

Transitional Aid Application for Calendar Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027

Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs

General Instructions: This application must be submitted in its entirety by February 27, 2026, for CY 2026 applicants and September 25, 2026, for FY 2027 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 2026-03 when preparing this application for specific instructions and definitions and review the Submission Checklist on page 19 of this application.

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I. Aid History

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

FY 2026 / CY 2025	FY 2025 / CY 2024	FY 2024 / CY 2023
\$40,500,000	\$37,000,000	\$25,000,000

II. Aid Request for Application Year

If not seeking a decrease, a letter from the Mayor is required. See Local Finance Notice 2026-03.

Amount of aid requested for the Application Year:	\$59,000,000
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III. Submission Requirements

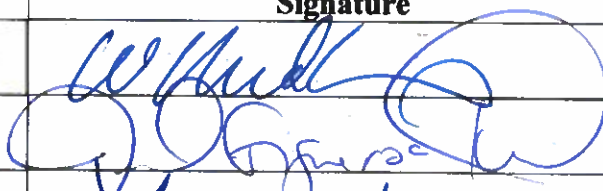
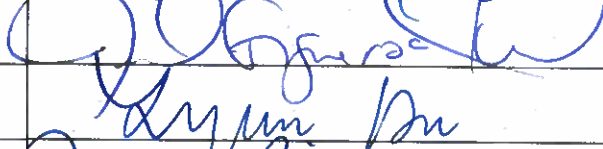
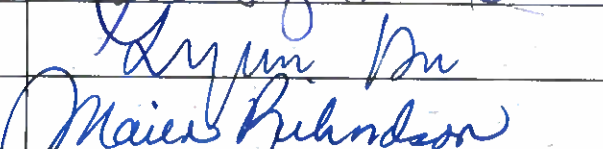
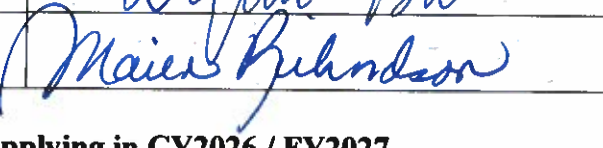
The following items must be submitted with or prior to the submission of this application. Indicate the date of submission of each.

Item	Date Submitted to DLGS
2026 Annual Financial Statement	TBD
2025 Annual Audit	TBD
2025 Corrective Action Plan	TBD
Application Year Introduced Budget	TBD
Budget Documentation Submitted to Governing Body	TBD

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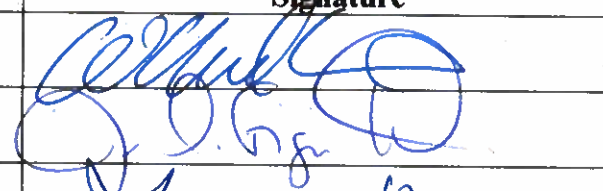
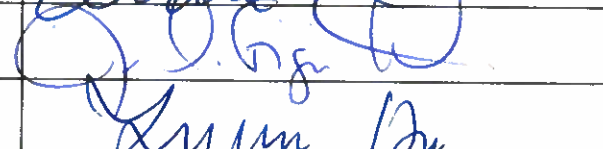
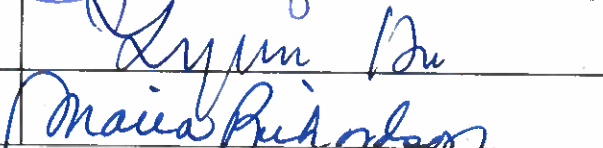
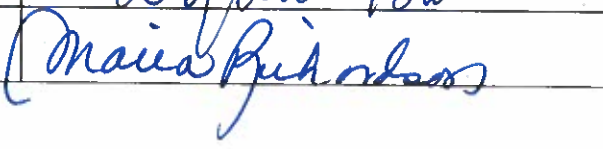
IV. A. Application Certification

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		2.25.26
Governing Body Presiding Officer		3/4/26
Chief Financial Officer		3/4/26
Chief Administrative Officer		02/25/26

B. Transitional Aid Recipients Applying in CY2026 / FY2027

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

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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?

The City of Trenton is not unlike most of the State's older urban cities that cannot 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. Additionally, the court mandated revaluation of real property in the City of Trenton caused artificially inflated property values, particularly among commercial properties. The resulting tax appeals have resulted in years of volatile ratables and unpredictable losses in revenue.

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. For instance, the City of Camden received approximately \$120 million in total state aid, excluding the \$80 million in state aid (earmarked for public safety). Despite having a 20% smaller population Trenton and facing the same urban challenges, with a nearly identical number of tax-exempt properties, the City of Camden receives \$61 million more in state aid than Trenton. If the City of Trenton received what Camden is projected to receive, based on a per capita difference in levels of state aid (which have eclipsed \$1,000 per resident), we would receive \$91 million more in state aid.

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 proposed budget for CY2026 totals over \$285 million. The continued significant increase in property taxes would be very difficult on the residents and businesses in the City. The City of Trenton already represents the lowest income municipality in the County of Mercer and we struggle to retain and attract businesses. Further increases on both the residential owners and any commercial tenants would substantially impact our ability to continue to drive the City in a positive direction. In 2026 the City of

Trenton has also seen a reduction in ratables of \$44,379,900 which is a further substantial hit to our tax base.

Exacerbating the City's budget problems is the fact that more than 55% of the City's property is currently exempt from property taxes. As of this fiscal year, the State of New Jersey owns \$1,113,163,900 of property within the limits of the City of Trenton. This total amounts for well over a third of all tax exempt and nearly one quarter of all property 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 over \$500 million in assessed value for a total of over \$1.5 billion, or more than half of the total exempt property in the City. If the City were to receive the municipal portion of the property tax from just the public owned tax-exempt properties, the City would be collecting nearly \$70 million in additional property tax revenue (based on the CY2026 tax rate). Of that amount, the property owned by the State of New Jersey would be generate over \$42 million in property tax revenue if the State paid its fair share of municipal tax levy. Given the City of Trenton's budget of approximately \$285 million, this additional tax revenue from State-owned properties would represent over 15% of the overall municipal budget. In addition to the issues stated above, the State has acquired the taxation building, previously our single largest taxpaying property. While the State has offered a PILOT for that and other properties, it still reduces our ongoing ability to generate taxes and limits the benefits that would be potentially gained if the City were to raise taxes.

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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	2024 Value	2025 Value	Amount of Loss/Increase
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			
Description:			

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:

- 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.

Use additional pages if necessary.

The CY 2026 draft proposed budget that has been included in this application continues to focus on the provision of critical and necessary services to the citizens of Trenton. The City, over the previous few years, has sought to work hard to eliminate any bloat and trim down to what was genuinely required. As a result, there are very few cuts in this budget and we continue to believe that we have presented the budget that is needed for our operations.

The City is also supporting the development of more market-rate housing (i.e. Van Sciver project, Bell telephone, and Roebling Block II). The City of Trenton is also leveraging Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds for business incentive grants (i.e., Princeton Hydro).

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

Regarding significant reductions in the workforce, the City is reluctant to tamper with public safety (the largest class of city personnel), given prior administration's reductions in force (i.e. 125 cops laid off during the Christie administration due to state budget cuts). Importantly, the City of Trenton has a significantly lower police officer to population ratio compared with other urban centers in the state. For example, the City of Camden's ratio of police officers to 1,000 residents is 5.13, which is nearly double the City of Trenton's ratio of 2.93.

It is highly unlikely however that significant additional reductions in the workforce can be achieved without the loss of critical functions such as compromising public safety. 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 has moved to refinance large portions of its debt, enabling a decrease in long term debt obligations and a net cost-savings to the City. While those efforts have, to date, been quite successful, the City continues to aggressively review all outstanding debt to monitor further opportunities to refinance in the future. It is our expectation that these efforts will continue to be fruitful as long as the City has the resources to pursue them.

The City also continues to take advantage of the pilot program begun FY 2013 that allows accelerated tax lien sales on-line rather than the current requirement that the potential purchaser has to appear in person. This has increased the number of bidders and thus resulted 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 which enhances the ongoing tax collection efforts and allows for the City to recoup much of its outstanding tax revenue, decreasing the need for additional assistance.

In addition, with great assistance from the State of New Jersey, the City has launched a widespread program to address vacant, blighted properties throughout the City. Bolstering our existing Vacant Property Registration process, the new initiative seeks to strategically acquire, demolish, and in some cases remediate vacant properties throughout the City. This initiative has, at its core, the goal of revitalizing neighborhoods, removing blight, and providing for the economic development of the entire city.

Finally the City will be evaluating our current staffing structure. We intend to reorganize and rightsize our municipality from a staffing perspective. As we evaluate our staffing levels, we also continue to engage new technology systems allowing us to do more with fewer FTEs than before.

LONG TERM PLAN TO PHASE OUT TRANSITIONAL AID

Assuming that Trenton receives \$59 million for its CY 2026 budget, the requirement to provide a phase out plan of no more than 3 years would result in \$20 million reductions in FY 2027 through FY 2029. A phase out of this magnitude is infeasible.

Under the following assumptions Trenton would face substantial budget shortfalls in the first year. The shortfall escalates in the second year when Transitional Aid will decrease to \$40 million in CY 2027 to approximately \$20 million in CY 2028, coupled with increase in salaries and other expenses.

Assumptions are as follows:

Transitional aid decrease by \$20 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 nearly on quarter of the value of all property in the City. If the State paid the municipal property taxes the City would receive over \$42 million in property taxes based on CY 2026 tax rates. Absent this recognition that the a portion of the Transitional Aid should permanently be provided to the City as additional PILOT payments or another State-budgeted revenue stream, 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.

D. Discussion of Health Benefits

Please provide details on the municipality's current medical, prescription, and other health benefits plans (SHBP, HIF, self-insured, etc.) and all research undertaken to confirm they are the most cost-effective options. Additionally, if applicable, 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.

Our decision to transition from the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) to the private market and self-insure our health benefits has proven to be both a prudent and successful choice. Despite the SHBP's 5.7% increase in medical premiums and 19.9% increase in prescription costs for Plan Year 2024, the self-insured plan, which began in April 2023, has resulted in cost savings of \$2.8 million compared to the SHBP through the end of the plan year in December 2024.

We anticipate similar results for Plan Year 2025, especially in light of the State Health Benefits Commission's approval of a 14.5% increase in medical premiums and a 28.4% increase in prescription costs for local government health insurance.

Aetna, contracted as one of two carriers for the SHBP, has provided medical plans for the City of Trenton that are either equal to or superior to those offered by the SHBP. Additionally, our prescription vendor has offered plans that match the SHBP's benefits, while also delivering superior member benefits through various cost-saving programs and incentives for prudent healthcare consumption.

Remaining self-insured continues to be advantageous for the City of Trenton, as it offers greater transparency and a clearer understanding of our healthcare risks. Our broker can assess the City's healthcare expenditures, identify risks, and make informed recommendations to reduce and stabilize costs based on historical and projected usage. Self-insuring protects the City from escalating premiums, ensuring we pay only for the healthcare costs we need.

Our broker is compensated on a per-employee-per-month (PEPM) basis, directly by the carrier. This is included in our all-inclusive PEPM administration fee, with no additional charges. When factoring in all expenses, the private insurance marketplace continues to provide savings for the City of Trenton compared to the SHBP.

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VI. Historical Fiscal Statistics

Item	2024	2025	Introduced Application Year
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A. Property Tax/Budget Information

Municipal tax rate	\$3.672	\$3.707	\$3.7801
Municipal Purposes tax levy	\$81,498,282.65	\$83,128,027.50	\$83,068,518.38
Municipal Open Space tax levy	\$	\$	\$
Total general appropriations	\$282,630,187.92	\$281,306,307.38	\$285,029,016.48

B. Cash Status Information

% Of current taxes collected	98.28%	98.88%	%
% Used in the computation of reserve	96%	95.5%	96.0%
Reserve for uncollected taxes	\$5,089,407.86	\$5,908,252.74	\$5,331,404.23
Total year-end cash surplus	\$15,400,000	\$33,496,471.28	
Total non-cash surplus	\$16,537,824	\$8,168,362.32	
Year-end deferred charges	\$53,996.20	\$421,877.67	

C. Assessment Data

Assessed value (as of January 10)	\$2,219,200,210	\$2,242,396,800	\$2,198,016,900
Average residential assessment	\$63,615	\$64,404	\$64,862
Number of tax appeals granted	115	64 County 39 State	
Amount budgeted for tax appeals	\$0	0\$	\$0
Refunding bonds for tax appeals	\$0	0\$	\$0

D. Staffing Levels

Total Number of Sworn Police -	288	288	288
Total S&W Expenditures	\$33,525,688	\$37,349,380	\$37,549,380
Class 2 and Class 3 Officers	0	0	0
Total S&W Expenditures	0	0	0
Uniformed Fire – Staff Number	226	226	226
Total S&W Expenditures	\$29,516,415.11	\$28,386,643.00	\$29,986,303.55
Number of Other Full-time Employees	609	641	626
Total S&W Expenditures	\$39,820,448.71	\$42,750,137.05	\$44,326,412.54
Number of Other Part-time Employees	75	79	84
Total S&W Expenditures	877,314	1,260,810	1,702,997

E. Impact of Proposed Tax Levy

			Amount
Current Year Taxable Value			
Introduced Tax Levy			83,086,518.38.
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate	3.7801	Average res. Value	64,862
Current Year Taxes on average residential value			2,452
Prior Year Taxes on average residential value			2,405
Proposed increase in average residential taxes			47

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VII. Application Year Budget Information

A. Year of latest revaluation/reassessment

1. Most current equalized ratio

2017

60.13

B. Proposed Budget – Appropriation Cap Information

1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year?

If YES: % that was used

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

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

If NO, amount of remaining balance

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

If YES, the amount:

	Yes	No
1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year?	X	
If YES: % that was used	3.5%	
2. Amount of appropriation cap bank available going into this year		
3. Is the Application Year budget at (appropriation) cap?		X
If NO, amount of remaining balance	\$	
4. Does the Application Year anticipate the use of a waiver to exceed the appropriation cap?	X	
If YES, the amount:	\$17,994,483.24	

C. List the five largest item appropriation increases.

Appropriation	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	\$ Amount of Increase
Health Benefits/Insurance	56,763,311.00	73,424,600	16,661,289.
Pension Soc Security	29,028,609.00	31,343,378.81	2,314,769.81
Fire	30,368,939.17	31,898,411.82	1,529,472.65
Recreation Nat Res Culture	7,383,891	8,323,781.27	939,889.49
Debt Service	15,961,206.95	17,116,196.61	1,154,989.66

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

Department/Agency	Position	Number	Dollar Amount

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	87,286,607.97	31,883,551.98	59,000,000	116,142,394.95	184,172,371.36
Second year	89,032,340.13	33,477,729.58	59,000,000	118,465,242.85	192,797,481.07
Third year	90,812,986.93	35,151,616.06	59,000,000	120,834,547.71	201,986,268.54

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? If so, please identify the system being used.	X	
6. Does the municipality operate a 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.		X

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 Benefits	SHBP		

C. 1. Salary and employee contract information

When more than one bargaining unit for each category, use the average.

Question	Police	Fire	Other Contract	Non-Contract
Year of last salary increase	PBA-2018 SOA-2023	LOCAL6-2023 LOCAL 206-2023	2286-2024 2281-2023	
Average total cost percentage increase	PBA 2% SOA 2%	LOCAL6-2% LOCAL 206 2%/%	2281 -2% 2286 2%/%	%
Last contract settlement date	PBA- 7/2023 SOA-10/2020	Local 6- 8/2023 Local 206 8/2023	2281 6/2021 2286 10/2021	
Contract expiration date	12/31/23	12/31/2026	2281 - 12/2023 2286-12/31/2024	

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2. Explain, if any, actions that have been taken/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

D. Tax Enforcement Practices

Question	Yes	No
1. Did the municipality complete its accelerated tax sale by December 31, if included in the 2026 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.	X	
2. When was the last foreclosure action taken or tax assignment sale held? Date:	12/16/25 assignment	
3. On what dates were tax delinquency notices sent out in 2025? Date:	3/18/25, 6/4/25 8/29/25, 11/13/25	
4. Date of last tax sale? Date:	12/15/25	

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).		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:

2024	\$5,174,524	2025	\$3,748,861.18	Anticipated Application Year:	\$3,748,861.18
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2. List the instruments in which idle funds are invested:

CASH MANAGEMENT FUND	

3. What was the average return on investments during 2025?

4.15%

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

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

2002

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
AFSCME 2286	12/31/24	WILL START NEGOTIATION
AFSCME 2281	12/31/23	WILL START NEGOTIATION
SOA	12/31/23	NEGOTIATIONS
PBA	12/31/23	NEGOTIATIONS
FMBA LOCAL 6	12/31/26	
FMBA LOCAL 206	12/31/26	

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	2025 PILOT Billing	2025 Assessed Value	2025 Taxes If Billed in Full at 2024 Total Tax Rate	Term of Tax Abatement
	ATTACHMENT A				

For example, layoffs, furloughs, freezes, contract concessions, etc.

[illegible]

For example, reductions, changes, or elimination of services, procurement efficiencies, or restraint. Include changes in spending policies that reduce non-essential spending.

[illegible]

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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	X	Partial		
Sewer Fees	X	Yes		
Water Fees	X	Yes		
Swimming Pool	X	No		
Uniform Construction Code	X	Yes		
Uniform Fire Code	X	Partial		
Land Use Fees	X	Yes		
Parking Fees	X	Yes		
Beach Fees				
Insert other local fees below:				
Land Use Escrow Fees for In-House Staff	X	Partial		
Land Use Escrow Fees for Independent Contractors	X	Partial		

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)
Recycling Program	Mercer County	2,058,000		
Emergency Med Dispatch	Mercer County	228,000		

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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/ Division	# Of Layoffs	Effective Date	2024 Full-Time Staffing	2025 Full-Time Staffing	\$ Amount to be Saved
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If services will be reduced, describe the service, impact, and associated cost savings.

Rank Order	Service	Cost Savings	Impact on Services
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XII. Agreement to Improve Financial Position of Municipality

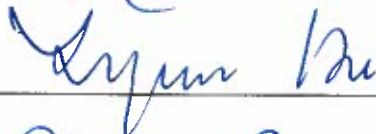
If aid is granted, the municipality will be required to submit to certain reporting conditions and oversight as authorized by law, and a new MOU will need to be signed. Please mark each box below indicating that the applicant understands and agrees to comply with these broad reporting and oversight provisions.

	Yes	No
1. Allow the Director of DLGS to assign management, financial, and operational specialists to assess your municipal operations.	X	
2. Implement actions directed by the Director to address the findings of DLGS staff.	X	
3. Enter into a new MOU and comply with all its provisions without exception.	X	

XIII. Certification of Past Compliance for Municipalities Currently Operating Under a TA MOU

The undersigned certifies that the municipality is in substantial compliance with the conditions and requirements of the 2025 MOU and is operating in good faith to correct those areas of noncompliance that have been identified.

Mayor:  Date: 2-25-26

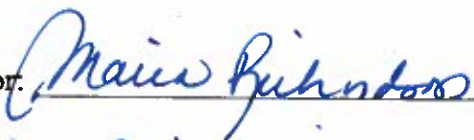
Chief Financial Officer:  Date: 3/4/26

Chief Administrative Officer:  Date: 02/25/26

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: 02/25/26

Chief Administrative Officer:  Date: 02/25/26

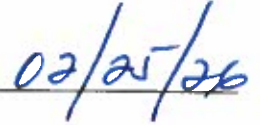
XV. Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) Certification

The undersigned certifies that copies of all active collective negotiations' agreements and the cost-out of each have been delivered to PERC. Support documentation regarding the method of cost out must also be provided.

Chief Administrative Officer:

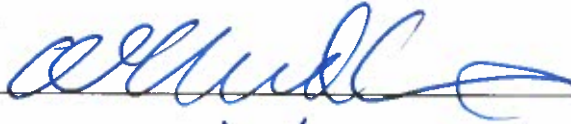


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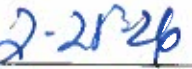
**XV. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSITIONAL AID**

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:



Chief Financial Officer:



Date:



Chief Administrative Officer:



Date:

