

**Transitional Aid Application for Calendar Year 2025
and Fiscal Year 2026**
Division of Local Government Services
Department of Community Affairs

General Instructions: This application must be submitted in its entirety by March 7, 2025, for CY2025 applicants and September 29, 2025, for FY2026 applicants for funding consideration under this program. Information contained in the application is subject to independent verification by the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS). Refer to Local Finance Notice 2025-03 when preparing this application for specific instructions and definitions and review the Submission Checklist on page 19 of this application and listed on page 7 of the Local Finance Notice.

Name of Municipality:	<u>Ocean Gate Borough</u>	County:	<u>Ocean</u>
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I. Aid History

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

FY2025 / CY2024	FY2024 / CY2023	FY2023 / CY2022
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

II. Aid Request for Application Year: (All municipalities currently operating under a Transitional Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are advised that a decrease from prior year funding of 15% should be anticipated.)

Amount of aid requested for the Application Year:	<u>\$1,150,000.00</u>
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If not seeking a decrease, a letter from the Mayor is required. See Local Finance Notice 2025-03.

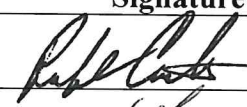
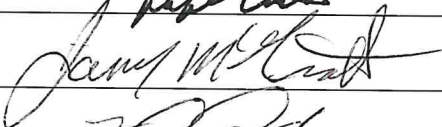
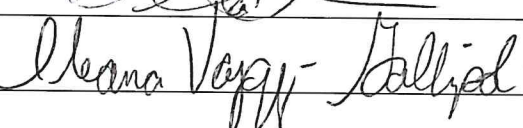
III. Submission Requirements

The following items must be submitted with or prior to the submission of this application. Indicate the date of submission of each.

Item	Date Submitted to DLGS
2025 Annual Financial Statement	<u>4/10/2025</u>
2024 Annual Audit	<u>Not Completed</u>
2024 Corrective Action Plan	<u>Not Completed</u>
Application Year Introduced Budget	<u>2025</u>
Budget Documentation Submitted to Governing Body	<u>Not introduced</u>

IV. A. Application Certification

The undersigned herewith certify that they have reviewed this application and, individually, believe the contents to be true and accurately portray 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 an aid award is final and not subject to appeal.

Official	Signature	Date
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer <u>Robert Curtin</u>		5/8/25
Governing Body Presiding Officer <u>James McGrath</u>		5/8/25
Chief Financial Officer <u>Fredrick C Ebenau</u>		5/8/25
Chief Administrative Officer <u>Ileana Gallipoli-Vazquez</u>		5/8/25

IV. B. Transitional Aid Recipients Applying in CY2025 / FY2026

Municipalities operating under a (MOU must certify that they are in substantial compliance with all conditions and requirements of the MOU.

Official	Signature	Date
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer		
Governing Body Presiding Officer		
Chief Financial Officer		
Chief Administrative Officer		

V. A. Explanation of Need for Transitional Aid

Explain the circumstances that warrant 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 would it jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the municipality?

Based on the lack of tax levy increases over a period of ten years (letter to residents attached) we are unable to increase taxes at a rate necessary to cover the Boroughs operating budget. The Borough's considerable surpluses were also depleted during this time period in order to meet budgets without raising taxes as necessary. The Borough is now in the unenviable position of being restrained as far as levying taxes and without any surpluses to help ourselves transition while we raise taxes to their proper level.

We are also suffering from the addition of three other instances of financial mismanagement:

1. Sewer rates had not been changed since 2006.

2. Water meters have not been read since before Sandy. We bill 46 million gallons and pump 100 million gallons.

3. Borough construction, administrative and other fees have not been increased in 20 years or more

The last three years have been tumultuous ones in Ocean Gate. Our Mayor, Paul Kennedy, was arrested and convicted of stealing Borough funds. We have undergone a mandated re-assessment and we have had to substantially raise taxes.

We elected a new Mayor and 4 new Council members in 2023. Because of the corruption, the new governing body replaced all of our professional services (Attorney, Auditor, Engineers, etc.).

Based on all this turmoil we believe Transitional Aid rather than Referendum is the better of the two options to repair our financial situation. We believe this will allow us to gradually (2-3 years) achieve our financial goals with less shock to our residents who to some extent have been experiencing a form of PTSD after the arrest of Mayor Kennedy and the subsequent realization of the Boroughs financial position.

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

Show: (1) specific, extraordinary revenue losses, but not as the aggregate of many revenues line items; and (2) specific, extraordinary increases in appropriations, but not as the aggregate of many appropriation line items. Describe the item in the cell below each entry. If applicable, indicate in the description of the extraordinary expenditure increase if the increase resulted from 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	2023 Value	2024 Value	Amount of Loss/Increase
<u>Utility Operating Surplus</u>	<u>330,000.00</u>	<u>129,000.00</u>	<u>(201,000.00)</u>
Description:			
<u>Police S&W</u>	<u>1,296,254.68</u>	<u>1,382,615.88</u>	<u>85,769.94</u>
Description:			
<u>Employee Group Insurance</u>	<u>315,669.75</u>	<u>369,441.97</u>	<u>52,772.22</u>
Description:			
<u>PFRS</u>	<u>302,769.00</u>	<u>374,528.00</u>	<u>71,759.00</u>
Description:			
<u>Amount to be Raised by Taxation</u>	<u>2,462,254.68</u>	<u>2,561,126.35</u>	<u>98,871.67</u>
Description:			
<u>Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal</u>	<u>212,983.38</u>	<u>240,392.38</u>	<u>27,408.00</u>
Description:			
Description:			

V. C. Actions to Reduce Future Need for Aid

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

These steps should demonstrate initiatives taken to bring structural balance to the municipality's finances and shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

Use additional pages if necessary.

- Efforts to bring economic development to the municipality; and
- A plan to constrain or reduce staffing costs through collective negotiation, attrition, consolidation, restructuring, or other personnel actions; and
- A plan to eliminate, reduce, or constrain the costs of non-essential services and activities; and
- A plan to maximize recurring revenues, including, as appropriate, updating fees, fines, and penalties; maximizing enforcement of delinquencies; and selling surplus land and property; and
- A plan to address findings contained in various audits, investigations, and reports with respect to the municipality, including municipal audits, applicable State Comptroller and State Auditor reports and audits, federal program audits, and other audits as identified by the Director.

The last three years have been tumultuous ones in Ocean Gate. Our Mayor, Paul Kennedy, was arrested for stealing Borough funds, we underwent a reassessment and we have had to substantially raise taxes. All professional services, Auditor, Attorney, Engineering Firms, Mayor, and 4 Council Members were changed or elected as of January 1, 2023.

As outlined in section V. A., our need for Transitional Aid is due to the 10-year short-sighted overuse of surplus monies to balance our budget. The previous governing bodies, led by a corrupt Mayor, used all of the available Borough surpluses (over \$7,000,000) in lieu of the appropriate tax increases necessary to operate the Borough. Attached is the letter that the Mayor sent to all residents in the fall of 2024 outlining the Boroughs financial position.

Ocean Gate is a strictly residential community. We contain approximately 1,100 private homes and 8 small businesses. We have very few buildable plots of land left for development and all but 2 small plots are residential. We have a beach and boardwalk that generate approximately \$150,000 in revenue and is one of the primary sources of revenue besides taxes and building fees. The Borough contains no land for Industrial, Commercial or Multi-Family development.

In an attempt to reach the tax levy level that should have occurred over that 10 year period, the current governing body has substantially raised taxes, within statutory limits, the last two years (2023 & 2024).

Specific steps;

Borough Personnel

We operate the Borough with a very small full-time staff (4 Office, 2 Public Works). Most of the office staff perform multiple roles, i.e.; Municipal Clerk/Business Administrator, Finance Clerk/Deputy Registrar/Deputy Clerk, Taco/Code/Animal. All cover for each other during vacations, lunch etc.

As of January 2025, we have re-negotiated our PBA contract. The new contract is 5 years, contains compensation increases of 3% / year, raises medical benefit contributions to 15% from 13% and reduces the clothing allowance. We also negotiated a change in the health benefits from the Direct 10 or 15 to the Direct 20/35 and the Difference Card.

Our police force also contains a detective that is part of a DEA task force and generates income into a separate forfeiture fund. This officer has been in place now for a few years and forfeiture monies are now starting to be realized. The forfeiture money has use restrictions but it can be used to pay for our SRO as well as equipment and patrol vehicles. This will lesson the burden on the General Appropriations account.

We employ part-time personnel for CFO, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Construction Official and Court Clerk and various other positions such as Beach Supervisor.

Shared Service and Consolidation Initiatives

We have shared services with Berkeley Township for Animal Control and Fuel.

The Borough has met with the Mayor and two Council members of Pine Beach Borough with a proposal to provide their Police Services in lieu of their own force. It is currently under review by Pine Beach.

Mayor Curtin has also spoken to the Mayor of Beachwood regarding a proposal to provide Beachwood with Construction Official and inspection services. The proposal is currently being put together.

Fees, Fines, Penalties

The Borough is in the process of codifying our Ordinances with General Code. This will be completed by the end of the year. During the process which started in 2024 it was discovered that most of the fees charged by the Borough for our services have not been updated in 20 years or more. As part of the Codification process, we have extracted all fees from our Ordinances and developed specific fee schedules. We have raised almost all fees charged by the Borough for any service. Statutorily set fees are being raised to maximum allowable levels. We plan on reviewing our fee schedules from now on every fall with any adjustments to take effect at our reorganization meeting on January 1 of each year.

We have not read a water meter since before hurricane Sandy. New meters were installed in 2016 but never read. They also don't work or many houses never had them installed. This is another legacy of the past administration. We were able to obtain a \$2,000,000 Principal Forgiveness loan from the IBank to replace our meters and installation is

basically complete. Our first metered bill will be the second quarter of 2025. We have approximately \$1,300,000 left which we are using to rehab our water tower and update filtration equipment. This will substantially increase the monies generated by our water department since we collected a flat fee for 46 million gallons a year but pumped 100 million through our system.

We raised our 2025 sewer rates for the first time since 2006.

We have very little Borough property but we sold off one small lot and are sub-dividing and irregular shaped piece to sell part to an adjacent home and establish two other building lots.

Grants

We have been very successful in securing a little over \$4,000,000 in grant monies in the last two years

LIRG - 2024 \$70,000 for exercise equipment along a rehabbed bike path

2025 \$90,000 for improvements to our newly acquired EMS Park

NJDOT – \$750,000 to raise the center line of 3 streets in a flood prone area. A County road traverses these streets and the County has agreed to participate in the funding of their streets and the storm Drains.

\$384,725 to re-mill and repave 3 streets

\$259,000 Improvements and sinkhole repair of a street and part of the boardwalk

\$367,000 Bike path paving and pads for exercise equipment

CDBG – 2023 \$40,000 for new ADA compliant curb corner replacement at beach accesses

2025 \$36,000 for ADA compliant bathroom as part of the EMS park development

BPU Technical Assistance Grant - \$10,000 to put together an energy efficiency plan for the Borough

Comcast - \$8,000 to update our media equipment in our Council meeting room to allow us to broadcast our Council meetings.

IBank - \$2,000,000 Principal Forgiveness loan to replace our water meters and rehab our water tower and filtration equipment.

New applications - We are meeting with the IBank to talk about two new PF loans.

The first is from the Drinking Water fund. The two million dollar maximum PF loan has now been increased to three million. We are applying for the additional \$1 million now available.

The second is from the Clean Water fund for funds to build a pumping station in conjunction with the road raising project. The County has done a similar project on Long Beach Island and if we could do the same in Ocean Gate , it would greatly decrease the severe flooding that occurs in the northeast corner of the Borough.

We will continue to apply for NJDOT grants, technical assistance grants, recreation grants and any others that we are able to identify

In summary –

We will continue to operate on a bare bones budget and seek out more shared service and consolidation opportunities. We also have changed our approach to our Employee Medical Benefits which will be addressed in a later section.

We have renegotiated our biggest contract (PBA), substantially raised taxes, installed and will read meters, raised sewer rates, obtained almost \$4,000,000 in grants and PF loans and increased all Borough fees. The Transitional Aid we are requesting is necessary to let all of these measures take effect and help us emerge from our current financial situation.

V. D. Discussion of Health Benefits

Skip this section if using SHBP. If not using SHBP, explain why the municipality's current health benefits plan is cheaper or what other reasons exist to reject this alternative. Additionally, list all brokers (primary broker or risk manager, 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 a commission. If commissions are being earned, provide both how the commission is calculated (percentage of premium or self-insurance) and the actual dollar value of the commission paid each year.

Based on a review we are currently unable to leave the SHBP because of our claims history and small population (17). Our employee health benefits were historically the Direct 10 & 15.

After researching any options that might be available, we transitioned in 2025 to the SHBP 20/35 and the Difference Card. Based on the projections of two brokers, CBIZ and Conner, Strong, we should realize a savings of between \$70,000 and \$80,000 per year. We have scheduled a meeting every two months to gauge the claims on the Difference Card.

CBIZ is our broker for the Difference Card

Our contract for our Liability insurance is up at the end of 2025 and we are investigating alternatives as well.

VI. Historical Fiscal Statistics

Item	2023	2024	Introduced Application Year
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A. Property Tax/Budget Information

Municipal tax rate	<u>\$1.036</u>	<u>\$.556</u>	<u>\$.8502</u>
Municipal Purposes tax levy	<u>\$2,373,046.34</u>	<u>\$2,528,020.35</u>	<u>\$3,865,895.80</u>
Municipal Open Space tax levy	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total general appropriations	<u>\$3,769,830.74</u>	<u>\$5,188,070.26</u>	<u>\$4,758,845.35</u>

B. Cash Status Information

% Of current taxes collected	<u>98.47%</u>	<u>98.15%</u>	<u>%</u>
% Used in the computation of reserve	<u>97.70%</u>	<u>98.00%</u>	<u>98.00%</u>
Reserve for uncollected taxes	<u>\$150,490.07</u>	<u>\$148,151.85</u>	<u>\$185,545.48</u>
Total year-end cash surplus	<u>\$258,096.34</u>	<u>\$119,352.31</u>	
Total non-cash surplus	<u>\$170,253.58</u>	<u>\$20,253.58</u>	
Year-end deferred charges	<u>\$97.19</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

C. Assessment Data

Assessed value (as of January 10)	<u>\$229,059,900</u>	<u>\$455,027,800</u>	<u>\$454,710,800</u>
Average residential assessment	<u>\$209,167.00</u>	<u>\$412,359.00</u>	<u>\$418,585</u>
Number of tax appeals granted	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Amount budgeted for tax appeals	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Refunding bonds for tax appeals	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

D. Staffing Levels

Total Number of Sworn Police -	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Total S&W Expenditures	<u>\$1,296,845.95</u>	<u>\$1,401,566.81</u>	<u>\$1,452,385.00</u>
Class 2 and Class 3 Officers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total S&W Expenditures	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Uniformed Fire – Staff Number	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total S&W Expenditures	<u>\$1,296,845.95</u>	<u>\$1,401,566.81</u>	<u>\$1,452,385.00</u>
Number of Other Full-time Employees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total S&W Expenditures	<u>\$314,818.62</u>	<u>\$378,719.26</u>	<u>\$450,143.00</u>
Number of Other Part-time Employees	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
Total S&W Expenditures	<u>1,611,664.57</u>	<u>1,780,286.07</u>	<u>1,886,688.00</u>

E. Impact of Proposed Tax Levy

			Amount
Current Year Taxable Value			<u>9,231,357.50</u>
Introduced Tax Levy			<u>3,819,979.50</u>
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate	<u>.8502</u>	Average res. Value	<u>\$418,585</u>
Current Year Taxes on average residential value			<u>8,540.21</u>
Prior Year Taxes on average residential value			<u>6779.18</u>
Proposed increase in average residential taxes			<u>1761.03</u>

VII. Application Year Budget Information**A. Year of latest revaluation/reassessment**2023

1. Most current equalized ratio

97.63%**B. Proposed Budget – Appropriation Cap Information Item**1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year?
If YES: % that was used**Yes No**x1%

2. Amount of appropriation cap bank available going into this year

\$31,309.90

3. Is the Application Year budget at (appropriation) cap?

x

If NO, amount of remaining balance

\$210,322.76

4. Does the Application Year anticipate the use of a waiver to exceed the appropriation cap?

x

If YES, the amount:

\$210,322.76**C. List the five largest item appropriation increases:**

Appropriation	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	\$ Amount of Increase
<u>Employee Group Health</u>	<u>368,441.97</u>	<u>532,680.00</u>	<u>164,238.03</u>
<u>Police S&W</u>	<u>1,401,566.81</u>	<u>1,452,384.24</u>	<u>50,817.43</u>
<u>Electricity</u>	<u>21,139.45</u>	<u>60,700.00</u>	<u>39,560.55</u>
<u>PFRS</u>	<u>374,528.00</u>	<u>415,274.00</u>	<u>40,746.00</u>
<u>Natural Gas</u>	<u>13,375.77</u>	<u>43,200.00</u>	<u>29,824.23</u>

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

Department/Agency	Position	Number	Dollar Amount
<u>NONE</u>			

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	<u>2,604,784.97</u>	<u>262,788</u>	<u>1,150,000.00</u>	<u>1,894,688.00</u>	<u>1,665,572.35</u>
Second year	<u>2,806,880.67</u>	<u>265,000</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>1,951,530.00</u>	<u>1,698,884.00</u>
Third year	<u>2,963,018.28</u>	<u>268,000</u>	<u>900,000.00</u>	<u>2,010,075.00</u>	<u>1,732,860.00</u>

VIII. Financial Practices

A. Expenditure controls and practices:

Question	Yes	No
1. Is an encumbrance system used for the current fund?	<u>X</u>	
2. Is an encumbrance system used for other funds?	<u>X</u>	
3. Is a general ledger maintained for the current fund?	<u>X</u>	
4. Is a general ledger maintained for other funds?	<u>X</u>	
5. Are financial activities largely automated? If so, please identify the system being used.	<u>X</u>	
6. Does the municipality operate a public assistance program?		<u>X</u>
7. Are expenditures controlled centrally (Yes) or de-centrally by dept. (No)?		<u>X</u>
8. At any point during the year, are expenditures routinely frozen?	<u>X</u>	
9. Has the municipality adopted a cash management plan?	<u>X</u>	
10. Have all negative findings in the prior year's audit report been corrected?	<u>X</u>	
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	<u>X</u>		
Vehicle/Fleet Liability	<u>X</u>		
Workers Compensation	<u>X</u>		
Property Coverage	<u>X</u>		
Public Official Liability	<u>X</u>		
Employment Practices Liability	<u>X</u>		
Environmental	<u>X</u>		
Health Benefits	<u>SHBP</u> <u>X</u>		

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>2024</u>
Average total cost percentage increase	<u>3%</u>	<u>N/A%</u>	<u>N/A%</u>	<u>3%</u>
Last contract settlement date	<u>1/23/25</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
Contract expiration date	<u>12/31/29</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	

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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)	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>No</u>
Wage Freezes (describe below)	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>No</u>
Layoffs (describe below)	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>No</u>

D. Tax Enforcement Practices:

Question	Yes	No
1. Did the municipality complete its accelerated tax sale by December 31, if included in the 2025 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.		<u>X</u>
2. When was the last foreclosure action taken or tax assignment sale held? Date:		
3. On what dates were tax delinquency notices sent out in 2024? Date:	<u>Quarterly</u>	
4. Date of last tax sale? Date:	<u>7/12/24</u>	

E. Specialized Service Delivery:

If the answer to either question is "Yes," provide (as an appendix) a cost justification for 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).		<u>X</u>
The municipality provides rear-yard solid waste collection through the budget.	<u>X</u>	

F. Other Financial Practices

1. Amount of interest on investment earned in:

2023	<u>\$10,093.78</u>	2024	<u>\$16,138.24</u>	Anticipated Application Year:	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
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2. List the instruments in which idle funds are invested:

<u>Ocean First Bank Sweep Account</u>	

3. What was the average return on investments during 2024?

4. Left Blank Intentionally

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

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

<u>1.26%</u>
<u>Suplee, Clooney & Company LLC</u>
<u>2022 +2025</u>

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Municipality: 1521

County: Ocean

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
<u>PBA</u>		<u>N/A</u>

H. Tax Abatements. Please provide a detailed discussion of any short-term or long-term tax abatements that are currently in place or are currently being negotiated, including the following information:

Project Name/Property	Type of Project	2024 PILOT Billing	2024 Assessed Value	2024 Taxes If Billed in Full at 2023 Total Tax Rate	Term of Tax Abatement
<u>N/A</u>					

IX. C. Evaluate existing local revenues as to whether 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 are provided	Are fees charged to cover the costs of the program?	If fees do not cover costs, what is the subsidy amount?	If there is a subsidy, explain why fees cannot be increased to reduce or eliminate the subsidy.
Recreation Programs	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Sewer Fees	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Water Fees	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Swimming Pool				
Uniform Construction Code	<u>X</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>None</u>	
Uniform Fire Code	<u>X</u>			
Land Use Fees	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Parking Fees	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Beach Fees	<u>X</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
Insert other local fees below:				
Land Use Escrow Fees for In-House Staff				
Land Use Escrow Fees for Independent Contractors				

X. Service Delivery

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

Type of Service	Name of Contracted Entity	Estimated Amount of Contract	Estimated Savings	Year Last Negotiated (as applicable)
<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Berkeley Twp</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>Berkeley Twp</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Berkeley Twp</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>2024</u>

Section XI. Impact of Limited or No Aid Award

Describe (in detail) the impact of not being granted aid for the current fiscal year. Essential service needs should be given priority. 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 ones the municipality will make without a grant of aid.**

Rank Order	Department	# Of Layoffs	Effective Date	2023 Full-Time Staffing	2024 Full-Time Staffing	\$ Amount to be Saved
<u>1</u>	<u>Police Department</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7/1/2025</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>\$210,339.90</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7/1/2025</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$7,072.00</u>

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

Rank Order	Service	Cost Savings	Impact on Services

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 MOU 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 DLGS to assign management, financial, and operational specialists to assess your municipal operations.	<u>X</u>	
2. Implement actions directed by the Director to address the findings of DLGS staff.	<u>X</u>	
3. Enter into a new MOU and comply with all its provisions without exception.	<u>X</u>	

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

The undersigned certifies that the municipality is in substantial compliance with the conditions and requirements of the 2024 MOU and is operating in good faith to correct those areas of noncompliance that have been identified.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Chief Financial Officer: _____ Date: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____ Date: _____

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 listed the names of all current civil service employees in NJ "CAMPS."

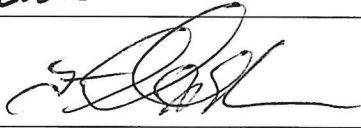
Human Resources or Personnel Director: _____ Date: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____ Date: _____

XV. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSITIONAL AID

The undersigned acknowledges that the municipality must comply with the foregoing requirements to receive Transitional Aid. In addition, included with this application is a copy (printed or electronic) of the budget documentation supporting the budget calculation that was provided to the governing body.

Mayor:  Date: 5/8/25

Chief Financial Officer:  Date: 5/8/25

Chief Administrative Officer:  Date: 5/8/25