

Dear Mayor:

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development has released application guidance for the **Community Development Block Grant** program under the Economic Recovery Act.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

HUD will allocate \$1 billion in CDBG grants to nearly 1200 local governments and the states.

Although CDBG grants allocated under the Economic Recovery Act are very similar to regular CDBG grants, there are some specific differences identified in the guidance below. For instance,

projects involving casinos, aquariums, zoos, golf courses, and swimming pools are prohibited. Also, local governments must prioritize projects that can award contracts within 120 days of the grant agreement.

CDBG entitlement municipalities must submit their CDBG applications in the form of a substantial amendment to their program year 2008 action plan to their HUD field office by June 5, 2009. State applications are due to the HUD field office by June 29.

HUD is also permitting municipalities that have not yet applied for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds under the Economic Recovery Act to combine their applications for both the Homeless Prevention grant and the CDBG grant into a single substantial amendment. *However, cities choosing to do this are required to send their combined application to their HUD field office by **May 18**.*

- [Community Development Block Grants Main Page](#)
- CDBG Allocations by [City and State](#) (excel file)
- CDBG [News Release](#)
- CDBG [Application Guidance](#)

If you have any questions please contact Jon Moran at (609) 695-3481 ext. 121 or jmoran@njslom.com

Very truly yours,

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