

Transitional Aid Application for Fiscal Year 2015
Division of Local Government Services
Department of Community Affairs

General Instructions: This application must be submitted in its entirety by September 30, 2014 for funding consideration under this program. Information contained in the application is subject to independent verification by DLGS. Refer to Local Finance Notice 2014-12 when preparing this application for specific instructions and definitions, and review the Submission Checklist on Page 7.

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I. Aid History

List amount of Transitional Aid received for the last three years, if any:

SFY 2014	SFY 2013	SFY 2012
\$22,860,000.00	\$25,400,000.00	\$22,000,000.00

II. Aid Request for Application Year: (All municipalities currently operating under a Transitional Aid MOU are advised that a decrease from prior year funding is likely.)

Amount of aid requested for the Application Year:	\$24,960,000.00
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If not seeking a decrease, a letter from the Mayor is required. See Local Finance Notice 2014-12.


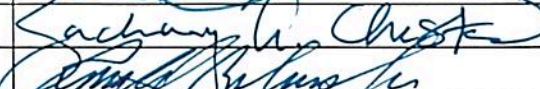

III. Submission Requirements

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
2014 Annual Financial Statement	Submitted
2013 Annual Audit	3/2014
2013 Corrective Action Plan	9/22/2014
Application Year Introduced Budget	11/25/2014
Budget Documentation Submitted to Governing Body	11/25/2014

IV. Application Certification

The undersigned herewith certify that they he or she has reviewed this application and, to his or her knowledge, believe the contents to be accurate true and represent 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/Chief Executive Officer		12/9/2014
Governing Body Presiding Officer		12/9/2014
Chief Financial Officer		12-9-14

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.

The City of Trenton is not unlike most of the State's older urban cities that can not generate enough local property tax revenue or other local revenues to support the services required for its citizens and the businesses and their employees located in the City. During the past several years, this historical problem has been exacerbated by the nation's economic downturn which has hit the urban areas of the State even harder than other areas. Although there are signs of some recovery, growth is still slow and the economic benefits to the City are not likely to occur during the current budget year.

Increasing taxes to the level necessary to meet the budgetary needs of providing these services would result in more and more citizens and businesses leaving the City, thus further diminishing the tax base of the City.

Since the 1980s, the State has agreed that many of the cities and towns in the State require additional aid over and above the normal formula driven programmatic aid to continue to provide even the basic services to the residents and businesses. Over the last few years, due to its own budget difficulties, the State has been forced to reduce the level of assistance it can provide Trenton and other cities and towns throughout New Jersey.

As with all cities and towns the City of Trenton has two options for dealing with budget shortfalls: raise revenues and/or decrease spending. Over the past few years Trenton has relied on a combination of these two options. However, the continued increase in property taxes places undue hardship on struggling homeowners in the City, many of whom are on fixed income. In addition, as more and more reductions in spending are made, critical services needed by residents are seriously diminished and in some cases eliminated.

The FY 2014 budget presented to City Council in September 2013 continued to reduce costs in several areas and takes into account the State's requirement to reduce the reliance on Transitional Aid. The introduced budget for FY2015 was presented to City Council on November 25, 2014 and totals \$188.6 million.

The continued significant increase in property taxes would be very difficult on the residents and businesses in the City. The City was forced to raise taxes in FY 2010 of over \$12 million, or nearly 22.5%. This increase was followed by a tax increase of nearly \$6 million in FY 2011. For FY 2012, the amount of tax increase was \$1 million. Over a three year period property taxes in Trenton increased from \$66 million to \$77 million, an increase of 17%. The FY 2015 budget included \$24,960,000 for Transitional Aid. If the actual award is \$24,960,000, the City will be required to increase taxes by \$2 million in order to balance the FY 2014 budget. This would represent an increase of approximately 2.8%, on top of this substantial increase in previous years.

Exacerbating the City's budget problems is the fact that more than 50% of the City's property is currently exempt from property taxes. In 2011, \$2.167 billion of the City's \$4.147 billion in assessed value in property was exempt from property tax. Of this amount State property accounted for \$964 million or 43% of the exempt property and 22% of all assessed value in the City. These exemptions place the City of Trenton at a severe disadvantage when compared to other municipalities throughout the State. In addition, other public buildings (county, federal, etc.) account for another \$535 million in assessed value for a total of \$1.467 billion, or more than 2/3rds of the total exempt property in the City.

If the City was receiving the municipal portion of the property tax from these properties that the City would be collecting nearly \$84 million in property taxes (based on a 2014 tax rate of 3.857). If the State were paying its fair share of the municipal portion of the local property tax, it would pay over \$37 million annually. As the capital city, the State's level of current aid is therefore simply commensurate with the level of taxes that would be paid. Any increases thereafter would represent true assistance for the capital city and enable the City of Trenton to rightsize and return to providing necessary services to its citizens.

V-B. Demonstration of Revenue Loss/Substantial Cost Increase

Show: (1) specific, extraordinary revenue losses, but not as the aggregate of many revenue line items; and (2) specific, extraordinary increases in appropriations, but not as the aggregate of many appropriation line items. Describe the item on the cell below each entry. If applicable, indicate in the description of the extraordinary increase in expenditure if the increase was the result of a policy decision made by the municipality (i.e. a back-loaded debt service schedule, deferred payment, costs associated with additional hires, etc.)

Revenue or Appropriation	2014 Value	2015 Value	Amount of Loss/Increase
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
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Description:			
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. (Items included in a Transition Plan submitted by a current recipient need not be repeated here.)

The FY 2015 budget that was presented to City Council on November 25, 2014 continued to reduce bloat and recognizes the need to return the capital city to the right size in order to provide critical and necessary services to the citizens of Trenton. The budget, not including grants and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, will be \$188.6 million.

The City will continue to be diligent in attempting to find ways to reduce costs and increase local revenues.

It is highly unlikely however those significant additional reductions in the workforce can be achieved due to the reductions noted above. Due to the restrictive nature of the current statutes and regulations on furloughs, it is not likely that City could enact a program that would be fair to its employees and generate significant savings. Furthermore the capital city needs to focus on rightsizing in order to provide necessary services – not cutting into those critical areas that provide for the health and welfare of its residents.

The City will continue to aggressively try to control salary increases as contract negotiations occur. However, the salary increases for public safety workers will likely be set by arbitrators.

As was agreed to with DCA, the City will take advantage of the recent New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts decision to allow outside collection agencies for the collection of court revenue owed to the City. Initial estimates are that there is approximately \$10 million in unpaid obligations to the City. It is estimated that 50% of this revenue would be considered City revenue and the remainder is considered state and county money. What is not known is how much of this revenue is currently being collected under Time Payment Orders and thus will eventually be collected and will not be eligible for the collection agency initiative. The City has completed its proposal and is currently awaiting approval from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The approval is expected in late 2014 or early 2015.

The City is reviewing opportunities to refinance its current debt to achieve multiple year savings. In addition, the City is reviewing all completed capital projects that were financed with bonds to use any remaining funds to either offset new capital or provide revenue to offset current debt service.

The City also has taken advantage of the pilot program in FY 2013 that allows accelerated tax lien sales on-line rather than the current requirement that the potential purchaser has to appear in person. It is expected that this will increase the number of bidders and thus result in the more liens being sold and potentially at a lower interest rate for the homeowners. The City has also engaged a third party firm for the collection of delinquent taxes. In FY2014 the city collected over \$1 million in this way and, as of September 2014, has collected over \$200,000 in FY2015.

In FY2015 it is also the City's intention to hire a Risk Manager. This individual will serve to control much of the losses to the City but with a specific eye to Worker's Compensation. By implementing controls on workplace safety and following any Worker's Compensation claims from their outset, we anticipate cost savings of over \$1 million, a 25% decrease from the \$4 million expended on Worker's Compensation claims in FY2014.

In addition the City is also developing an RFP to conduct a parking study. This study would be intended to determine the most effective disposition of the City's parking and parking enforcement. Considerations include replacing meters with kiosks that would accept credit cards as well as considering outside agencies to handle enforcement. Based on gains from nearby municipalities when moving to a kiosk structure, the City expects to generate more than \$700,000 per annum once the program is up and running.

Again as was noted last year, the City has approximately 1,500 vacant City owned parcels scattered throughout our neighborhoods. We have determined to adopt a scattered site redevelopment plan so that we may be able to return these parcels to the tax rolls and generate approximately an additional \$3.6 million in local purpose taxes while improving the City at large and making it a more attractive place. We have also accelerated the auction of other developable properties to not only realize additional immediate income but again to realize a return of these properties to the tax rolls while encouraging the growth of our commercial community. Furthermore the City has recently passed an ordinance intended

to address privately owned vacant properties by assessing a fee on those vacant property owners who are not actively developing or preparing their properties for occupancy. We expect to generate approximately \$650,000 in the first year through this ordinance with amounts increasing with each subsequent year.

LONG TERM PLAN TO PHASE OUT TRANSITIONAL AID

Assuming that Trenton receives \$24.96 million for its FY 2015 budget, the requirement to provide a phase out plan of no more than 3 years would result in over \$7 million reductions in FY 2016 through FY 2018. A phase out of this magnitude is infeasible.

Under the following assumptions Trenton would face budget shortfalls of over \$12 million in the first year. The shortfall escalates in the second year when Transitional Aid will decrease to \$15.24 million in FY 2016 to approximately \$8 million in FY 2017, coupled with increase in salaries and other expenses. Assumptions are as follows:

- 1) Transitional aid decrease by \$8 million per year; Other municipal aid remains constant
- 2) Property taxes increase by 2% per year
- 3) Spending is increased by 2% per year

The annual shortfall will have to be offset by additional reductions in employees and services provided and/or significant increases in property taxes. It is highly unlikely that a significant increase in ratables is going to occur in the next few years.

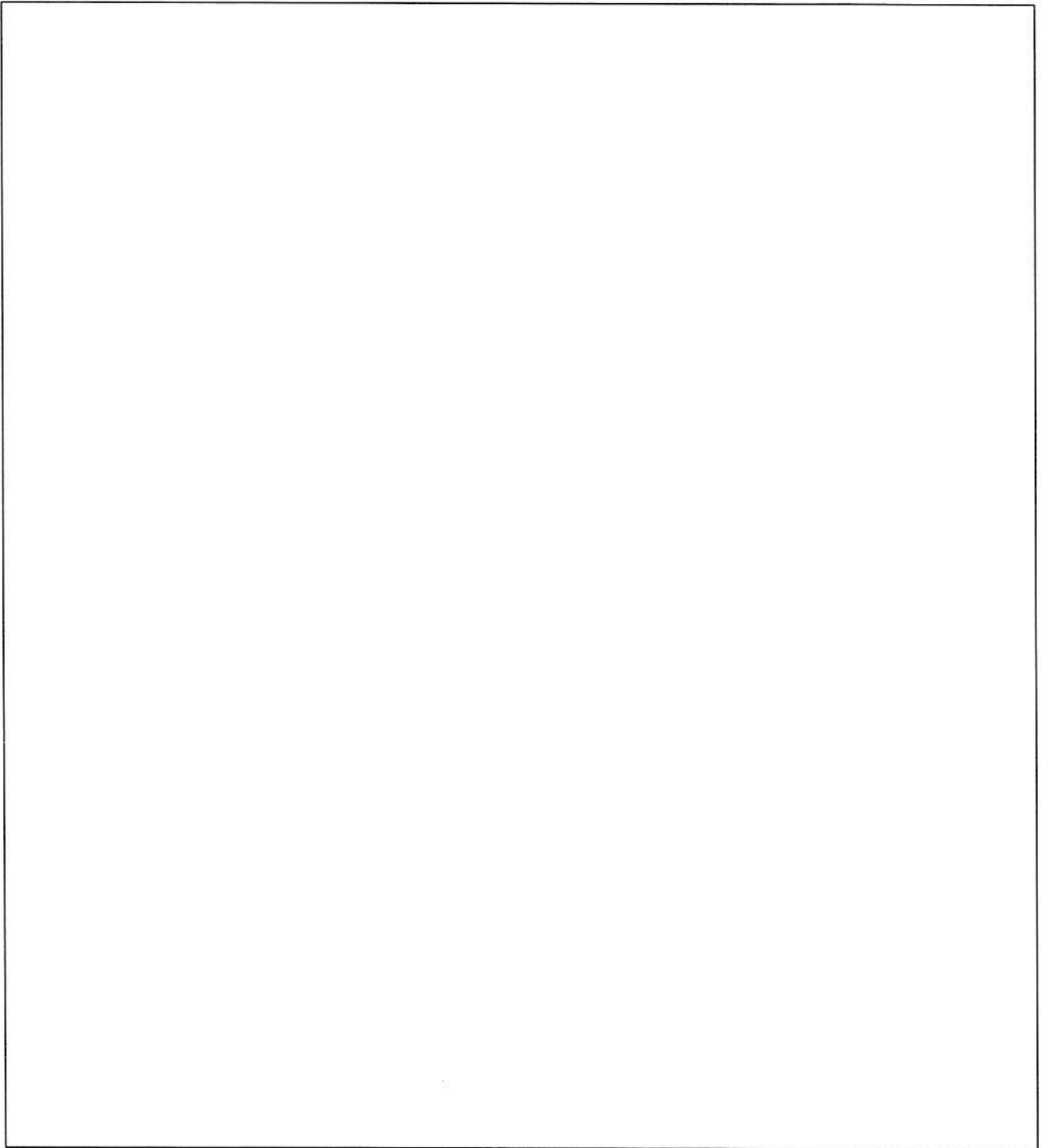
Based on the current status of the City budget, it is highly unlikely that the City of Trenton could achieve a phase-out of Transitional Aid over this period.

As was noted earlier, the City of Trenton should be looked at differently than the other Transitional Aid recipients since it is the State's Capital. As has been noted previously, the State of New Jersey owns 22% of the value of all property in the City. If the State paid the municipal property taxes the City would receive over \$37 million in property taxes based on FY 2014 tax rates. Absent this recognition that a portion of the Transitional Aid should permanently be provided to the City as additional PILOT payments, the City will be faced with significant budget shortfalls depending on the phase out period of Transitional Aid and the amount of reduction each year.

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V-D. Discussion of Health Benefits

Skip this section if using SHBP. If not using SHBP, explain why the health benefit plan being used is cheaper, or what reasons exist for failing to move to SHBP. Additionally, list all brokers (primary broker, all co-brokers, and sub-brokers) together with their compensation for the current and prior two fiscal years. Compensation must be disclosed in this section whether provided directly by the municipality or as a commission from the insurance provider. It is the municipality's right, and obligation, to determine whether the broker is compensated with commission in order to fully complete this section. If commissions are being earned, provide both how the commission is calculated (percentage of premium or self-insurance) and the actual \$ value of the commission received in each year.)



VI. Historical Fiscal Statistics

Item	2013	2014	Introduced Application Year
1. Property Tax/Budget Information			
Municipal tax rate	\$3.75	\$3.794	\$4.04
Municipal Purposes tax levy	\$74,325,008	\$74,994,259	\$79,155,884
Municipal Open Space tax levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total general appropriations	\$199,725,452	\$184,179,545	\$188,648,374.01
2. Cash Status Information			
% Of current taxes collected	96.114%	95.608%	%
% Used in computation of reserve	97.48%	96.11%	95.61%
Reserve for uncollected taxes	\$2,809,420	\$4,389,992	\$5,136,278.98
Total year end cash surplus	\$5,245,399	\$2,338,918	
Total non-cash surplus	\$0	\$	
Year end deferred charges	\$12,069,670	\$12,085,579	
3. Assessment Data			
Assessed value (as of 7/1)	\$1,976,511,504	\$1,979,405,344	\$1,979,405,344
Average Residential Assessment	\$65,570	\$64,292	\$62,800
Number of tax appeals granted	626	384	
Amount budgeted for tax appeals	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refunding bonds for tax appeals	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Full time Staffing Levels			
Uniformed Police - Staff Number	229	256	285
Total S&W Expenditures	\$24,069,403	\$26,875,369	\$26,841,270
Uniformed Fire - Staff Number	160	160	160
Total S&W Expenditures	\$21,253,294	\$20,678,751	\$19,653,399
All Other Employees - Staff Number	424	435	487
Total S&W Expenditures	\$21,149,315	\$25,460,084	\$18,783,197.85
5. Impact of Proposed Tax Levy			
			Amount
Current Year Taxable Value			1,976,511,504
Introduced Tax Levy			79,155,884
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate	3.99	Average Res. Value (#4 above)	62,800
Current Year Taxes on Average Residential Value (#4 above)			2,505
Prior Year Taxes on Average Residential Value			2,465
Proposed Increase in average residential taxes			40

VII. Application Year Budget Information

A. Year of latest revaluation/reassessment

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B. Proposed Budget – Appropriation Cap Information

- | Item | Yes | No |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year?
If YES: % that was used | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Amount of appropriation cap bank available going into this year | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is the Application Year budget at (appropriation) cap?
If NO, amount of remaining balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Does the Application Year anticipate use of a waiver to exceed the appropriation cap?
If YES, amount: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,819,105	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,221,615	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. List the five largest item appropriation increases:

Appropriation	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	\$ Amount of Increase
POLICE SALARY & WAGES	30,949,082	33,117,844	2,168,762
FIRE SALARY & WAGES	21,395,780	22,582,391	1,186,611
SALARY ADJUSTMENT PROG.	4,010,415	4,801,154	790,739
PENSION SOCIAL SECURITY	17,500,092	18,574,723	1,074,631
RESERVE FOR UNCOLL TAX	4,389,992	5,106,674	716,682

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

Department/Agency	Position	Number	Dollar Amount
Mayor's Office	Chief of Staff	1	107,331
Mayor's Office	Aide to the Mayor-Pub Relations Off	1	55,382
Mayor's Office	Aide to the Mayor-	1	42,950
Mayor's Office	Aide to the Mayor	1	35,000
Mayor's Office	Aide to the Mayor-Youthstat	1	36,400
Administration	Risk Manager	1	43,307
Health	Pub. Health Nurse-SAC	1	22,401
Health	Clinic Attendant-SAC	1	14,701

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<i>Health</i>	<i>Social Case Worker Supvr-SAC</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28,143</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Social Case Worker r-SAC</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>37,998</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Omnibus Driver</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13,477</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Security Gurad-SAC</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>14,701</i>
<i>Police/Comm.</i>	<i>Police Officers</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>534,210</i>
<i>PW Director's Office</i>	<i>Seasonal Worker</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20,800</i>
<i>Solid Waste Mgmt</i>	<i>Sanitation Superintendent</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>31,393</i>
<i>Solid Waste Mgmt</i>	<i>Sanitation Driver</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>31,752</i>
<i>Solid Waste Mgmt</i>	<i>Laborer Heavy</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>61,560</i>
<i>Solid Waste Mgmt</i>	<i>Seasonal Worker</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>124,800</i>
<i>Streets</i>	<i>Superindent of Streets</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16,393</i>
<i>Streets</i>	<i>Supv of Streets</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18,360</i>
<i>Streets</i>	<i>Laborer -Seasonal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6,872</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Clerk Typist</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13,477</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Chief Prop Maintenance</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32,577</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Boiler Oper</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15,205</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Maintenance Repairer/Carpenter</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>14,701</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Maintenance Repairer</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>29,402</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Building Maintenance Worker</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>29,142</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Security Guard (1)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>29,402</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Supv Laborer II</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32,577</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Equip Operator</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16,127</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Heavy Equipment Operator</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17,188</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Truck Driver</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15,155</i>
<i>Public Property</i>	<i>Laborer, Heavy</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>61,560</i>
<i>Traff & Trans</i>	<i>Principal Engineer</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28,070</i>
<i>Traff & Trans</i>	<i>Principal Clerk Typist</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16,127</i>
<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Clerk Typist</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17,188</i>
<i>Housing Prod</i>	<i>Chief Housing Prod.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>43,405</i>

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<i>Housing Prod</i>	<i>Urban Renewal Supvsr</i>	1	55,238
<i>Recreation Dir Off</i>	<i>Recreation Program Adm</i>	1	26,794
<i>Recreation Dir Off</i>	<i>Clerk Typist</i>	1	13,477
<i>Recreation Dir Off</i>	<i>Recreation Aide</i>	1	14,701
<i>Natural Resources</i>	<i>Tree Climber</i>	3	68,752

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	80,739,001.68	36,983,510	22,860,000	81,839,610	110,581,730
Second year	82,353,781.71	38,093,016	22,860,000	83,476,402	112,793,365
Third year	84,000,857.35	39,235,806	22,860,000	85,145,930	115,049,232

Assumption 2% increase Tax Levy, 3% Increase local revenue, Flat Transition Aid, 2% increase in S&W each year, Safe Grant Funds 64 Firefighters expiring January 2015 2% increase in Miscellaneous OE, 8% increase Health Benefits and Pension, 5% increase in Debt Service

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 not, be prepared to discuss why not in your application meeting.		

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	
Environmental			X
Health	SHBP		
	X		

C. 1) 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	2010 / 2012	2012	2011 / 2013	2011
Average percentage increase	3.5% / 3.5%	3.5%	3.5% / 3.0 %	%
Last contract settlement date	2009	2009	2009	
Contract expiration date	2010 / 2012	2012	2011 / 2013	

2) Explain, if any, actions that have been taken or are under consideration for the Application Year:

Action	Police	Fire	Other Contract	Non-Contract
Furloughs (describe below)	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wage Freezes (describe below)	NO	NO	NO	NO
Layoffs (describe below)	NO	NO	NO	NO

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D. Tax Enforcement Practices:

Question	Yes	No
1. Did the municipality complete its accelerated tax sale by December 31, if included in 2014 budget? If not, please include a letter from the tax collector explaining why he/she failed to complete the sale in a timely manner and what the impacts were on cash flow and lost investment earnings.	Yes	
2. When was the last foreclosure action taken or tax assignment sale held: Date:		8/7/2014
3. On what dates were tax delinquency notices sent out in 2014: Date:		9/8/2014
4. Date of last tax sale: Date:		6/25/2014

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)		x
The municipality provides rear-yard solid waste collection through the budget		x

F. Other Financial Practices

1. Amount of interest on investment earned in:

2013	\$6,648.47	2014	\$10,973.35	Anticipated Application Year:	\$10,980.00
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2. List the instruments in which idle funds are invested:

State Cash Management	
Sun Bank	

3. What was the average return on investments during SF2014?

0.06%

4. Left Blank Intentionally

5. The name and firm of the municipality's auditor?

Mercadien PC

6. When was the last time the municipality changed auditors?

2001

G. 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
FMBA & TFOA	12/31/12	Negotiation Pending
PBA LOCAL 11	12/31/10	Negotiation Pending
TSOA	12/31/12	Negotiation Pending
AFSCME LOCAL 2286	12/31/11	Negotiation Pending
AFSCME LOCAL 2281	12/31/13	Negotiation Pending

IX-C. Evaluate existing local revenues, as to whether or not the rates or collections can be increased or imposed, and if so, how changes will be implemented.

Local Revenues and services provided through the General/Current Fund	Check if services is provided	Are fees charged to cover the costs of the program?	If fees do not cover costs, what is the amount of subsidy?	If there is a subsidy, explain why fees cannot be increased to reduce or eliminate subsidy.
Recreation programs	X	Partial		
Sewer Fees	X	Yes		
Water Fees	X	Yes		
Swimming Pool	X	No		Policy decision that residents should not pay for pools-it should be covered by their property taxes
Uniform Construction Code	X	Partial		
Uniform Fire Code	X	Yes		
Land Use Fees	X	Yes		
Parking Fees	X	Yes		
Beach Fees		No		
Insert other local fees below:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Vital Statics Records	X	Partial		
Marriage Civil Union	X	Partial		
Amendment Fees	X	Partial		
Slaughter House	X	Partial		
Dog Licensing	X	Partial		

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)
Shared Services Agreement FY 2015 for the Provision of Emergency Medical Dispatch by the County of Mercer to the City of Trenton	Mercer County	200,000.00	2014
FY 2015 Contract to provide Pool Management Services for the 2014 Summer Pool Program for the City of Trenton	YMCA of Trenton	205,515.40	2014
Homicide Task Force	Homicide Task Force	N/A	2014
Homeland Security Render and Detect Safe Program	Homeland Security	N/A	2014(annual)
Fugitive Task Force	U.S. Marshall Services	\$16,000	2014(annual)
Drug Enforcement Task Force	Drug Enforcement Agency	\$17,202.25	2014(annual)
Furnishing and delivery of Rock Salt on an as needed basis	Mercer County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System	\$112,500.00	2013-2014
Furnishing and delivery of Road Materials on an as needed basis	Mercer County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System	\$600,000.00	2014
Spray Injection Patcher Truck Rental	New Jersey State Contract #T-2817	\$189,462	2014
Heating Oil No.2	Mercer County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System	\$475,543	2013-2016
Maintenance and monthly service for City's Internet Connection (80MBPS) for Division of MIS	Middlesex Regional Educational Service Commission (MRESC) #65MCESCCPS	\$108,952	2013-2016
Furnish and delivery of Unleaded 87 Octane Gasoline	New Jersey State Contract #80909	\$910,000.00	2013-2014
Furnish Police Interceptor All Wheel Drive	New Jersey State Contract # A82925	\$28,898.00	2014
Installation of 13 Mobile Data Terminals for Trenton Police	Middlesex County Cooperative Contract Commission (MRESC) #65MCESCCPS	\$61,183.20	2014

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Scrap Metal Removal for Public Works	Mercer Cooperative Contract Purchasing System	N/A	2014
Purchase Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Department	State of New Jersey Contract #T-0790	\$235,598.50	2014
Furnish 2014 Vans for Water Utility	State of New Jersey Contract# A83174	58,600	2014

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	2013 Full Time Staffing	2014 Full Time Staffing	\$ Amount to be Saved
	Attachment A					

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

Rank Order	Service	Cost Savings	Impact on Services
	Attachment A		


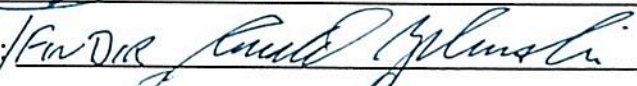
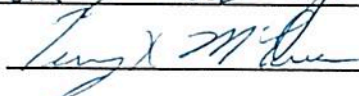
XII. Agreement to Improve Financial Position of Municipality

If aid is granted, the municipality will be required to submit to certain reporting conditions and oversight as authorized by law and a new Memorandum of Understanding will need to be signed. Please mark each box below indicating that the applicant understands, and agrees to comply with these broad reporting and oversight provisions.

	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 directed by the Director to address the findings of Division staff.	X	
3. Enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding and comply with all its provisions, without exception.	X	



XIII. Certification of Past Compliance for Municipalities Currently Operating Under a Transitional Aid MOU:

The undersigned certify that the municipality is in substantial compliance with the conditions and requirements of the 2014 MOU and is moving in good faith to correct those area of noncompliance that have been identified, including, but not limited to, the following: establishment of a pay to play ordinance; termination of longevity pay for officers and employees not contractually entitled to longevity pay; termination of health benefits for part time officers and employees; receipt of signed approval forms as required prior to hiring personnel and contracting with professional service vendors.

Mayor:  Date: 11-26-14
 Chief Financial Officer:  Date: 11-26-14
 Chief Administrative Officer:  Date: 11/26/14

XIV. CAMPS Certification (County and Municipal Personnel System - Civil Service municipalities only)

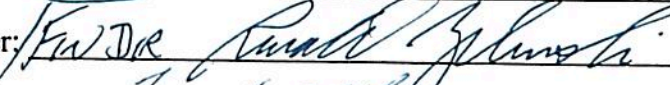
For Civil Service municipalities, the undersigned, being knowledgeable thereof, hereby certify that the municipality has placed the names of all current civil service employees in NJ "CAMPS".


Human Resources or Personnel Director:  Date: 12/1/14
 Chief Financial Officer:  Date: 11-26-14

XV. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSITIONAL AID

The undersigned 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:  Date: 11-26-14

Chief Financial Officer:  Date: 11-26-14

Chief Administrative Officer:  Date: 11/26/14