### DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

# **Local Finance Notice**

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## CY 2025/SFY 2026 State Aid: Recapitulation & Payment Schedules

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The CY 2025/ SFY 2026 State Aid breakdown and amounts for each payment cycle are now available on the Division's <u>Municipal State Aid webpage</u> under the <u>State Aid Recapitulation and Payment Schedules</u> heading. This Notice summarizes the State Aid payment program for CY 2025 and SFY 2026 municipal budgets - please read it carefully.

### **Energy Tax Receipt Aid**

The Fiscal Year 2026 State Budget <u>did not</u> change the original aid certifications for Energy Tax Receipts (ETR). The Recapitulation form displays a net amount reflecting all formula elements. Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) has been folded into ETR.

The CY 2025 Supplemental ETR payment will be made July 15, 2025. The SFY 2026 payment will be made June 15, 2026. SFY municipalities receiving these funds for SFY 2025 were paid in June 2025.

### **Payment Schedules**

The ETR Aid payment schedule is unchanged for Calendar Year and State Fiscal Year municipalities. Payments are subject to adjustment based on a municipality's compliance with the upcoming Best Practices Questionnaire.

Statutory Payment Date	Percent of Aid	ACH Deposit Date
August 1	45%	August 1
September 1	30%	September 1
October 1	15%	October 1
November 1	5%	November 3
December 1 (CY and TY)	5%	December 2
June 1 (SFY)	5%	June 1



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The statutory payment date and deposit date for the Senior Citizens and Veterans Tax Deductions is November 1.

The payment date for Open Space PILOT and Watershed Moratorium Offset Aid is October 1.

Calendar Year Transitional Aid will be disbursed pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding that each Transitional Aid recipient must execute.

Municipalities that are obligated to make payment to fire districts for aid allocated under the old Supplemental Fire Services Program shall do so by November 1.

### Watershed Moratorium Offset Aid & Open Space PILOT

Municipalities receiving Watershed Moratorium Offset Aid will receive those funds as part of the October 1 State Aid payment. Payments in lieu of taxes from the Open Space PILOT (formerly Garden State Trust) program made in the fall of 2025 are for all CY 2025 and SFY 2026 budgets. The FY 2026 appropriation for Garden State Trust Aid is \$7.983 million.

### Changes in Deposit Information & Vendor Payment Inquiries

Any changes in the municipality's depository bank must be reported to the State Department of Treasury as soon as possible for entry into the payment computer system. If the bank or account number changes, the <u>Credit Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposits form</u> and instructions can be obtained from the State Office of Management and Budget (NJ OMB) <u>forms webpage</u>.

The NJ OMB <u>Vendor Payment Inquiry system</u> provides State payees information related to payments received from the New Jersey Comprehensive Financial System (NJCFS). A <u>tutorial</u> instructs users on how to sign up for the system and look up payment information.

Document	Internet Address	
Municipal State Aid webpage	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/resources/Muni_StateAid.shtml	
Recap. & Payment Schedule	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/resources/MuniStateAid/Muni_Aid_Payment_Schedule/FY25- 26%20Municipal%20Aid%20Payment%20Schedule.xls	
ACH Auth. Form	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/pdf/forms/achform.pdf	
NJ OMB Forms	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/forms.shtml	
Vendor Payment Inquiry System	https://www-tyomb.nj.gov/TYM_VPI/home	
Vendor Payment Inquiry Tutorial	https://www-tyomb.nj.gov/treasury/omb/TYM_VPI/docs/GettingStarted.pdf	

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