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## Latest News

### **Federal Broadband Money Available**

The [Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program](#) provides \$1 billion in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure, referring to the mid-section of internet infrastructure that carries large amounts of data at high speeds over long distances. This program will increase the resilience of internet infrastructure and reduce the cost of bringing high-speed internet to unserved and underserved communities.

Townships are eligible to apply for funding directly to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Grants can be used for the following broadband infrastructure projects:

1. Construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment
2. Engineering design, permitting and work related to project reviews
3. Personnel costs, including salaries and benefits for staff and consultants
4. Other costs necessary to programmatic activities

**Applications are due by September 30, 2022.** [Click here](#) for more information, including Application Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions.

### **Reminder: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Opportunity**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Applications are due **September 15, 2022.**

### **DEP Accepting Applications for Coastal Zone Grant Program**

The state Department of Environmental Protection invites interested townships, regional planning agencies, and conservation districts to apply for a federal fiscal year 2023 [Coastal Zone Grant](#). Funding is for projects located within the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone or the Lake Erie Coastal Zone boundaries. Proposals must support the mission of DEP's [Coastal Resources Management Program](#) to protect and enhance coastal resources.

Applications must be submitted online through the [Commonwealth's Single Application website](#) by **October 17**. Please visit DEP's website for guidelines and application instructions. For more information, [click here](#) or contact [RA-epcoastalzone@pa.gov](mailto:RA-epcoastalzone@pa.gov) or (717) 772-5622.

#### **Today in History....**

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall near New Orleans, Louisiana, as a Category 3 hurricane. Despite being only the third most powerful storm of the 2005 hurricane season, Katrina was among the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States. In the wake of the storm, there were over 50 failures of the levees and flood walls around New Orleans and its suburbs. The levee and flood wall failures caused widespread flooding.

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## Learn

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

#### **[Background Screening: Reducing Liability & Maximizing Culture - 9/8/22](#)**

In this webinar, Chad Bruckner of Intercounty Investigations & Solutions will review what constitutes a proper employee background screening process, the problems that arise if you don't conduct proper background screening, and the benefits of a quality screening process, including how it positively impacts your municipality's culture and performance.



#### **[Taking Charge: Using Conservatorship To Eliminate Blight - 9/14/22](#)**

This webinar will introduce participants to the process of conservatorship, how to evaluate if a property fits the qualifications, and how to bring a property from blight to blessing in just one year.



**Municipal Policing Potpourri - 9/21/22**

If your township has a police department, contracts with another department for police services, or is part of a regional police department, you will want to attend this webinar to get caught up on all of the recent laws, as well as proposed legislation, affecting municipal police departments.



**Stormwater Management Practices For Residential Property Owners - 9/28/22**

This presentation will discuss small scale practices designed to minimize runoff from residential properties including, rain gardens, rain barrels and cisterns, pervious pavement, lawn to natural area conversions, tree planting, and sustainable turf care.



**Protecting Your Township Against Cyber Security Threats - 10/5/22**

In this webinar, representatives from Splashwire will review the 3Ps necessary to best protect your township – Process, Policy, and Procedures – against the ever-increasing number of cyber threats, whether those are malware or phishing attacks or other sinister efforts to access, take, or freeze your township’s data.



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