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A Newsletter of [The Pennsylvania Municipal League](#)



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Executive Director's Report

Pennsylvania Municipal League
2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan

Key 2024 Accomplishments and Priorities

ADVOCACY	TRAINING & EDUCATION	SERVICES	MEMBER ENGAGEMENT	AWARENESS
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ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Advocacy Action

Who's Your League Advocacy Liaison?

To get the most out of your membership benefits, involvement in our advocacy program is essential.

The League values local participation in our advocacy efforts and believes local officials are an asset for communicating the impact of legislation to their Representatives and Senators in the General Assembly.

With this in mind, we recently introduced a new [grassroots lobbying tool](#) to make it as easy as possible to be a local advocate. And, as a part of our strategic planning goal, we are asking each member municipality to appoint a Legislative Liaison. This volunteer would support our lobbying efforts and facilitate any requested local action.

A Legislative Liaison should be interested in the legislative process and willing to stay informed of legislation moving in the General Assembly. Ideally, when we send an action call, the Liaison is familiar with the issue and can respond quickly through the grassroots tool. Liaisons should regularly stay up to date with our monthly Legislative Locator and discuss priority legislative issues with their boards in advance. Often action calls are time sensitive and any preparation ahead of time will allow for quick action when needed.

Please bring this request to your board's attention and assist us by identifying a Legislative Liaison.

Legislative Liaison Designation Form

2025 Bid Limits Announced

The PA Department of Labor and Industry has announced changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids, or separate bids, for certain contracts. There is a 2.4% change for this year, which falls under the 3 percent cap. Therefore, the base amount for public bids is \$23,800 and the base amount for written or telephonic bids is \$12,900, effective January 1, 2025. [Click here](#) for the complete list of base values.

League's Latest

Please welcome our newest members to The League – [Milton Borough, Northumberland County](#); [Hellam Township, York County](#); [Town of McCandless, Allegheny County](#), and [Monroeville, Allegheny County](#), Welcome aboard!

[Time is running out to register for the PELRAS 2025 Conference!](#) This year the conference is being held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on February 26-28. Take a peek at the Conference and agenda and contact Marcia Cavanagh at mcavanagh@pml.org with any registration issues.

Register now for our 2025 Winter Lunch and Learn Webinar Series – This Free webinar series will provide municipal staff and officials with valuable insights from our Business Leaders Network members! Aspirant will present - [Reducing Risk, Limiting Liability: The Role of Police Accreditation and Policy Development](#) on January 28 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Our next series will be presented by PennBid regarding [Procurement Best Practices](#) on February 13 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Municipal Reporter Topics for 2025 – We are excited to reveal our new topics for the 2025 *Municipal Reporter* publication schedule. We would love to feature your municipality in one of our upcoming editions! Below is our 2025 Publication Schedule and themes for each issue:

1. February – Infrastructure; copy due date February 1 (*deadline extended*)
2. April – Civic Engagement; copy due date March 1
3. June – Sustainability; copy due date May 1
4. August – Business Leaders Network; copy due date July 1
5. October – The League's 125th Anniversary; copy due date September 1
6. December – Community Murals & Architecture; copy due date November 1

If you would like to provide an article in one or more of our *Municipal Reporter* editions, please contact Susan Schrack Wood, Director of Communications, at swood@pml.org.

In Person Classes 2025

REGISTER TODAY!

March 31-April 4, 2025

Toftrees Golf Resort, State College, PA

May 5-9, 2025

Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA

BCO 101
Building Code Official Academies this Spring

Which one works for you?

for more information :
www.PAConstructionCodesAcademy.org

\$650 BCO Manual & Exam included 26 CEU's

BCO 101: March 31-April 4 - In Person

BCO 101: May 6-9 - In Person

2025 Path Calendar

We are excited to announce new courses for the 2025 Spring Training Calendar for the PATH program! This year's training sessions are designed to provide valuable insights and skills in the categories of: Finance, Administration, Public Safety and Current Trends. We have added six new classes this spring and expect to add a few more. Please let us know what topics will help you with your job. We look forward to your participation and are confident that these training sessions will be beneficial for your professional development and the betterment of our communities.

Please feel free to share this information with others who may benefit from the training. To see more courses and register click on the QR code below or [click here](#).

JANUARY

Audit Ready: Navigating Floodplain Audit Compliance
January 8 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon \$80

Comprehensive Training for Auditors
January 15 & 16 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon both days \$80

Crisis Navigator for Local Government: Essential Preparedness Skills
January 22 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon \$80

Excel Essentials for Tax Professionals
January 29 & 30 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon Both Days \$80

FEBRUARY

Municipal Money Matters: Local Government Accounting 101
February 12 & 13 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon Both Days \$80

Newly Appointed Municipal Manager Bootcamp
February 19 & 20 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon Both Days \$80

Exploring Regional Policing: Solutions for Modern Law Enforcement Challenges
February 21 / Virtual
9 AM - 10:30 AM \$45

MARCH

Emergency Management: Planning & Responding to Flood Events
March 5 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon \$80

Unlocking Grant Success: Essential Skills for Winning Proposals
March 26 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon \$80

APRIL

Foundations of Municipal Purchasing & Bidding
April 2 & 3 / Virtual
9 AM - Noon Both Days \$80

Creating a Welcoming Environment for Everyone
April 9 / Webinar
9 AM - Noon Both Days \$80

MAY

Computer Literacy for Municipal Officials
May 1 / In-Person Harrisburg Area
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM \$80

Register Today!



The Governor's Center for
Local Government Services



Pennsylvania
Department of Community
& Economic Development

www.PATrainingHub.org

Resource Roundup

[Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority - Digital Connectivity Technology Program Round Two](#) — In 2024, the PBDA opened the Capital Projects Fund - Digital Connectivity Technology (Technology) Program. This program utilized \$20 million of the \$279 million in the Capital Projects Fund that were allocated to Pennsylvania through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. During 2024, the PBDA distributed over 9,000 laptops to 117 applicants, across 42 counties. These entities included libraries, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations, other community anchor institutions, in areas where affordability is a barrier.

The PBDA will open a second round of the Technology Program beginning April 1, 2025, to distribute the remaining laptops. In preparation for this second round, there will be two webinars which will provide an overview of the program, review FAQs, and outline any updates to the guidelines. Additional information for these webinars is provided in the [flyer](#). Should you have additional questions or needs, please contact the PBDA at pbda_capitalprojectsfund@pa.gov.

[Pennsylvania's BEAD Program Application Deadline EXTENDED and Important Updates](#) — The BEAD Program Application Period One deadline has been extended to Friday, February 7. The PBDA maintains a robust list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which are updated regularly. We encourage those interested in applying to check back often for new information.

[RA Local Govt: Funding Opportunities for 2 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#) — The application period is open from January 6- April 18, 2025.

[City & State PA is Now Accepting Nominations for the 2025 Above & Beyond Awards](#) — City & State PA is proud to recognize the incredible women shaping Pennsylvania across politics, media, education, nonprofits, and beyond. Nominate a colleague, leader, or friend whose accomplishments deserve to be honored. Let's highlight their impact and inspire others! Deadline is January 20.

[The National Civic League is now accepting applications for the 2025 All-America City Award](#) — The National Civic League is thrilled to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 [All-America](#)

[City Award](#)! Since 1949, this prestigious award has celebrated communities that harness civic engagement, collaboration, inclusivity, and innovation to address local challenges.

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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