

Governor Chris Christie Releases \$8.4 Million From Fiscal Reserve

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Select Appropriations Freed From Executive Order Issued to Attain Common Sense Health Plan Savings

Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today ordered the immediate release of over \$8.4 million in appropriations that were temporarily reserved under Executive Order No. 209 to ensure the maintenance of a fiscally responsible, balanced Fiscal Year 2017 State Budget. Last month, Governor Christie directed the release of more than \$33 million in select appropriations that were placed in reserve.

State employee health care benefits cost state taxpayers over \$3.25 billion annually. Executive Order No. 209 was issued in July in direct response to the Legislature's failure to responsibly budget for the State's existing health care costs and highlight the need for common sense, reasonable health benefit reforms.

Until additional savings are enacted, the balance of previously reserved appropriations added by the Legislature will remain in reserve.

A chart of the programs covered by the appropriations released is below.

Agency	Program/Item	\$ (000s)
Children and Families	Court Appointed Special Advocates	850
Children and Families	Latino Action Network Hispanic Women's Resource Center	250
Community Affairs	Volunteers of America Re-Entry	2,500
Community Affairs	Boys and Girls Clubs of NJ	145
Education	County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program	1,000
Health	Statewide Trauma Registry	750
Health	Adler Aphasia Center	200
Health	Reed Academy - Autism Services Pilot Program	500
Legislature	District Office Support Services	500

State	New Facility - School of Business, Rutgers	1,000
State	Operating Cost for New Academic Buildings Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Gov	500
State	Small Business Development Centers	250

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