

2024 STATE OF THE LEAGUE



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The State of The League in 2024 is one of progress and success. Key accomplishments include:

- Board of Directors remain engaged and involved in committees.
- Increased League membership to 144 municipal members.
- 29 Business Leaders Network members, 9 new Business Leaders joined.
- Capitol Conference convened virtually and included presentations from leading state officials regarding public safety, municipal finance, and community development/ infrastructure.
- Successfully advocated for amendments to Post Traumatic Stress Injury legislation.
- Convened a Housing Task Force.
- Offered diversity training for municipal staff.
- Completed first year of 2024-2026 strategic plan.
- Quality sessions, keynote speaker and increased attendance in Scranton during the annual Municipal Leadership Summit with our partners the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association.
- Delivered high-quality training and professional development opportunities including the PA Construction Codes Academy, PA Training Hub, Tax Collectors, Building Resilience in Communities and the Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service. Sustainable Pennsylvania software was upgraded and a successful conference convened.
- Launched The League's 125th Anniversary for 2025.



League Executive Director John Brenner

LEADERSHIP Elected for 2024-25



League President
Mayor Derek Slaughter
City of Williamsport



League 1st Vice President
Centrice Martin
Manager, Ferguson Township



League 2nd Vice President
Mayor J. William Reynolds
Mayor, City of Bethlehem

Strength Through Engagement.

We Are **144** Members Strong.

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1st Class City

1

2nd Class City

1

2nd Class A City

43

3rd Class Cities

48

Boroughs

15

1st Class Townships

28

2nd Class Townships

6

Municipalities

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ADVOCACY

2024 By the Numbers

860

bills tracked throughout the 2023/2024 legislative session

9

Policy Resolutions adopted during the 2024 Municipal Leadership Summit

200+

attendees joined six Capitol Conference webinars throughout 2024

2024 Legislative Highlights

- Achieved a compromise on Post-traumatic Stress Injuries for First Responders – Act 121.
- Provided timely legislative summaries monthly through the *Legislative Locator* and *Municipal Reporter*.
- Integrated a grassroots advocacy platform into our website to more easily engage members in our advocacy efforts
- Hosted an intern to conduct research and aid in our advocacy efforts
- Advocated for our members on a variety of topics including:
 - Housing Affordability
 - Local Government Preemption
 - Advertising Modernization
 - Local Tax Modernization
 - Unfunded Mandates
 - Local Use of Radar
 - Right to Know Law
 - Blight Remediation
 - Public Meetings
 - Retention of Fire and EMS Personnel

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



sustainablepa.org

135 Certified Sustainable PA Communities

55 are League Members

11 Platinum	55 Silver
52 Gold	16 Bronze

Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service
PELRAS – our labor and employment law advisory service provides training, a labor newsletter and expert legal help at discounted rates. PELRAS membership currently stands at 329 members.

Your Key to PA Local Government

This free eBook, available at PML.org, is designed to help Pennsylvanians understand how their government is organized and how they can participate as a citizen to support their municipality and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GrantFinder

The League is pleased to provide members with a no-cost, value-added benefit called GrantFinder. GrantFinder, powered by Lexipol, is a real-time, online searchable database of more than 16,000 federal, state, foundation, and corporate grants available to municipalities and local non-profits.

Municipal Utility Alliance

The MUA has successfully enabled local governments to take every opportunity to benefit from the energy markets through competitive pricing.

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust

PLGIT is a financial management trust designed exclusively for local governments, offering a wide array of investment options and cash management services.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Trainings

- Phoenixville Borough – 3
- Manheim Township – 2
- League Virtual – 1
- Municipal Leadership Summit – 1
- League Staff – 1

Other Trainings

- HR training through Alternative HR
- CPR/First Aid
- Utility Services Partner Program
- Homeserve



Pennsylvania Municipal League

Celebrating Strengthening Communities



2025 marks the 125th Anniversary of The League as an association serving those who serve municipalities in Pennsylvania. The League will be celebrating 125 years of strengthening communities with a number of exciting events planned throughout the year.

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TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

League Training (Participants)

- PELRAS Conference – 502
- District Meetings – 262
 - Southwest #1 - 37 | Southwest #2 - 34
 - Southeast - 35 | Southcentral - 40
 - Northwest - 39 | Northeast - 45
 - Northcentral - 32
- Municipal Leadership Summit – 445
- Annual Sustainable PA Conference – 72

APMM Training (Participants)

- Annual Conference – 262
- Executive Development Conference – 68

Contract Training (Events / Participants)

- PCCA and Floodplain – 95 / 1,562 (660 archived webinars sold)
- PATH – 24 / 395 (236 archived webinars sold)

Municipal Leadership Summit

2023-24 League President Mayor Douglas Baker presided over the largest Summit in a decade of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association, October 10-13, in the City of Scranton. former U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent gave the keynote address entitled "Navigating Washington In a Polarized, Unsettled Political Environment: Looking At 2025 and Beyond." We thank all of our sponsors, exhibitors and advertisers for supporting the Summit.

[Click here](#) to watch the Municipal Leadership Summit video and plan to join us next year in the City of Erie on Wednesday, October 1 to Saturday, October 4, 2025!

Playground Build

On August 5, through the partnership between the City of Lock Haven, The League, and KABOOM!, along with the generous support of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), First Quality, Highmark, Geisinger and Sons and Daughters of Italy, we built a playground at Hoberman Park in Lock Haven!

[Click here](#) to watch the playground build video!



INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

This year, our primary focus was the successful implementation of a new CRM system and accounting software. Internally, we prioritized cleaning up our data and fine-tuning processes to ensure The League staff could operate efficiently and effectively. These improvements were essential to laying the foundation for a more streamlined and reliable system that supports both our internal operations and member interactions.

A key achievement was the creation of a new web portal designed to enhance the member experience. This platform allows members to register for events, manage memberships, update organizational records and make payments online, all within a single, user-friendly interface. Additionally, it integrates seamlessly with our Member Dashboard, creating a unified and simplified platform that supports both staff and member needs. These advancements reinforce our commitment to improving operational efficiency and delivering exceptional service to our members.

INSURANCE TRUSTS

PennPRIME Insurance Trusts

Members of both Trusts receive personalized support from attorneys, claims adjusters, loss prevention representatives, underwriters, and other professionals experienced in municipal operations. Both Trusts include a loss control grant program, designed to financially assist our members with safety and risk management initiatives they choose to prioritize. We also develop comprehensive claims reviews and work with our members to facilitate optimal claims management every step of the way. With the depth and array of coverages and services PennPRIME offers, we are truly a one-source provider.

PennPRIME Liability Trust

There are 53 members of the PennPRIME Liability Trust for 2024. The PennPRIME Liability Trust has dealt with a significant challenge for the 2024 renewal that all Insurers of Property are struggling to address: the significant increase in excess insurance rates. The large jump in excess insurance rates has been attributed to major losses in California, Texas, Florida and Hawaii resulting in Excess Carriers raising rates to cover those losses.

PennPRIME Worker's Compensation Trust

The PennPRIME Worker's Compensation Trust has added new members, the Borough of Blairsville and the Borough of Shippensburg. The Worker's Compensation Trust remains stable. There are 40 members of the Trust.

U•COMP is a group Unemployment Compensation Trust for public entities across Pennsylvania. The Trust is comprised of cities, townships of various classes, boroughs, municipalities, housing and redevelopment agencies and transit authorities. It assists the members in lowering their unemployment liability and also educates its members on the latest unemployment legislation.

U•COMP provides great opportunities for dividends, low annual rates and works closely with a third-party claims administrator to assist you with the risks and burdens of an unemployment claim. Our staff provides prompt, personalized, and professional service from the submission to the completion of an unemployment claim.

There are 128 Member of the Unemployment Compensation Trust. Member rates continue to be reduced through prudent management and prompt handling of claims. We continue to work with our third-party claims administrator Experian Employer Services to reduce claims against members.

Corporate Partnerships: 29 Business Leaders Network Members
22 Associate Members



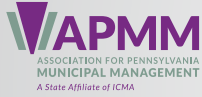
Brown Plus was presented with the **2024 Community Partnership Award** during the Municipal Leadership Summit Awards Breakfast on October

11. Congratulations to Brown Plus for this well-deserved achievement. Brian Marchuck accepted the award on behalf of Brown Plus.





SECRETARIAT SERVICES



The Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of professional municipal managers and administrators working in Pennsylvania local government.

APMM is dedicated to the promotion of professional and effective local government management in Pennsylvania. There are currently 259 full-time municipal managers and 66 assistant municipal managers and administrators among its membership.



The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners represents Pennsylvania's first class townships and their elected governing officials before the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Commonwealth's various agencies. PSATC is comprised of 58 member townships.

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ONLINE PRESENCE • PML.org

Daily Newsfeed

2,570 articles posted | 57 League mentions

Monthly Executive Director Video Reports

Member Dashboard

Civility Pledge for Elected and Appointed Officials

Municipal Job Junction+ (FREE to Members)

176 classifieds posted | 104 League member ads

Social Media Channels

Boosted social media posting, engagement and reach



EXCLUSIVE PUBLICATIONS

Legislative Locator

League Link

Membership Directory

PELRAS UPDATE

PELRAS SCOOP

Municipal Reporter

Edition Themes

- » Human Services
- » Diversity
- » Livable Communities
- » Leadership
- » Civility
- » Emergency Management



NATIONAL AFFILIATE



13 Direct League Member Municipalities

1 Pennsylvania representative served on the NLC Board of Directors
» Philadelphia Councilmember Brian O'Neill - Past President

Altoona
Carlisle

Easton
Harrisburg

Lancaster
New Castle

Norristown
Philadelphia

Pittsburgh
Pittston

State College
Wilkes-Barre

FINANCE

The League's revenues continue to increase with a 2% increase projected over 2023. This increase enables The League to continue using member-contributed funds to enhance programs and services, focusing on elevating the overall membership experience. Major revenue sources include trust and program fees, training contract reimbursements, and dues. In 2024, The League was once again awarded training contracts through DCED which extend through 2026, and hosted several well-attended events, such as PELRAS and the annual Municipal Leadership Summit. The League continues to monitor expenditures, anticipating a slight increase over prior year due to economic shifts and uncertainty in the market. Notably, The League's net assets have steadily grown, experiencing an approximate 17% increase since 2019.

2024 PROJECTED REVENUES

