# Transitional Aid Application for Calendar Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026

# Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs

General Instructions: This application must be submitted in its entirety by March 7, 2025, for CY2025 applicants and September 29, 2025, for FY2026 applicants for funding consideration under this program. Information contained in the application is subject to independent verification by the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS). Refer to Local Finance Notice 2025-03 when preparing this application for specific instructions and definitions and review the Submission Checklist on page 19 of this application and listed on page 7 of the Local Finance Notice.

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### I. Aid History

List the amount of Transitional Aid received for the last three years, if any:

FY2025 / CY2024	FY2024 / CY2023	FY2023 / CY2022
\$37,000,000	25,000,000	0

II. Aid Request for Application Year: (All municipalities currently operating under a Transitional Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are advised that a decrease from prior year funding of 15% should be anticipated.)

Amount of aid requested for the Application Year:	\$45,000,000.00
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If not seeking a decrease, a letter from the Mayor is required. See Local Finance Notice 2025-03.

#### III. Submission Requirements

The following items must be submitted with or prior to the submission of this application. Indicate the date of submission of each.

Item	Date Submitted to DLGS
2025 Annual Financial Statement	3/13/25
2024 Annual Audit	12/24/24
2024 Corrective Action Plan	TBD
Application Year Introduced Budget	TBD
Budget Documentation Submitted to Governing Body	TBD

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#### IV. A. Application Certification

The undersigned herewith certify that they have reviewed this application and, individually, believe the contents to be true and accurately portray the circumstances regarding the municipality's fiscal practices and need for financial assistance. By submitting the application, the municipality acknowledges that the law provides that the decision of the Director regarding

Official	Signature	Date
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer	sedual =	3-13-25
Governing Body Presiding Officer	arminist Gonal	3/13/2
Chief Financial Officer	Lyn Bi	3/17/25
Chief Administrative Officer	Vaier Bichordson	3/13/2

#### IV. B. Transitional Aid Recipients Applying in CY2025 / FY2026

Municipalities operating under a (MOU must certify that they are in substantial compliance with all conditions and requirements of the MOU.

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Chief Administrative Officer	Mail Richordon	3/13/25

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#### V. A. Explanation of Need for Transitional Aid

Explain the circumstances that warrant Transitional Aid in narrative form. Include factors that result in a constrained ability to raise sufficient revenues to meet budgetary requirements, and if such revenues were raised, how would it jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the municipality?

The City of Trenton is not unlike most of the State's older urban cities that can not generate enough local property tax revenue or other local revenues to support the services required for its citizens and the businesses and their employees located in the City. During the past several years, this historical problem has been exacerbated by the nation's economic downturn which has hit the urban areas of the State even harder than other areas. Additionally, the court mandated revaluation of real property in the City of Trenton caused artificially inflated property values, particularly among commercial properties. The resulting tax appeals have resulted in years of volatile ratables and unpredictable losses in revenue.

Although there are signs of some recovery, growth is still slow and the economic benefits to the City are not likely to occur during the current budget year. Increasing taxes to the level necessary to meet the budgetary needs of providing these services would result in more and more citizens and businesses leaving the City, thus further diminishing the tax base of the City.

Since the 1980s, the State has agreed that many of the cities and towns in the State require additional aid over and above the normal formula driven programmatic aid to continue to provide even the basic services to the residents and businesses. Over the last few years, due to its own budget difficulties, the State has been forced to reduce the level of assistance it can provide Trenton and other cities and towns throughout New Jersey. For instance, the City of Camden received approximately \$120 million in total state aid, excluding the \$80 million in state aid (earmarked for public safety). Despite having a 20% smaller population Trenton and facing the same urban challenges, with a nearly identical number of tax-exempt properties, the City of Camden receives \$61 million more in state aid than Trenton. If the City of Trenton received what Camden is projected to receive, based on a per capita difference in levels of state aid (which have eclipsed \$1,000 per resident), we would receive \$91 million more in state aid.

As with all cities and towns the City of Trenton has two options for dealing with budget shortfalls: raise revenues and/or decrease spending. Over the past few years Trenton has relied on a combination of these two options. However, the continued increase in property taxes places undue hardship on struggling homeowners in the City, many of whom are on fixed income. In addition, as more and more reductions in spending are made, critical services needed by residents are seriously diminished and, in some cases, eliminated.

The proposed budget for CY2024 totals nearly \$260 million. The continued significant increase in property taxes would be very difficult on the residents and businesses in the City. The City of Trenton already represents the lowest income municipality in the County of Mercer and we struggle to retain

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and attract businesses. Further increases on both the residential owners and any commercial tenants would substantially impact our ability to continue to drive the City in a positive direction. Exacerbating the City's budget problems is the fact that more than 55% of the City's property is currently exempt from property taxes. As of this fiscal year, the State of New Jersey owns \$1,090,045,600 of property within the limits of the City of Trenton. This total amounts for well over a third of all tax exempt and nearly one quarter of all property in the City. These exemptions place the City of Trenton at a severe disadvantage when compared to other municipalities throughout the State. In addition, other public buildings (county, federal, etc.) account for over \$500 million in assessed value for a total of over \$1.5 billion, or more than half of the total exempt property in the City. If the City were to receive the municipal portion of the property tax from just the public owned tax-exempt properties, the City would be collecting nearly \$70 million in additional property tax revenue (based on the CY2024 tax rate). Of that amount, the property owned by the State of New Jersey would be generate approximately \$40 million in property tax revenue if the State paid its fair share of municipal tax levy. Given the City of Trenton's budget of approximately \$260 million, this additional tax revenue from State-owned properties would represent over 15% of the overall municipal budget. In addition to the issues stated above, the State has acquired the taxation building, previously our single largest taxpaying property. While the State has offered a PILOT for that and other properties, it still reduces our ongoing ability to generate taxes and limits the benefits that would be potentially gained if the City were to raise taxes.

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#### V. B. Demonstration of Revenue Loss/Substantial Cost Increase

Show: (1) specific, extraordinary revenue losses, but not as the aggregate of many revenues line items; and (2) specific, extraordinary increases in appropriations, but not as the aggregate of many appropriation line items. Describe the item in the cell below each entry. If applicable, indicate in the description of the extraordinary expenditure increase if the increase resulted from a policy decision made by the municipality (i.e., a back-loaded debt service schedule, deferred payment, costs associated with additional hires, etc.).

Revenue or Appropriation	2024 Value	2025 Value	Amount of Loss/Increase
FIRE PROTECTION	0	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
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#### V. C. Actions to Reduce Future Need for Aid

Detail the steps the municipality is taking to reduce the need for future aid. Include details about shared services and consolidation, long-term cost-cutting and enhanced revenue plans, the impact of new development, the potential for grants to offset costs, and estimated short and long-term annual savings.

These steps should demonstrate initiatives taken to bring structural balance to the municipality's finances and shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

Use additional pages if necessary.

- Efforts to bring economic development to the municipality; and
- A plan to constrain or reduce staffing costs through collective negotiation, attrition, consolidation, restructuring, or other personnel actions; and
- A plan to eliminate, reduce, or constrain the costs of non-essential services and activities; and
- A plan to maximize recurring revenues, including, as appropriate, updating fees, fines, and penalties; maximizing enforcement of delinquencies; and selling surplus land and property; and
- A plan to address findings contained in various audits, investigations, and reports with respect to the municipality, including municipal audits, applicable State Comptroller and State Auditor reports and audits, federal program audits, and other audits as identified by the Director.

The CY 2025 draft proposed budget that has been included in this application continues to focus on the provision of critical and necessary services to the citizens of Trenton. The City, over the previous few years, has sought to work hard to eliminate any bloat and trim down to what was genuinely required. As a result, there are very few cuts in this budget and we continue to believe that we have presented the budget that is needed for our operations.

The City is also supporting the development of more market-rate housing (i.e. Van Sciver project, Bell telephone, and Roebling Block II). The City of Trenton is also leveraging Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds for business incentive grants (i.e., Princeton Hydro). For instance, the historic bank (Broad Street Bank) at the intersection of Market St. and Broad St., refurbished at the approximate cost of \$1 million, will soon be the headquarters of Woah Flow.

The City will continue to be diligent in attempting to find ways to reduce costs and increase local revenues wherever feasible.

Regarding significant reductions in the workforce, the City is reluctant to tamper with public safety (the largest class of city personnel), given prior administration's reductions in force (i.e. 125 cops laid off during the Christie administration due to state budget cuts). Importantly, the City of Trenton has a significantly lower police officer to population ratio compared with other urban centers in the state. For example, the City of Camden's ratio of police officers to 1,000 residents is 5.13, which is nearly double the City of Trenton's ratio of 2.93.

It is highly unlikely however that significant additional reductions in the workforce can be achieved without the loss of critical functions such as compromising public safety. Furthermore, the capital city needs to focus on rightsizing in order to provide necessary services – not cutting into those critical areas that provide for the health and welfare of its residents.

The City has moved to refinance large portions of its debt, enabling a decrease in long term debt obligations and a net cost-savings to the City. While those efforts have, to date, been quite successful, the City continues to aggressively review all outstanding debt to monitor further opportunities to refinance in the future. It is our expectation that these efforts will continue to be fruitful as long as the City has the resources to pursue them.

The City also continues to take advantage of the pilot program begun FY 2013 that allows accelerated tax lien sales on-line rather than the current requirement that the potential purchaser has to appear in person. This has increased the number of bidders and thus resulted in the more liens being sold and potentially at a lower interest rate for the homeowners. The City has also engaged a third-party firm for the collection of delinquent taxes which enhances the ongoing tax collection efforts and allows for the City to recoup much of its outstanding tax revenue, decreasing the need for additional assistance.

In addition, with great assistance from the State of New Jersey, the City has launched a widespread program to address vacant, blighted properties throughout the City. Bolstering our existing Vacant Property Registration process, the new initiative seeks to strategically acquire, demolish, and in some cases remediate vacant properties throughout the City. This initiative has, at is core, the goal of revitalizing neighborhoods, removing blight, and providing for the economic development of the entire city.

Finally the City will be evaluating our current staffing structure. We intend to reorganize and rightsize our municipality from a staffing perspective. As we evaluate our staffing levels, we also continue to engage new technology systems allowing us to do more with fewer FTEs than before.

## LONG TERM PLAN TO PHASE OUT TRANSITIONAL AID

Assuming that Trenton receives \$45 million for its CY 2025 budget, the requirement to provide a phase out plan of no more than 3 years would result in \$15 million reductions in FY 2026 through FY 2028. A phase out of this magnitude is infeasible.

Under the following assumptions Trenton would face substantial budget shortfalls in the first year. The shortfall escalates in the second year when Transitional Aid will decrease to \$30 million in CY 2026 to approximately \$15 million in CY 2027, coupled with increase in salaries and other expenses.

## Assumptions are as follows:

- 1. Transitional aid decrease by \$15 million per year; Other municipal aid remains constant
- 2. Property taxes increase by 2% per year
- 3. Spending is increased by 2% per year

The annual shortfall will have to be offset by additional reductions in employees and services provided and/or significant increases in property taxes. It is highly unlikely that a significant increase in ratables is going to occur in the next few years.

Based on the current status of the City budget, it is highly unlikely that the City of Trenton could achieve a phase-out of Transitional Aid over this period.

As was noted earlier, the City of Trenton should be looked at differently than the other Transitional Aid recipients since it is the State's Capital. As has been noted previously, the State of New Jersey owns nearly on quarter of the value of all property in the City. If the State paid the municipal property taxes the City would receive over \$40 million in property taxes based on CY 2024 tax rates. Absent this recognition that the a portion of the Transitional Aid should permanently be provided to the City as additional PILOT payments or another State-budgeted revenue stream, the City will be faced with significant budget shortfalls depending on the phase out period of Transitional Aid and the amount of reduction each year.

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#### V. D. Discussion of Health Benefits

Skip this section if using SHBP. If not using SHBP, explain why the municipality's current health benefits plan is cheaper or what other reasons exist to reject this alternative. Additionally, list all brokers (primary broker or risk manager, all co-brokers, and sub-brokers) together with their compensation for the current and prior two fiscal years. Compensation must be disclosed in this section, whether provided directly by the municipality or as a commission from the insurance provider. It is the municipality's right and obligation to determine whether the broker is compensated with a commission. If commissions are being earned, provide both how the commission is calculated (percentage of premium or self-insurance) and the actual dollar value of the commission paid each year.

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#### VI. Historical Fiscal Statistics

#### Item

# A. Property Tax/Budget Information

Municipal tax rate Municipal Purposes tax levy Municipal Open Space tax levy Total general appropriations

# \$3.6004 \$3.672 \$6.03

Introduced

2024

\$3.6004	\$3.672	\$6.03
\$80,172,437.39	\$81,498,282.62	\$135,313,348.18
\$0	\$0	\$0
\$273,986,159.15	\$282,630,187.99	\$262,685,310.25

#### **B.** Cash Status Information

% Of current taxes collected
% Used in the computation of reserve
Reserve for uncollected taxes
Total year-end cash surplus
Total non-cash surplus
Year-end deferred charges

98.28%	98.28%	0/0
95%	96%	95%
\$6,147,383.89	\$5,089,407.86	\$9,173,991.30
\$15,426,267.93	\$15,400,000.00	
\$22,528,311.45	\$16,537,824.60	
\$205,730.51	\$53,996.20	

#### C. Assessment Data

Assessed value (as of January 10) Average residential assessment Number of tax appeals granted Amount budgeted for tax appeals Refunding bonds for tax appeals

\$2,226,768,010	\$2,219,200,210	\$2,242,396,800
\$63,295	\$63,615	\$64,404
181	115	
\$	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$

#### D. Staffing Levels

Total Number of Sworn Police Total S&W Expenditures
Class 2 and Class 3 Officers
Total S&W Expenditures
Uniformed Fire - Staff Number
Total S&W Expenditures
Number of Other Full-time Employees
Total S&W Expenditures
Number of Other Part-time Employees
Total S&W Expenditures

263	288	290
\$32,713,738.93	\$33,525,688.82	\$38,347,380.00
228	226	226
\$28,863,718.97	\$29,516,415.19	\$30,816,643.90
646	609	637
\$35,525,635	\$39,820,448.71	\$42,481,765.27
72	75	79
704,420	\$877,314	\$1,260,810

#### E. Impact of Proposed Tax Levy

#### Amount

	Amount		
Current Year Taxable Value			\$2,242,396,800
Introduced Tax Levy		\$137,669,825.94	
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate	6.03		
Current Year Taxes on average	\$3,884.000		
Prior Year Taxes on average residential value 3.672			\$2,365.00
Proposed increase in average residential taxes 2.358			\$1,519.00

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#### VII. Application Year Budget Information

#### A. Year of latest revaluation/reassessment

1. Most current equalized ratio

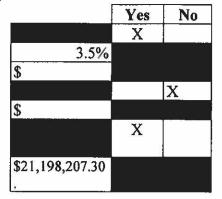
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#### B. Proposed Budget - Appropriation Cap Information Item

- 1. Was an appropriation cap index rate ordinance adopted last year?

  If YES: % that was used
- 2. Amount of appropriation cap bank available going into this year
- 3. Is the Application Year budget at (appropriation) cap? If NO, amount of remaining balance
- 4. Does the Application Year anticipate the use of a waiver to exceed the appropriation cap?

If YES, the amount:



C. List the five largest item appropriation increases:

Appropriation	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	\$ Amount of Increase
POLICE	\$42,579,057	\$47,320,898	\$4,741,841
PUBLIC WORKS	\$23,267,713	24,545,516	1,277,803
RECREATION	\$6,395,539	\$7,264,472.90	\$868,933
PENSION/SOCIAL SECURITY	\$27,102,791	\$28,473,609	\$1,370,818
FIRE PROTECTION	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

D. List all <u>new</u> property tax-funded full-time positions planned in the Application Year:

Department/Agency	Position	osition Number Dol	
ADMINISTRATION	Human Resource Director	1	\$119,716.00
ADMINISTRATION	Fleet Manager	1	\$119,716.00
HHS-DIR	Keyboard Clerk	1	\$41,332.00
ANIMAL CTL	Animal Attendant	1	\$49,629.00
ANIMAL CTL	Animal Attendant	4	\$187,120.00
ANIMAL CTL	Animal Control Officer	1	\$49,088.00
ANIMAL CTL	Laborer	4	\$187,120.00
FIRE DEPT	Clerk 2	1	\$41,332.00
FIRE DEPT	Inspector	1	\$62,400.00
POLICE	Account Clerk	1	\$61,935

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RECREATION	Recreation Leader		5	\$218,630.00
RECREATION	Recreation Aide		1	\$44,919.00
NAT RES	Asst. Administration	Analyst	1	\$88,271.00
NAT RES	Laborer		3	\$140,340.00
NAT RES	Laborer		1	\$53,484.00
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E. Display projected tax levies, local revenues (not grants), anticipated (gradually reduced) Transitional Aid, total salary and wages, and total other expenses projected for the three post-application years:

	Tax Levy	Local Revenues	Transitional Aid	Total S&W	Total OE
First year	\$140,423,222.46	\$27,856,759.98	\$45,000,000.00	\$118,497,005.87	\$157,378,303.62
Second year	\$143,231,686.91	\$28,413,895.18	\$45,000,000.00	\$120,866,945.99	\$163,266,546.36
Third year	\$146,096,320.65	\$28,982,173.08	\$45,000,000.00	\$123,284,284.91	\$169,431,506.77

#### VIII. Financial Practices

A. Expenditure controls and practices:

Question	Yes	No
1. Is an encumbrance system used for the current fund?	X	
2. Is an encumbrance system used for other funds?	X	
3. Is a general ledger maintained for the current fund?	X	
4. Is a general ledger maintained for other funds?	X	
5. Are financial activities largely automated? If so, please identify the system being used.	X	
6. Does the municipality operate a public assistance program?		X
7. Are expenditures controlled centrally (Yes) or de-centrally by dept. (No)?		X
8. At any point during the year, are expenditures routinely frozen?	X	
9. Has the municipality adopted a cash management plan?	X	
10. Have all negative findings in the prior year's audit report been corrected?	X	
If not, be prepared to discuss why not in your application meeting.		X

B. Risk Management: Indicate ("x") how each type of risk is insured.

		IF/HIF	Self	Commercial
General Liability			X	
Vehicle/Fleet Liability	4,1		X	
Workers Compensation			X	
Property Coverage			X	
Public Official Liability			X	
Employment Practices Liability			X	
Environmental				X
Health Benefits	SHBP			

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C. 1. Salary and employee contract information (when more than one bargaining unit for each category, us average):

Question	Police	Fire	Other Contract	Non-Contract
Year of last salary increase	PBA-2018 SOA-2023	LOCAL6 2023 LOCAL 206- 2023	2286=2023 2281- 2023	
Average total cost percentage increase	PBA 2% SOA-2%	LOCAL 6-2% LOCAL 206-2%	2281-2% 2286-2%	%
Last contract settlement date	PBA- 7/2023 SOA-10/2020	LOCAL 6 8/2023 LOCAL 206 8/2023	2281-6/2021 2286-10/2021	
Contract expiration date	12/31/2023	12/31/2026	2281-12/2023 2286-12/31/2024	

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2. Explain, if any, actions the Application Year: Action	at have bee	n taken or a Fire	nre under consid Other Contra		for the	ract
Furloughs (describe below)	NO	NO	NO		NO	
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Wage Freezes (describe below)	NO	NO	NO		NO	
Layoffs (describe below)	NO	NO	NO		NO	
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Service	Yes	No
Sworn police or firefighters are used to handle emergency service call-taking and dispatch (in lieu of civilians).		X
The municipality provides rear-yard solid waste collection through the budget.		X

# F. Other Financial Practices

1. Amount of interest on investment earned in:

2023	\$5,509,503	2024	\$5,174,524	Anticipated Application Year:	\$5,174,524
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2. List the instruments in which idle funds are invested:

CASH MANAGEMENT FUND	

3.	What wa	is the	average	return	on in	vestments	during	2024?
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5. The name and firm of the munic	cipality's auditor?	MERCADIEN
6. When was the last time the mur	nicipality changed auditors?	2002

G. Status of Collective Negotiation (Labor) Agreements: List each labor agreement by employee group, contract expiration date, and the status of negotiations of expired contracts.

Employee Group	Expiration Date	Status of Negotiations of Expired Agreement		
AFSCME 2281	12/31/2024	WILL START NEGOTIATIONS		
AFSCME 2286	12/31/2023	WILL START NEGOTIATIONS		
TSOA	12/31/2023	WILL START NEGOTIATIONS		
PBA LOCAL 11	12/31/2023	WILL START NEGOTIATIONS		
FMBA LOCAL 6	12/31/2023	CONTRACT SETTLED		
FMBA LOCAL 206	12/31/2023	CONTRACT SETTLED		

**H. Tax Abatements.** Please provide a detailed discussion of any short-term or long-term tax abatements that are currently in place or are currently being negotiated, including the following information:

Project Name/Property	Type of Project	2024 PILOT Billing	2024 Assessed Value	2024 Taxes If Billed in Full at 2023 Total Tax Rate	Term of Tax Abatement
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IX. A. List actions that limited Salary and Wage costs: i.e., layoffs, furloughs, freezes, contract concessions, etc. (See item C-3 in the Local Finance Notice for details.)

S&W Line Item	Prior Year Actual	Application Year Proposed	Explanation o	f Change
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IX. B. List actions that limited or reduced Other Expense costs: i.e., reductions, changes, or elimination of services, procurement efficiencies, or restraint. Include changes in spending policies that reduce non-essential spending.

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IX. C. Evaluate existing local revenues as to whether the rates or collections can be increased or imposed, and if so, how changes will be implemented.

Check if services are provided	Are fees charged to cover the costs of the program?	If fees do not cover costs, what is the subsidy amount?	If there is a subsidy, explain why fees cannot be increased to reduce or eliminate the subsidy.
X	PARTIAL		
X	YES		- F
X	YES		
X	NO		
X	YES		
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X	YES		
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# X. Service Delivery

List all services the municipality contracts to another organization, i.e., shared services with another government agency, including formal and informal shared services, memberships in cooperative purchasing programs, and private (commercial) or non-profit organizations.

Type of Service	Name of Contracted Entity	Estimated Amount of Contract	Estimated Savings	Year Last Negotiated (as applicable)
RECYCLING AGREEMENT	MERCER COUNTY	2,000,000.00		
EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH	MERCER COUNTY	228,000.00		
HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDERINSURED AND ININSURED RESIDENTS	HENRY J AUSTIN	259,000.00		
MONITOR THE HEALTH STATUS OF RESIDENTS	TRENTON HEALTH TEAM	210,000.00		

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Section XI.	List the appropriate category of impact will take place. If across-the-board cuts	eing granted aid for the current fiscal year. Essential service needs should be given pricif the aid is not received. Rank each item from both lists as to the order in which elimins will be made, indicate under service. For rank order purposes, consider the two sected ones the municipality will make without a grant of aid.					
Rank Order	Department	# Of	Effective	2023 Full-Time		\$ Amount to be	
Order		Layoffs	Date	Staffing	Staffing	Saved	
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	If services will be reduced, describe the	e service, im	pact, and ass	ociated cost saving	S.	elin en	
Rank Order	Service	Cost Savings Impact on Services					
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## XII. Agreement to Improve Financial Position of Municipality

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If aid is granted, the municipality will be required to submit to certain reporting conditions and oversight as authorized by law, and a new MOU will need to be signed. Please mark each box below indicating that the applicant understands and agrees to comply with these broad reporting and oversight provisions.

		Yes	No
1.	Allow the Director of DLGS to assign management, financial, and operational specialists to assess your municipal operations.	X	
2.	Implement actions directed by the Director to address the findings of DLGS staff.	X	
3.	Enter into a new MOU and comply with all its provisions without exception.	X	

# XIII. Certification of Past Compliance for Municipalities Currently Operating Under a Transitional Aid MOU:

The undersigned certifies that the municipality is in substantial compliance with the conditions and requirements of the 2024 MOU and is operating in good faith to correct those areas of noncompliance that have been identified.

Mayor:	Date:
Chief Financial Officer:	Date: 3/13/25
Chief Administrative Officer: Maus Nichordom	Date: 3/13/25
CAMPS Certification (County and Municipal Personnel System - Civolly)  For Civil Service municipalities, the undersigned, being knowledgeable the municipality has listed the names of all current civil service employee	thereof, hereby certify that
Human Resources or Personnel Director: Maira Brihordo	m Date: 3/13/25

Chief Administrative Officer: Mana Suhnlam Date: 3/13/25

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#### XV. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSITIONAL AID

The undersigned acknowledges that the municipality must comply with the foregoing requirements to receive Transitional Aid. In addition, included with this application is a copy (printed or electronic) of the budget documentation supporting the budget calculation that was provided to the governing body.

Mayor:	Much	Date: 3/3. 25
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Chief Financial Officer: Date: 3/13/25

Chief Administrative Officer: Man Suhr dom Date: 3/3/25