

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

### 2020 Adopted Resolutions

The League is a member-driven organization relying on member municipalities to help develop policies that meet the present needs of local government. Our annual [resolutions process](#) provides every League member with the opportunity to participate in and shape The League's legislative agenda.

During The League's Municipal Leadership Summit, the voting delegates for the Resolutions Committee and Annual Business Meeting met for a final discussion and vote on the proposed 2020 Resolutions. All 14 resolutions were adopted unanimously, and the adopted resolutions will be integrated into the 2021 Policy Statement.

The adopted resolutions listed below were proposed by Upper Darby Township and State College Borough, as well as The League's Board of Directors and Legislative Committee.

1. Adoption of NLC's 2020 Municipal Policy and 2020 Federal Action Agenda
2. 2020 Policy Review (2017 Resolutions)
3. Other Post-Employment Benefits
4. Reduction in Assessed Value Resulting from COVID-19

5. Act 111 Policy Update
6. Consumer Fireworks Policy Update
7. Wage Garnishment Tool for Delinquent Municipal Claims
8. Public Construction Project Delivery Options
9. State Police Service Fee Update
10. Removal of Physical Quorum Requirement for Boroughs and Cities
11. Local Elected Officials – Fulfilling the Duties of Office
12. Local Government's Role in Public Health
13. Alternative Home Rule Charter Process for Act 47 Municipalities
14. Equity, Fairness, Inclusion and Justice Policy Update

Please view and read The League's Adopted 2020 Resolutions [here](#).

## Join The League's Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee helps to set a plan of action and implement the goals of The League's legislative agenda. If you would like to be a member of the Committee in 2021, please reach out to Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, at [asturges@pml.org](mailto:asturges@pml.org).

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



## League's Latest

[TUNE IN to Rick's latest Executive Director video report as he discusses The League's 2020-21 newly elected officers and sharing of best practices as we see another COVID-19 spike.](#)

[Wolf Administration Recognizes Recipients of 2020 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence](#) — On behalf of Governor Tom Wolf, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin recognized municipalities and local government officials for their dedication and commitment to strengthen their communities and better serve their residents. Congratulations to League members who received awards!

[League Webinar - Impacts of COVID-19 on Pennsylvania Nonprofits](#) — Join us and Anne Gingrich from The Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations on December 10 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. [Register now!](#)

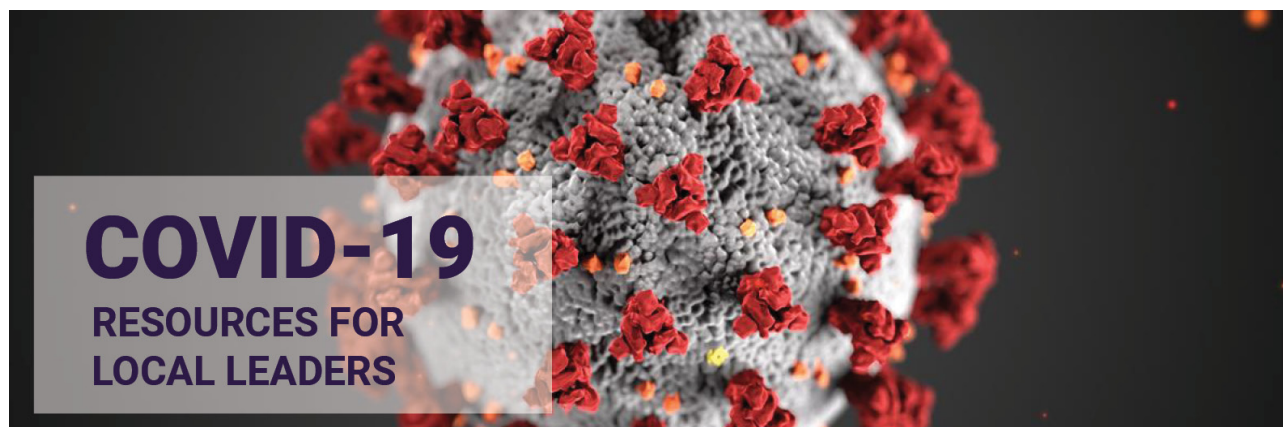
[APMM Webinar - Municipal Managers and Race: Myths, Mores, and Motivations](#) — Join us and Professor Gadsen from Villanova University on December 10 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. [Register now!](#)

**Need help identifying and submitting a grant application? Hire the GrantFinder Team!** Your membership in The League already grants you access to a database of more than 8,000 grant opportunities. You can search the database as often as you like at no charge. If you don't know where to start, you can talk with a member of the GrantFinder Team for hands-on assistance identifying and preparing your grant applications. Additionally, if you do not have the time or expertise to write a grant application, the staff at GrantFinder can help. For a nominal fee, you can hire GrantFinder to complete the grant application process from start to finish or to participate in select steps along the way, such as narrative review or searching for opportunities. Whatever your grant writing needs are, please know that you have a resource at your fingertips! For more information, please contact Harry Krot at [hkrot@pml.org](mailto:hkrot@pml.org).

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts — Reminder and Guidance for Renewal of Workplace Safety Committee Certification.** The PA Bureau of Workers' Compensation is offering flexibility with regard to some of their requirements. After clicking on this [link](#), scroll down to "COVID-19 Safety Committee FAQs". For questions regarding your specific issues, contact the Bureau directly at [RA-LI-BWC-PATHS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-LI-BWC-PATHS@pa.gov) or [800-482-2383](tel:800-482-2383). The deadline for applying for recertification is Wednesday, December 16, 2020 if your Workers' Compensation insurance renews on January 1. With the increased risk that COVID has caused, it is critical to continue supporting the efforts of your safety committee to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses!

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.

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



If you participated in our Municipal Leadership Virtual Summit, we would greatly appreciate a quote via [email](#) or a short audio/video testimonial via [Sharefile](#) regarding your experience.

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## Resource Roundup

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[As COVID-19 Cases Reach Critical Levels, Wolf Admin Announces New Mitigation Efforts \(see also, letter from Governor Wolf regarding new orders\)](#) — With [new modeling](#) projecting 22,000 new COVID-19 cases per day in Pennsylvania in December, Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine today announced new targeted mitigation measures to help stop the spread during this critical time.

[USDA Loan Program Information for Construction and Equipment Projects](#) – The [Community Facilities Program](#) provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas under 20,000 population. This loan program has no fees or prepayment penalties and does not require prevailing wages.

**The Sixth Edition of the Local Government Commission's *Pennsylvania Legislator's Municipal Deskbook* is now available** on the [Commission's website](#). Articles are categorized by subject matter and may be individually downloaded as pdfs.

[Governor Wolf Announces New Funding Available to Protect Homeless Pennsylvanians During COVID-19 Resurgence](#) – Governor Wolf announced that nearly \$20 million is now available to assist Pennsylvanians currently experiencing homelessness.

[Relay Waste Management Case Study - Smart 50 Award Recipient](#) – Covid-19 has awakened a new awareness and discussion of what the city of tomorrow will be like – more bike lanes, fewer cars, better air quality, a constant search for efficiencies to facilitate that evolution, and an emphasis on environmental equity.



**Wishing Everyone a  
Safe and Healthy  
Thanksgiving!**

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

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