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Advocacy Action

Local Advocacy Tools: The League's 2022 Policy Statement and Advocacy Toolkit

The League's Policy Statement serves as guide when representing our members before the legislative, judicial and executive branches in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. The Policy Statement is a living, comprehensive statement of goals and policies developed by consensus of The League's members. The [Policy Statement](#) incorporates the resolutions passed by League membership during the annual Municipal Leadership Summit.

With the start of 2022, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has entered the second half of the current legislative session. The League's legislative staff is tracking hundreds of bills pertinent to maintaining and supporting effective and efficient local government, but we also rely on our members to aid in our advocacy efforts. As a local official, you are in a unique position to represent your community's interests not only locally, but also at the state level. Whether you are writing a letter, making a phone call or meeting with your state representative about an issue important to your municipality or the greater League membership, you need the right tools to communicate effectively. The League encourages local officials, elected or appointed, to review our [Advocacy Toolkit](#) to prepare for your advocacy strategies and efforts in the year ahead.

2022 Bid Limits Announced

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has announced changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public bids, telephonic bids or separate bids, for certain contracts. There is a 5.4% change for this year. The base amount for public bids is \$21,900 and the base amount for written or telephonic bids is \$11,800, effective January 1, 2022. [Click here](#) for the complete list of base values.

The Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee is conducting a post-pandemic mobility study to assess past, current and future transportation behaviors in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the study, a survey has been developed to collect input from planning and development organizations, agencies and municipalities throughout Pennsylvania.

Data collected from this survey will assist in developing future strategies for Pennsylvania's public transportation systems.

The survey is open now through January 28.

Take Survey

Executive Director's Report



Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus](#).

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

FEVER COUGH SHORTNESS OF BREATH

[spreads through close contact]

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League's Latest

With the start of the new year, The League has a new Executive Director — John S. Brenner is the new

executive director of the Pennsylvania Municipal League. John was named executive director by retiring League Executive Director Rick Schuettler with Board approval effective January 1. "Thank you to The League Officers and Board of Directors for the opportunity to help lead this great organization," said Executive Director John Brenner. "It is an honor to serve our municipalities, local officials, business leaders and partners. Along with a solid staff of professionals, we will endeavor to advocate for local government, engage local leaders and enhance our operations going forward." [Read the News Release here](#). John was also interviewed by WITF Smart Talk Radio regarding what Pennsylvania municipalities' priorities are in 2022, [click here to listen](#).

Along with naming our new Executive Director, **The League makes history as Amy Sturges becomes first female Deputy Executive Director - Advocacy.** [Read the News Release here](#). And **Harry Krot is Named The League's Deputy Executive Director – Membership.** [Read the News Release here](#).

[The League Announces New Board Members for 2022](#) – The League is pleased to announce ten new Board members to help support the association's mission to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government.

Please welcome our newest members to The League – [City of Aliquippa](#), Beaver County and [Penbrook Borough](#), Dauphin County. Welcome aboard!

[Register Now for the Newly Elected Officials Orientation Training](#) on February 2-3 at the Wyndham Garden State College, Harris Township. [Click to view Program Agenda](#).

PELRAS 40th Annual Training Conference – March 16-18, live and in-person at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center in State College! [Click to register](#). [Click for program details and agenda](#).

[An update on the energy market from Constellation](#) – For more information about how you can get a free energy quote from the Municipal Utility Alliance, please contact Harry Krot, Deputy Executive Director - Membership, at The League at hkrot@pml.org.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – As a Service program of The League, [PennPRIME Insurance Trusts list several important training programs](#) created by staff and service providers who know your operations. These are designed training presentations that can be downloaded to increase your knowledge of important topics.

- Certificates of Insurance
- Impyracle - Inservco Claims Management System
- Heart and Lung (Public Law 477)
- Red Flags in Workers' Compensation Claims
- Employment Practices Webinar
- The Future of PTSI, Wellness, and Risk Management
- Cyber Challenges
- Ransomware Attack
- Duty to Intercede - Conceptual, Cultural & Legal Aspects
- Employment Issues Facing Municipal Managers in 2021
- Snow Plows and Winter Hazards

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



COVID-19

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Resource Roundup

[A Better Bridges Toolkit](#) – (From: The White House | The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) FHWA is announcing new apportionments for the bridge program for each state. **This is the largest bridge formula program in American history**, and it is made possible by the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program represents the largest investment ever made in fixing bridges – dedicating **\$26.5 billion to states over the five years of the law and \$825 million for Tribal transportation facilities**.

[Treasury Releases Final Rule for ARPA COVID Relief Funds](#) – The Treasury released their Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The new final rule is more comprehensive and significantly longer than the interim rule, arriving at over 400 pages. Most of the new content is aimed at providing greater clarity, direction, and examples for rules that were already in effect under the interim rule.

[PRPS Recognition & Awards](#) – PRPS Conference & Expo: Looking Back While Moving PA Forward. **Deadline to apply is January 21, 2022!** The annual awards will be presented at the 2022 PRPS Conference & Expo that will be held March 29-April 1 at Kalahari Resort, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

[PennDOT funds red light traffic safety across state](#) – Provided by the Pennsylvania Economy League – Pennsylvania is tackling red-light violators by awarding funds under PennDOT's Automated Red Light Enforcement program. Governor Wolf announced that PennDOT will distribute approximately \$12.9 million in Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) funding to 22 municipalities statewide to fund 28 safety projects.

[From NLC: Historic Year in Federal Advocacy for Municipalities](#) – 2021 was a historic year. As municipalities across the country continued to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress listened to local leaders and provided critical investments to support economic recovery and rebuild our nation's infrastructure.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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