

Transitional Aid Application for Application Years CY 2010/SFY 2011
Division of Local Government Services
Department of Community Affairs

General Instructions: This application must be submitted in its entirety by July 16 (for CY 2010) and September 30 (for SFY 2011) for funding consideration under this program. Information contained in the application is subject to independent verification by DLGS. Refer to Local Finance Notice **2010-14** when preparing this application for specific instructions and definitions.

Name of Municipality:		TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER		County:	CUMBERLAND
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Population:	* 8196 * Includes Prison Population (4401)				

I. Aid History

List amount of Discretionary Aid (Extraordinary, Special Municipal, or Capital Cities) received for the last three years, if any:

Prior Year	Previous Year	Previous less one year
\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

II. Aid Request for Application Year

Amount of aid requested for the Application Year:	\$ 462,093
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An aid request does not constitute guarantee of receipt of any funds.

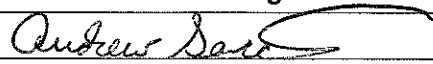

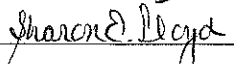
III. Submission Requirements

Without exception, the following items must be submitted with or prior to submission of this application. Indicate date of submission of each.

Item	Date Submitted to DLGS
Prior Year Annual Financial Statement	2/5/10
Previous Year Annual Audit	5/28/10
Previous Year Audit Corrective Action Plan	5/28/10
Application Year Introduced Budget	4/12/10
Budget documentation submitted to governing body	2/10/10

IV. Application Certification

The undersigned herewith certify that they have reviewed this application and, to the best of their ability, find its contents to be true and that it accurately portrays the circumstances regarding the municipality's fiscal practices and need for financial assistance. By submitting the application, the municipality acknowledges that the law provides that the decision of the Director regarding aid awards is final and not subject to appeal.

Official	Signature	Date
Mayor: Andrew Sarclette		7/13/10
Governing Body Presiding Officer: Andrew Sarclette		7/13/10
Chief Financial Officer: Sharon E. Lloyd		7/13/10

V-A. Explanation of Need for Transitional Aid

Explain the circumstances that require the need for Transitional Aid in narrative form. Include factors that result in a constrained ability to raise sufficient revenues to meet budgetary requirements, and if such revenues were raised, how it would substantially jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the municipality. (See item B-5 in Local Finance Notice 2010-14 for details)

1. Loss of CMPTRA State Aid –Continuing Problem that can't be ignored

We are compelled to again **emphasize** there is a permanent annual loss in Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid because of the **quirk in the formula** for the payment in lieu of taxes and Municipal Property Tax Assistance Aid amounts which would have been rolled into CMPTRA. The estimated cumulative **loss in state aid** for payments in lieu of taxes and Municipal Purpose Tax Assistance from 1992 through 2010 is **\$1,967,557**. **Therefore, our CMPTRA is permanently and unfairly understated, burdening the Township financially.**

2. Pinelands Aid – NONE

While **Pinelands Aid** had helped to soften this loss in 1996 through 2002, **this annual aid in the amount of \$108,516 was discontinued as of 2002**, and, therefore, is not available to counter the severe revenue loss due to County farmland assessment appeals, state land takeovers, mandated cost increases and the stifling affects of Pinelands regulations. Plain and simple, the Pinelands injustice continues and blocks any appreciable revitalization.

3. Special Legislation – Not available

In the 1999 and 2000 budget years, special legislation was passed to provide \$230,000.00 in PILOT Aid. This was provided while negotiations were ongoing for possibly hosting a Sexual Predators Unit within the Bayside State Prison compound. Due to outside opposition/pressure from neighboring communities, Maurice River withdrew their support from this project. Upon doing so the special PILOT Aid was withdrawn. **No special PILOT Aid has been received for 2001-2010.**

4. Landfill Closure – Continues to be an Ongoing Problem hanging over our heads

5. Property Tax Base – Basically a Pinelands Legislation Effect

The property tax base presents some unique problems. Of the total 3,684 tax line items, approximately **700** remain in tax lien. The main point is that the tax base is decreasing due to quit claim deeds issued by taxpayers no longer desiring to pay on properties considered worthless due to Pinelands Legislation. **Foreclosing on these liens is very expensive and may never translate into revenue as they are in the Pinelands.** Many of the lien properties are very small and are owned by several individuals. In addition, Pineland regulations require that **ninety (90)** of these properties be amassed for **one** buildable lot.

The Pinelands Commission has been pursuing a unilateral decision to re-zone the sole remaining commercial area on Route 347 as "**forestry**". This will not appear to help us increase our revenues.

6. Sale of Foreclosed Property – None left

There are **no properties considered favorable to sell**. The majority of foreclosed property is considered worthless either because it is under water, too small or otherwise useless. As a result, the market value of foreclosed property is significantly less than the assigned values on the balance sheet.

Past and present storms, flooding, beach erosion and bay encroachment caused the situation. Several streets, which once featured quite valuable beachfront homes, are now actually under bay water.

While there are minimal opportunities remaining, we will consider selling, when feasible, all quit claim and foreclosed property.

7. Tax Appeals and Revaluation

Each year we point out that the largest Township taxpayer won a \$7,000,000 appeal in the state tax court for tax year 1997. Another appeal was granted in 2007 in the amount of \$815,800 and while not as large, it does represent a continued decline in the tax base, which is expected to continue.

In 2010, the new Revaluation takes effect and is causing turmoil due to certain significant changes in assessments. Some properties are tripling and when added to the high tax increase, residents are understandably upset to say the least.

We anticipate a large number of appeals of which no provision has been made for the financial affects.

Let us not forget the additional cost to pay for the Revaluation required by the County. The Tax Assessor is currently working on 77 appeals, regarding the new revaluation, which will have an unaddressed, negative effect on surplus.

8. Environmental Responsibilities

We have accepted that our geographic location presents a needed responsibility to support this wild and scenic designation. To some these are just words but to us it presents ongoing dilemmas as follows:

- A. Once Route 55 was complete, there has been a throng of visitors dumped into our community as they make their way through to the shore area or environmentally sensitive wild and scenic areas. What that means to us throughout the year are traffic jams, continual ambulance sirens due to accidents on our roadways, trash and debris and other problems. There is virtually no revenue from these naturalists and vacationers.
- B. We have the responsibility to maintain the environmental integrity of **95 square miles of property** within the Township, along with the roadways. We also have the responsibility to maintain an OEM Building that we cannot afford, which entails providing infrastructure for Cumberland County as an Emergency response treatment location in case of the Bay flooding or hurricanes. In addition, there is a nuclear plant within our scope of response needs. Maurice River Township is a

major evacuation route for shore communities; therefore, we must be prepared for all catastrophic events. Our designated centers for emergency housing do not have generators. It is estimated that these generators would cost approximately \$200,000. We do not receive any funding to provide this health and safety assistance, catastrophic response capability or temporary shelter facilities. These capabilities to a certain degree, serve the entire State and transient traffic, not just our Township or County.

9. Bayside and Southern State Prisons and Ancillary Facilities - \$0 Aid

These facilities include the following:

- A. Southern State Prison
- B. Bayside Prison
- C. Prison Farm
- D. Separate Minimum Security Prison
- E. Two Administrative Buildings
- F. A Sewer Plant
- G. Two DOT Gas Stations along with a Maintenance Facility

When it suited the statewide residents and officials, these prison facilities were located on Rt. 47, which is the prime highway frontage property in our Township and encompasses 1,600 acres of prime land, which would otherwise be available, through tax ratables, to support our budget. **The NJDOC has periodically increased the number of inmates by constructing additional bed facilities on the grounds of Southern State Correctional Facility.** The Department of Corrections constructed a new 352-bed unit (opened July 23, 2003) of which no in lieu of Tax arrangement was made.

In addition, a Southern Regional refueling station was added on Route 47, similar to that constructed in Dennis Township. While Dennis Township receives approximately \$45,000.00 per year in aid, **Maurice River Township received** nothing and was not even allowed a meeting to discuss this disparaging difference in treatment. **This is also a disgrace.**

By comparison, the City of **Bridgeton received \$1,800,000** per year for being a host community for one state prison and based on a per capita rating, receives over \$400 per inmate. Also, it is our understanding that **Camden continues to receive** funding as a host community, reportedly over **\$5,000,000 per year for a prison which has been closed.** This is the ultimate example of unfair treatment. **Remember we receive nothing!!! We're told that Maurice River Township only wanted hiring preference – only 12 ½% of the correction's officers working in our prisons are residents of Maurice River Township!**

When a fire or other emergency occurs at the prisons, it is our four fire districts that respond and at considerable time, energy and expense of our residents.

Transitional Aid is the name of the aid this year. We want to make it clear that we would not need or be requesting any aid if the prison parity funding were addressed. Transitional Aid appears to be the only vehicle to keep us afloat this year. It is genuinely with great emotional discomfort and embarrassment that we are in this position, which is so obviously caused by State Mandates, Pinelands Commission regulations and the prison situation. **What we really need is for the state to rectify the funding disparity between Maurice River Township and other host communities. In the meantime, Transitional Aid is absolutely needed.**

10. School Tax Situation – While not specifically to be addressed with Transitional Aid

Our Township feeds the Millville School District and borders the Vineland Abbott School District. These neighboring municipalities have the benefit of providing more educational opportunities due to the funding provided as they are part of the "special 30 needy districts". Formulas being what they are, our struggling municipality does not appear to receive a fair share of State Aid. While we understand that

Transitional Aid is not to consider this, **we still experience an inequity** expressed as an additional contribution for the reserve for uncollected taxes.

V-B Alternate Eligibility Calculation

Complete this section only if Discretionary aid **was not** received in the prior year. If the requirements of this section are met, this application must also reflect that the criteria in Section B, items 2-7 of Local Finance Notice 2010-14 are met.

Part 1 calculates loss of equalized value. If there is a loss of *2% of equalized value*, the eligibility criteria is met and the rest of the form does not have to be completed.

If 2% the criteria is **not** met, continue with Part 2 to identify individual revenue losses (exclusive of State CMPTRA/ETR formula aid reductions) or specific, extraordinary appropriation increases (pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2010-14, Item B-8).

Part 1 – Eligibility of Value Loss	Current Year County Equalization Table County Apportionment (a)	Prior Year Director's Table Equalized Value (b)	Decrease (c)
Equalized Value Reduction			
Percent of loss from prior year (c) divided by (b) as percent: If this exceeds 2%, stop and proceed to the next page.			

Part 2 – Demonstration of Revenue Loss/Substantial Cost Increase

Complete Part 2 if eligibility was not met in Part 1. Show extraordinary revenue losses (exclusive of State CMPTRA/ETR aid reductions), but not as the aggregate of many revenue line items; or specific, extraordinary appropriations. Describe the item on the cell below each entry.

Revenue or Appropriation	Prior Year Value	Current Year Value	Amount of Loss/Increase
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
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Description:			

V-C Actions to reduce future need for aid

Detail the steps the municipality is taking to reduce the need for aid in the future. Include details about long-term cost cutting and enhanced revenue plans, impact of new development, potential for grants to offset costs, and estimated short and long-term annual savings. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. Electricity Co-op

Maurice River Township has signed on with South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC), comprised of Cumberland, Salem, Camden, Gloucester, Cape May and Atlantic Counties for electric service, with Camden County serving as the lead agency. Bid opening is July 22, 2010.

2. Public Works Department

At one time we had 20 employees in the Public Works Department. At this time, through attrition, we are down to four, full time employees, and a part time Certified Public Works Manager (retiree) that is paid \$1,248 annually. We realize the emphasis the State in communicating to municipalities to reduce staffing and salaries. This is an example of where we have already reduced staffing and salaries and we humbly ask that you consider the challenge for us to maintain roads, recreation areas and our municipal complex with minimal DPW staffing.

A system of sharing public works equipment between the County and various municipalities is being worked on whereby users would be able to "rent" the equipment from each other on an as needed and available basis.

We are looking into ways to maximize our efforts by possibly coordinating with the Cumberland County DPW on future snow removal and road pot-hole repairs. We are pursuing every cost/time saving avenue conceivable in order to maintain our roads and properties with limited staff and equipment.

3. Salaries and Wages

Our entire full time staff has verbally agreed to discontinue their negotiated 3 ½% salary increase for the year, effective July 17, 2010. As we are a civil service town, we're sure you understand the significance of this greatly appreciated effort of our employees to address our property tax problem which has been exacerbated by the revaluation and its impacts.

We feel that our limited staff of primarily one person offices works efficiently and our departments are maximized through cross-training and interoffice support.

4. Municipal Court

We have been in discussion with neighboring communities (Commercial Township/Lawrence Township & the City of Millville) and continue to research the feasibility of a Shared Service arrangement for our Municipal Court. We are working

diligently with the Cumberland Development Corporation (CDC) on this venture.

4. Marine Area Responsibilities

As a community that borders the Maurice River and Delaware Bay, our DPW must constantly maintain the roads, berms, dikes, and bulkheads to provide safe access to our residents. Our emergency response, emergency management, fire district and other volunteers, have an ongoing responsibility to resolve any problem regarding the Bay and River areas. This adds a huge responsibility due to the nature of the tributaries and sanctuary areas.

5. Cumberland Development Corporation (CDC)

Maurice River Township is a member of the Cumberland Development Corporation which is exploring additional shared services throughout Cumberland County including:

- Animal Control & Sheltering Services (*also includes Salem County)
- Shared Court Systems
- Consolidation of Tax Collection and/or Tax Assessment Systems
- Health Insurance Cooperative
- Public Works Cooperative (shared equipment use, snow removal, etc.)
- Bulk Purchases of Offices Supplies
- Grant Funding Opportunities

The County will work with Upper Deerfield and CDC on a proposed study of shared services across eleven municipalities based on grant funding expected from NJDCA for this purpose in the near future.

- Grant Funded Shared Service Studies (code enforcement, personnel, public works, convenience center hauling, cooperative pricing/purchasing.)

VI. Historical Fiscal Statistics

Item	Actual Previous Year	Actual Prior Year	Introduced Application Year
1. Property Tax/Budget Information			
Municipal tax rate - Actual	\$.342	\$.412	\$.389
Municipal tax rate – Restate for Reval	\$.163	\$.199	\$.389
Municipal Purposes tax levy	494,514.48	603,607.13	1,175,772.13
Municipal Open Space tax levy			
Total general appropriations	3,567,994.80	3,664,293.00	3,406,964.46
3. Cash Status Information			
% Of current taxes collected	93.06%	92.64%	%
% Used in computation of reserve	91.00%	93.06%	92.5%
Reserve for uncollected taxes	\$ 519,689.54	\$ 458,772.31	\$ 546,741.17
Total year end cash surplus	\$ 826,016.54	\$ 824,065.54	
Total non-cash surplus	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	
Year end deferred charges	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	
4. Assessment Data			
Assessed value (as of 7/1)	\$ 144,603,687	\$ 146,531,060	\$ 302,578,980
Average Residential Assessment	80,443	81,198	169,930
Number of tax appeals granted	1	1	
Amount budgeted for tax appeals	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Refunding bonds for tax appeals	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
5. Full time Staffing Levels			
Uniformed Police - Staff Number	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total S&W Expenditures	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Uniformed Fire - Staff Number	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total S&W Expenditures	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
All Other Employees - Staff Number	13 FT, 16 PT	14 FT, 13 PT	12 FT, 17 PT
Total Budgeted S&W Expenditures	\$ 816,642	\$ 813,981	\$ 802,204

*SEE ATTACHMENT WITH EXPLANATION OF STAFFING CHANGES

6. Impact of Proposed Tax Levy

	Amount
Current Year Taxable Value	\$302,578,980
Introduced Tax Levy	1,175,772
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate .389	Average Res. Value (#4 above) 169,930
Current Year Taxes on Average Residential Value (#4 above)	661
Prior Year Taxes on Average Residential Value	335
Proposed Increase in average residential taxes	326

VII. Application Year Budget Information

A. Year of latest revaluation/reassessment

2009 Effective 2010

B. Proposed Budget – Appropriation and Levy Cap Information

Item	Yes	No
1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year? If YES: % that was used	X	
	3.5%	
2. Amount of appropriation cap bank available going into this year	\$338,934.63	
3. Is the Application Year budget at (appropriation) cap? If NO, amount of remaining balance		X
	\$411,749.55	
4. Does the Application Year anticipate use of a waiver to exceed the levy cap? If YES, amount:	X	
	\$ 462,093	

C. List the five largest item appropriation increases:

Appropriation	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	\$ Amount of Increase
Tax Assessment Administration Miscellaneous Other Expenses	3,943.25	40,000.00	36,056.75
Street & Road Maintenance Salary & Wages	194,330.02	226,600.00	32,269.98
Vehicle Maintenance Other Expenses	21,326.87	50,000.00	28,673.13
Other Insurance Premiums	115,825.45	175,100.00	59,274.55
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	458,772.31	546,741.17	87,968.86

D. List all new property tax funded full-time positions planned in the Application Year:

Department/Agency	Position	Number	Dollar Amount
NONE			

E. Display projected tax levies, local revenues (not grants), anticipated (gradually reduced) Transitional Aid, total salary and wages, and total other expenses projected for the three post-application years:

	Tax Levy	Local Revenues	Transitional Aid	Total S&W	Total OE
First year	\$1,113,679 *	\$549,564 **	\$462,093	\$802,204	\$2,058,019
Second year	1,113,679	549,564	462,093	802,204	2,058,019
Third year	1,113,679	549,564	462,093	802,204	2,058,019

* As available surplus will be \$400,000 less, taxes may increase by \$400,000.

$$(\$1,175,772 - 462,093 + 400,000 = 1,113,679)$$

** Includes \$400,000 in surplus plus local revenue of \$149,564. Does not include approximately \$290,000 in delinquent property taxes.

VIII. Financial Practices

A. Expenditure controls and practices:

Question	Yes	No
1. Is an encumbrance system used for the current fund?	X	
2. Is an encumbrance system used for other funds?	X	
3. Is a general ledger maintained for the current fund?	X	
4. Is a general ledger maintained for other funds?	X	
5. Are financial activities largely automated?	X	
6. Does the municipality operate the general public assistance program?		X
7. Are expenditures controlled centrally (Yes) or de-centrally by dept. (No)?	X	
8. At any point during the year are expenditures routinely frozen?	X	
9. Has the municipality adopted a cash management plan?	X	
10. Have all negative findings in the prior year's audit report been corrected?	X	
If No, list those uncorrected as an appendix.		

B. Risk Management: Indicate ("x") how each type of risk is insured.

Coverage	JIF/HIF	Self	Commercial
General liability			X
Vehicle/Fleet liability			X
Workers Compensation			X
Property Coverage			X
Public Official Liability			X
Employment Practices Liability			X
Health	SHBP		
	X		

C. Salary and Employee Contract Information (when more than one bargaining unit for each category, use average):

Question	Police	Fire	Other Contract	Non-Contract
Year of last salary increase	N/A	N/A	2010	2010
Average percentage increase	%	%	3.5%	3.5%
Last contract settlement date	N/A	N/A	2/21/08	
Contract expiration date	N/A	N/A	12/31/10	

Explain if any of the following actions have been taken or are under consideration for the Application Year:

Action	Police	Fire	Other Contract	Non-Contract
Furloughs (describe below)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
While furloughs were considered, our small staff would not permit any reduction in contact hours or our staff.				
Wage Freezes (describe below)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Layoffs (describe below)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

D. Tax enforcement practices:

Question		Yes	No
1. Does the municipality use the accelerated tax sale program?			X
2. When was the last foreclosure action taken or tax assignment sale held:	Date:	2010- IN PROCESS	
3. During 2009, on what dates were tax delinquency notices sent out:	Date:	2/23, 4/7, 4/28, 6/12, 8/24, 10/28/09 1/6/10, 3/29, 5/10/10	
4. Date of last tax sale:	Date:	6/10/10	

E. Specialized Service Delivery:

If the answer to either question is "Yes," provide (as an appendix) a cost justification of maintaining the service without changes.

Service		Yes	No
Sworn police or firefighters are used to handle emergency service call-taking and dispatch (in lieu of civilians)			N/A STATE
The municipality provides rear-yard solid waste collection through the budget (SEE APPENDIX VIII – E.			X

F. Other Financial Practices

1. Amount of interest on investment earned in:

Prior Year:	\$40,702.97	Last Year:	\$22,758.55	Anticipated Application Year:	\$13,000.00
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2. List the instruments in which idle funds are invested:

NJ CASH MANAGEMENT	
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS	

3. What was the average return on investments during CY 2009?

1.2% for 2009, 2010 rates are way down
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4. When was the last time fee schedules were reviewed and updated?

2009

F. Status of Collective Negotiation (Labor) Agreements: List each labor agreement by employee group, contract expiration date, and the status of negotiations of expired contracts.

Employee Group	Expiration Date	Status of Negotiations of Expired Agreement
NJ CIVIL SERVICE – COUNCIL 18	12/31/10	NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN 09/01/10

IX-B. Demonstrated reductions or actions that limited otherwise ordinary increases in Other Expense or other costs. (See item B-6 in Local Finance Notice 2010-14 for details). Include changes in spending policies that reduce non-essential spending.

Line Item	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	Explanation of Change
Public Buildings & Grounds	71,344.75	70,000.00	While an immaterial difference, we need to communicate to you the tightness of our budget for maintaining our several municipal properties.
Solid Waste Collection	128,205.00	125,903.00	New Contract for 2010-2011
Recreation	24,488.80	15,000.00	Reduction in recreational equipment; i.e., baseball, playground upgrades, etc. Please note that we are unable to offer much in the way of recreation and while this reduction appears small it represents a 40% reduction. Furthermore, even if the full \$25,000 was budgeted, it doesn't buy much in the way of recreation equipment or the maintenance of the equipment, or park areas.
Supplemental Fire Services Prog.	3,383.00	2,306.00	Reduction in State Aid
<p>NOTE: We are unable to provide various services and conveniences that other municipalities provide. This is why we have not indicated more reductions. In most cases, we have, for several years, backed away from projects or services, due to the realities of our financial situation. We are out of options in the area of reductions.</p>			
<p>NOTE: We have already reduced whatever expenditures that were considered possible without endangering the welfare of our residents.</p>			
<p>NOTE: We considered eliminating tire pick-up from future solid waste contract bidding. Unfortunately, our 95 square miles often serves as a dumping ground for tires from individuals passing through town and dumping their trash. If we discontinue pick-up, this problem will only mushroom. Between Route 55, Route 47 and Route 347, it is common sense to conclude that many more than our 3,400 tax-paying residents travel through and leave their mark. This is especially true in the summer when we are tortured with the shore traffic.</p>			
<p>Please, we beg your indulgence to remind you again that we have 95 square miles to maintain.</p>			

X. Service Delivery

List all services that the municipality contracts to another organization: i.e., shared services with another government agency, including formal and informal shared services, memberships in cooperative purchasing program, private (commercial), or non-profit organization.

Service	Name of Contracted Entity	Estimated Amount of Contract	Year Last Negotiated (as applicable)
*Bid - Ice Control Sand	Cumberland County	\$ 6,000.00	2008
*Bid - De-icing Salt	Cumberland County	\$ 18,000.00	2008
*Bid - Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	Cumberland County	\$ 30,000.00	2008
*Bid - #2 Fuel Oil	Cumberland County	\$ 6,000.00	2008
* Cooperative Purchasing Bid			
Cardboard Collection	Cumberland County Improvement Authority	\$ 650.00	2010
Water Treatment	Township and School Shared Service	\$ 2,000.00	2009
Janitorial Services	School and Township Shared Service	\$ 10,000.00	2009
Fuel Management System (Fueling Station)	School, Fire District and Township	N/A	N/A
NOTE: We requested a shared contract with NJDOC and NJDOT for us to utilize one or both of the fueling stations placed in our township, of which we receive no funding to host. The state denied our request. Possibly you could explain to them the benefits and necessity of this.			
Ambulance Service for 95 sq. miles:	Millville Rescue Squad	\$ 24,626.00	2010
	Belleplain Emergency Corps, Inc.	\$ 22,500.00	2010
Trash Collection & Recycling	Earthtech Contracting, Inc.	\$333,294.00	2010-2011
Various Contracts for Goods	Cumberland County has displayed an interest to expand the number of contracts for goods, whose pricing will also be available to various townships.		

Section XI – Impact of Limited or No Aid Award

Describe in complete detail the impact if aid is not granted for the current fiscal year; **this priority setting requires that the municipality will maintain a minimum level of essential services.** List the appropriate category of impact if the aid is not received. Rank each item from both lists as to the order in which elimination will take place. If across the board cuts will be made, indicate under service. **For rank order purposes, consider the two sections as one list. The cuts outlined here are one that the municipality is committing to make if they do not receive aid.**

Rank Order	Department	# of Layoffs	Effective Date	2010 Full Time Staffing	2011 Full Time Staffing	\$ Amount to be Saved
	<p>No Further Reduction in Essential Labor Services is Possible.</p> <p>We have been down this path for several years now. Most of our departments are one person offices, whereby individuals are split among several departments. Employees have been cross trained for efficiency in covering when other employees are out of the office for vacation, sick or other reasons. Furthermore, we discontinued the hiring of seasonal help two years ago. We have hired part time people to avoid paying benefits. Overtime has been eliminated for all staff, including Saturday hours for recycling collection of brush, antifreeze and oil, which has inconvenienced our residents.</p>					

If services will be reduced, describe the service, impact and cost savings associated with it.

Rank Order	Service	Cost Savings	Impact on Services
	<p>No Further Reduction in Essential Services is Possible. We have exhausted any area of savings over the years. Reductions or eliminations in services were continually reviewed and implemented, as we lost our two largest mining tax rates to appeals and experienced permanent reductions in state aid. We humbly remind you that we do not in any way feel that these state aid reductions were fair. Each year we have been compelled to point this out to no avail.</p>		
	<p>We are considering discontinuance of the use of Leechester Hall for public use and functions. It is quite troubling to mothball a building that we received grant funds to rehabilitate, only to leave it sit at the sacrifice of residents desiring to use it.</p>		
	<p>Surplus has been severely impacted for the last two years. It is important to point out that we don't expect to have much surplus at all.</p>		
	<p>As a rural area, it is difficult for us to convey the sacrifices we have already made. While you necessarily look at dollars and cents, we need you to look at our individual needs and situation. We are not asking for lighted ball fields, water/sewer lines, pools or even sidewalks/curbs. We are sometimes confused as to why we do not appear to be entitled to provide any services to our residents. More than half of our population are prisoners and there are many who feel that the prisoners are treated better than the residents who are paying taxes to support the prisons.</p>		

XII. Agreement to Improve Financial Position of Municipality

If aid is granted, are you willing to enter into a “memorandum of understanding” that will, among other restrictions and requirements:

	Yes	No
1. Allow the Director of Local Government Services to assign management, financial, and operational specialists to assess your municipal operations	X	
2. Implement actions as recommended by the Director to address the findings of Division staff	X	
3. Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding	X	

The undersigned herewith acknowledges the foregoing requirements with which the municipality must comply in order to receive aid as outlined above.

In addition, included with this application is a copy (printed or electronic) of the budget documentation that supports the budget calculation that was provided to the governing body.

Mayor Andrew D. [Signature] Date 7/13/10

Chief Financial Officer Sheron D. Dye Date 7/13/10

ATTEST: [Signature] Date 7/13/10
Municipal Clerk