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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. FEMA Grant Application Process Opens for Flood Mitigation Assistance and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Programs

NJLM would like to make communities aware that FEMA has opened the application process for the [Flood Mitigation Assistance grant](#) and the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) grant. The application process closes for both programs January 21, 2021.

These grants are used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings that are insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. Projects are selected based on the cost-effectiveness and eligibility of the proposal.

The new BRIC grant is for pre-disaster mitigation activities and replaces FEMA's existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation program. BRIC will offer \$500 million in grants nationally for states

and communities throughout the nation to design and begin new infrastructure projects that will reduce future disaster recovery costs. The program will also provide incentives to local governments to adopt and enforce modern building codes.

FEMA is also opening the application period for the Flood Mitigation Assistance grants. There is \$160 million available in flood mitigation grants, with \$70 million of that amount set aside for [community flood mitigation projects](#).

Applications for both programs must apply for funding using the new [FEMA Grants Outcome \(FEMA GO\)](#). Please direct questions to the FEMA Office of External Affairs Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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

II. 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!

III. Upcoming NLC Learning Opportunities

For your information, we are sharing the following from our federal partners at the National League of Cities (NLC).

a. US Mayors Roundtable: Will Washington Bring Jobs to Our Cities?

Thursday, October 15 | **3:00 PM ET**

Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia, SC, hosts Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock in conversation about jobs in their cities in the wake of COVID-19 and how they are working to revive and rebuild their economies. [Register to join the conversation.](#)

b. Webinar | How Equitable Fines and Fees Strengthens Financial Security For Families

Tuesday, October 20 | **1:00 PM ET**

Join NLC and Mayor Melvin Carter of the City of Saint Paul, MN for an engaging virtual presentation and discussion on key lessons learned from the CAFFE initiative and hear from local leaders about why reforming these crucial systems, through an equitable lens, can build financial security for all residents. [Register for the virtual presentation.](#)

c. Virtual Convening | National Housing, Hazards, and Health Municipal Convening

Tuesday, October 20 | 12:45 PM ET

In partnership with the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, NLC will host a virtual convening of local leaders, partner organizations and national experts to exchange key learnings and ideas on how best to address today's most pressing housing issues to advance the most promising policies and practices for all communities. [Event registration.](#)

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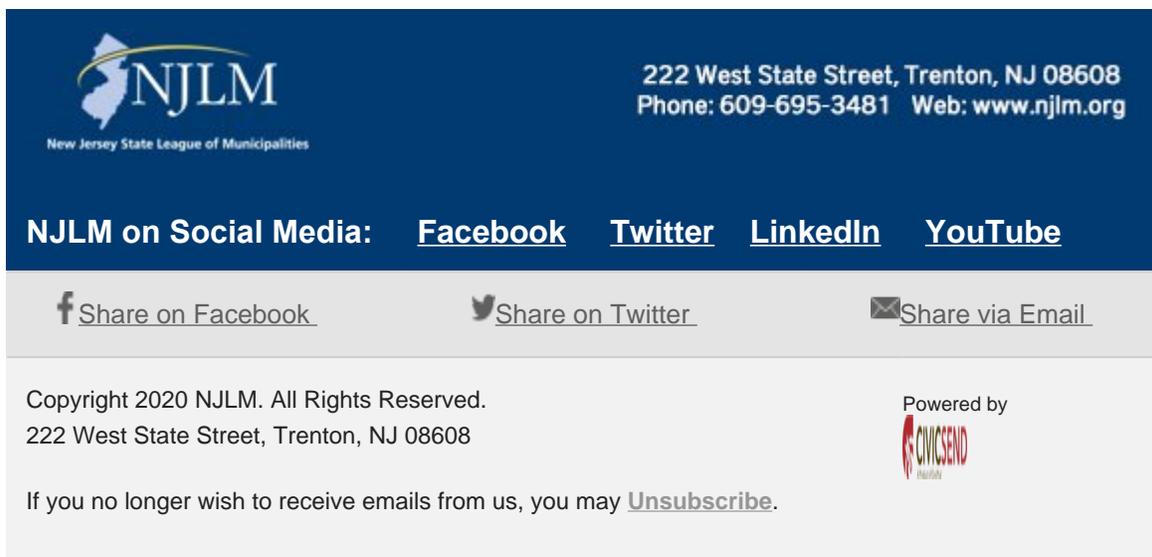


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