

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

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### **Federal Advocacy: Last Chance for Direct Federal Aid to Municipalities!**

Despite the apparent and urgent need for emergency federal assistance, Congress remains stubbornly divided on including additional funds for state and local governments in the next coronavirus relief package. Without a final overwhelming effort by every local municipal official to influence Members of Congress, Congress could leave out our top priority of **direct budget aid to all cities, boroughs, towns, and townships across Pennsylvania**. Again, there is still no agreement in Congress to include federal aid to local governments in the next coronavirus relief package.

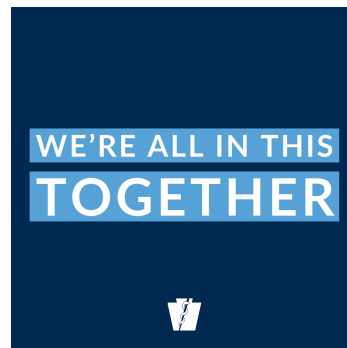
**July represents our final chance to advocate for direct federal assistance for all cities boroughs, towns, and townships in the final COVID-19 emergency assistance bill.**

**[Call Senators Casey and Toomey TODAY and tell them that existing emergency assistance is not enough.](#)** Congress must pass a coronavirus relief package that includes new funding for your local government. **The Senate needs to pass a funding package of at least \$500 billion for all local governments.** We need more than just flexibility. Your

community depends on it, and so does the economic health of our commonwealth and the nation.

Take Action

Check out the section on our website  
dedicated to member  
[Community Response During Coronavirus.](#)



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## League's Latest

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[Tune in to Rick's latest Executive Director video report.](#)

**PELRAS Virtual Conference!** Click [here to register](#) and [here for session descriptions](#).

**Have you searched the GrantFinder database lately?** Here is a small sampling of grants that might be of interest to your community. [Pennsylvania OSFC - Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program](#) – Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner; [COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force \(AHTF\)](#) – U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); and [Host Municipality Certified Inspectors \(Municipal\) Grants \(Pennsylvania\)](#) – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

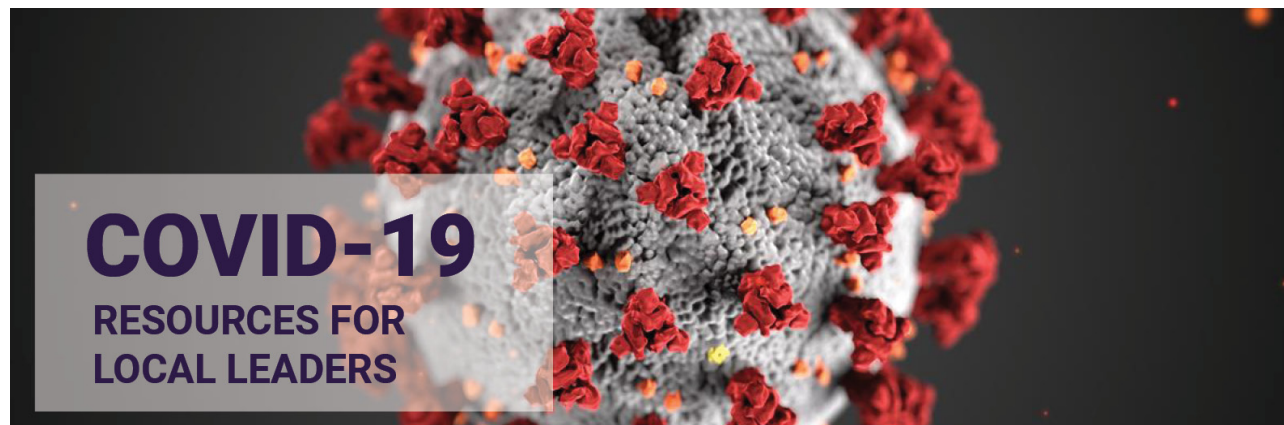
Can't access the database? Has your municipality signed up for access? Have you forgotten your password? Please contact Harry Krot, Director of Marketing and Member services for assistance at [hkrot@pml.org](mailto:hkrot@pml.org).

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts** – Since telecommuting is strongly recommended during the green phase of reopening PA, take the time to address potential cyber security issues for your employees continuing to work remotely. Be cautious of links that appear to be related to COVID-19 information that could be phishing scams. Ensure that company laptops and other electronic devices provided to employees working from home are updated with malware detection and other security features. Instruct employees not to send emails, use the internet, or save files outside of your organization's cloud connection. Train employees not to use their personal devices and work devices interchangeably. Avoid poor password choices which include using the same password between personal and work accounts (23%), having a single password across all sites (33%), and using a password that isn't strong enough (75%). (data from Capterra's Remote Work Survey 2020) For more information, consult [Tips to Improve Cybersecurity While Working Remotely](#) provided through the

National League of Cities, a partner of The League/PennPRIME. Another great NLC resource is [What Cities Should Know About Cybersecurity](#).

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.

Be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



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## Resource Roundup

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[Wolf Administration Announces Targeted Mitigation Efforts in Response to Recent COVID Case Increases](#) — Governor Wolf and Sec. of Health Dr. Rachel Levine signed new orders for targeted

mitigation efforts in response to the recent rise in COVID cases, primarily in southwest PA, but also in other counties in the state, influencing the decision for statewide mitigation efforts for bars and restaurants, gatherings and telework.

[EPA Announces \\$6 Billion in New Funding for Water Infrastructure Projects](#) — This year's funding will provide up to \$6 billion to support \$12 billion in water infrastructure projects while creating more than 35,000 jobs and improving public health and environmental protection in communities across the country.

[NLC COVID-19: Pandemic Response Update | Issue 34](#)

[Constellation – Your Energy Use and COVID-19](#) — As a League member, Constellation, The League's preferred provider of electricity, is here to work with you and closely following the COVID-19 situation and evaluating additional measures to support customers.

[2020 RACP Application Opening - Office of the Governor](#) — On July 1, Governor Wolf signed SB 905 (Act 36). With the signing of SB 905 it has been announced that the new Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) application window for 2020 will be open for 30 days during the period of July 13th through August 12th.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).