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Latest News

PSATS Schedules Town Hall on ARP Application Process and What Comes Next

Join PSATS staff and DCED Governor's Center for Local Government Services staff in a Virtual Town Hall this **Monday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m.** "ARP Update: Application and More" will provide an overview of the application process, what happens if your township doesn't apply, and next steps. [Click here](#) to register!

Recovery Funding Application Update: Yesterday, we shared information from the state Department of Community and Economic Development about how to apply for your township's allocation of federal American Rescue Plan dollars. **If you did not get an email directly from DCED, please check your spam filter.** As a backup, you will also be getting a hard copy letter from Gov. Tom Wolf, via U.S. mail, in the coming days to also alert you to the process.

Please note that **townships that do not make application this month will forfeit their claim to this year's funding** and the money will be redistributed to communities that do make application so long as it does not make their total grant more than 75% of their 2020 budget.

Clarification on SAM number: DCED has provided the following guidance on the need for a SAM number as part of the DCED Single Application Process. All municipalities, even those with populations of less than 50,000 (*non-entitlement*

communities) are now federally required to obtain a SAM number for their ARP grant reports. However, if your township doesn't have a SAM number or is in the process of registering for or updating your township's number, include a copy of the email confirmation from SAM as part of your DCED application to show that your township has started the registration or update process. This will allow you to timely complete and submit the DCED application.

[Click here](#) to apply directly to the official SAM site, which is an official U.S. government site and is free-of-charge. Note that the SAM process can take 10-14 days. You will be registering your township to pursue federal assistance only. If you are having difficulties, the SAM Customer Service number is (866) 606-8220. If your township is still waiting to hear about your SAM registration 10-14 days after requesting your township's number, call DCED Customer Service at (717) 787-3405 to alert them to the delay.

State Revenues Up Over \$1.6 Billion for Year

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) and state Department of Revenue have released May 2021 revenue reports. State General Fund collections totaled \$3.95 billion and were \$1.33 billion higher than the IFO's revised estimates, primarily due to personal income tax payments. Overall collections for the fiscal-year-to-date are higher than expected (*\$1.6 billion, or 4.6% above estimate*).

The Motor License Fund received \$236.2 million in May, \$3.1 million below estimate. The Motor License Fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Motor License collections for the fiscal-year-to-date total \$2.6 billion, 0.7% below estimate.

[Click here](#) for the Independent Fiscal Office report. View the state Department of Revenue press [release here](#).

PSATS to PennDOT: You Forgot Locals!

PSATS has submitted comments to the state Department of Transportation on its revised PennDOT Pathways program. Pathways contains ideas for filling the \$8.1 billion annual highway and bridge transportation funding gap.

Based on member concerns, PSATS raised that the program focuses only on the state's need for transportation funding and does not recognize the partnership with local government or the need to fund the locally owned portion of Pennsylvania's transportation system. PSATS has long maintained that the state must provide a predictable, reliable, and dedicated method of funding for the entire transportation system. PSATS also urged PennDOT to consider specific cost reduction options, such as prevailing wage reform.

To learn more about the Pathways findings, [click here](#). To view PSATS' comments, [click here](#).

PennDOT Accepting Applications for ARLE Grants

The state Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the 2021 Automated Red Light Enforcement Funding Program (ARLE). Townships may

apply, and applications are due July 1, 2021. Grants through this program may be used for a range of safety and mobility projects. The program will prioritize safety enhancements considering PennDOT's safety network screening methods for the project location and crash modification factors associated with proposed improvements. To learn more about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

On This Day in History.....

On June 3, 1965, NASA Astronaut Ed White completes the first spacewalk by an American. He launched into space aboard the spacecraft Gemini 4. The mission was NASA's first multi-day mission in space.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Flagger Training - 6/8/21 - Venango County

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials



CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL



[Supervisory Personnel - 8/11/21 - Crawford County](#)

[CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - 8/18/21 - Beaver County](#)

[CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - 8/19/21 - Fayette County](#)

CMV/CDL Records Management

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.



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2021 Engineers Fall Seminar

This full-day seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



[2021 Engineers Fall Seminar - 9/28/21 - East](#)

[2021 Engineers Fall Seminar - 10/14/21 - Central](#)

[2021 Engineers Fall Seminar - 10/21/21 - Southeast](#)

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