

Click [here](#) to view this email in your browser.



August 1, 2022

Latest News

DEP Accepting Applications for Environmental Education Grants

The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for a new round of Environmental Education Grants for 2023. Projects may deliver both formal and non-formal education programs to any audience.

Two types of awards will be offered for projects addressing the 2023 program priorities of water, climate change, and environmental justice.

- Mini grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded for local (school, county, municipality, or other defined area) environmental education projects.
- General grants may be awarded in amounts ranging from:
- \$5,001 to \$30,000 for implementation of large-scale regional or statewide environmental education projects
- \$30,001 to \$85,000 for non-formal education projects that engage youth and teachers

Applications must be submitted online through the commonwealth's [Electronic Single Application site](#) by **December 9, 2022**. For more information on grant guidelines and application instructions, go to [DEP's website](#) or reach out to the department's Environmental Education and Information Center at RA-epEEgrants@pa.gov or (717) 772-1857.

Anxious to flip through the August Township News?

It's All in the Digital Edition!

Featured Articles This Month

- Onboarding New Employees: What Townships Need to Know
- WFH? Hybrid Meetings? Navigating the Post-Pandemic Workplace
- Employee Management: The Experts Weigh In
- Back to School: Take Advantage of PSATS' Educational Opportunities
- '9 For 9': The Quecreek Mine Rescue 20 Years Later

[READ THIS ISSUE](#)



Updated Final Rule FAQs Provide Clarification

Treasury released an updated [SLFRF Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. Of note, Treasury clarified that local governments who did not choose the “standard allowance” election under revenue replacement in their April 2022 Project and Expenditure Reports may update their revenue loss election through the April 2023 reporting period. As a reminder, the “standard allowance” allows local governments to spend up to \$10 million (*not to exceed their award amounts*) to provide government services.

Additionally, Treasury provided clarifications on the definitions of obligated funds, noting that “obligation” means “an order placed for property and services and entering into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment.” [Click here](#) to read the FAQs and note that the new or updated FAQs are listed on the second page.

Are You Ready For Budget Season? PSATS Can Help!

The budgeting process should allow the board of supervisors to express its goals for community services for the coming year in a single document that is readily understandable by the citizens. Since the budget allocates revenues among various municipal needs, careful consideration should be given by the board regarding where the limited amount of money available will be spent.

[Developing Your Township Budget](#) class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Today in History.....

On August 1, 1943, a Japanese destroyer rammed an American PT (patrol torpedo) boat, No. 109, slicing it in two. The destruction was so massive other American PT

boats in the area assumed the crew is dead. Two crewmen were, in fact, killed, but 11 survived, including Lt. John F. Kennedy.

Learn

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

[FEMA Grant Funding Opportunities - 8/3/22](#)

Tom Hughes, PEMA's State Hazard Mitigation Officer, will discuss numerous funding opportunities through FEMA, including the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, which assists with hazard mitigation projects.



[Streaming Municipal Code Enforcement With GIS/Automation - 8/10/22](#)

This webinar will demonstrate how municipalities are using simple, user-friendly GIS-based solutions to make municipal operations, such as code enforcement, more streamlined, automated, and efficient.



[Tactics & Controls To Uncover Fraud In Your Municipality - 8/17/22](#)

This webinar will team an investigator and a CPA with experience in financial fraud examinations and forensic fraud methods to help municipal officials learn about common internal fraud schemes, as well as how to recognize weak internal systems and develop controls to prevent fraud by those who are entrusted with the finances of the municipality and its agencies.



[Making Inter-Municipal Stormwater Management Work For You - 8/25/22](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of inter-municipal collaborative arrangements that have been used in Pennsylvania and have yielded efficiencies and cost savings.



4855 Woodland Drive
Enola, PA 17025



Click [here](#) to unsubscribe or to change your Subscription Preferences.