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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.

I. Federal Update – No Direct State and Local Government Funding

Congressional Leadership announced an agreement on a COVID-19 relief package, which is expected to be voted on Monday. Excluded from that agreement is direct funding for state and local governments.

The deadline to utilize existing CARES funding will be extended by a year from December 2020 to December 2021.

The legislation extends the existing eviction moratorium until January 2021 and provides \$25 billion for emergency rental assistance. Also of note for the states, the package includes \$45 billion for state transportation departments and Amtrak, \$82 billion for schools, \$69 billion for vaccine distribution and contact tracing, and \$13 billion for expanded food stamps.

The agreement also includes stimulus checks of up to \$600 per person, depending on 2019 earnings, an extension of unemployment benefits of up to \$300 per week, and \$275 billion for more Paycheck Protection Program.

Lawmakers reached a compromise on Federal Reserve programs which had been a sticking point.

On Sunday night, Congress approved another continuing resolution extension, this one for one day to avoid a government shutdown to pass this COVID relief legislation and government funding through September.

As more details emerge we will continue to keep you updated.

Contact: Paul Penna, Legislative Analyst, ppenna@njlm.org, 609 695-3481, x110.

II. Planning for NJ Local Government Week: Showcase your Municipality!

Have you started planning events for NJ Local Government week, April 18-24, 2021? Need tips on how to celebrate? Visit the League's website for a ["how to" packet with ideas](#) ranging from basic, no cost activities to some that are more complex.

Be sure to tag your social media posts with #njlocalgovt, and utilize the NJ Local Government Week logo that the League has provided by downloading from the League website.

Visit the League website for [tips, suggestions and a logo created to help promote your events](#).

III. Municipal Salary Guide Available

Let the New Jersey Municipal Salary Report help you prepare for your upcoming budget year. This valuable data includes salaries for over 40 municipal positions, and data for 244 municipalities. This digital publication is delivered as a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet, allowing you to sort and compare data according to your municipality's needs. The data was gathered from a recent survey conducted by the League. [View the full list of positions and municipalities](#) included in this report on the League's website.

For pricing and ordering instructions, please [visit the League's website](#).

Contact: Suzanne Allen, sallen@njlm.org or 609-695-3481 x129.

IV. Let Your Vendors Know About NJ Municipalities Magazine!

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these

vendors know about the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of their marketing messages and supports the League as an organization in the process.

Contact Taran Samhammer at tsamhammer@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!

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