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## ICYMI: Governor Christie Reserves Certain Transitional Aid, Legislative Spending Under EO-209

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**Trenton, NJ**— Governor Chris Christie has ordered certain spending items to be temporarily reserved under Executive Order No. 209 to maintain a fiscally responsible, balanced Fiscal Year 2017 State Budget.

EO-209 was issued yesterday in response to the Legislature's inability to responsibly budget for the State's existing health care costs or force the enactment of common sense, reasonable health benefit reforms. To address the Legislature's irresponsible spending plan, the attached Executive Order immediately places tens of millions of dollars in budget appropriations in fiscal reserve, starting with the following:

- One-half or approximately \$53.68 million of the Fiscal Year 2017 Transitional Aid account, from which 13 municipalities received funds in Fiscal Year 2016; and
- Legislative Democrat extra spending, equaling \$45.38 million.

"Failure to exercise any of these powers risks the State potentially lacking resources necessary to maintain a responsible fund balance while providing for essential State services and basic operations of State government for Fiscal Year 2017, potentially causing immediate adverse impacts on the residents of the State," Governor Christie said. "The legislative majority wants to thoughtlessly spend down the State's surplus by \$160 million. Worse, however, is their shameless inclusion of a \$250 million phantom savings in public employee and retiree health care costs, which I called for in February but the Legislature did absolutely nothing to embrace, negotiate or achieve. Those 'savings' were penciled in on paper but completely nonexistent."

Funds placed in reserve will likely remain in reserve and unexpended, until public employee health care savings are enacted.

### Transitional Aid Awards in FY16

<b>Camden</b>	\$12M
<b>Patterson</b>	\$25.25M
<b>Trenton</b>	\$20M
<b>Union City</b>	\$17.8M
<b>Atlantic City School District</b>	\$20M
<b>Asbury Park</b>	\$1.5M
<b>Atlantic City Muni</b>	\$13M
<b>Harrison</b>	\$1.6M
<b>Kearny</b>	\$1.5M
<b>Newark</b>	\$10M
<b>Nutley</b>	\$5.5M
<b>Penns Grove</b>	\$280K
<b>Salem</b>	\$300K
<b>Total</b>	\$128.73M

Here is a list of Legislative budget adds to be placed in reserve:

Agency	Program/Item	\$ (000s)
Children and Families	Court Appointed Special Advocates	850
Children and Families	Domestic Violence Prevention Services	2,240
Children and Families	Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Services	2,800
Children and Families	Child Advocacy Center Competitive Grant Program	4,800
Children and Families	Latino Action Network Hispanic Women's Resource Center	250
Children and Families	Project SARAH	100
Community Affairs	NJ Re-Entry Corporation	2,500
Community Affairs	Volunteers of America Re-Entry	2,500
Community Affairs	Essex County First Tee Program	3,000
Community Affairs	Boys and Girls Clubs of NJ	145
Community Affairs	Camden County Housing First	250
Corrections	Essex County Recidivism Pilot	1,000
EDA	New Jersey Innovation Institute	4,000
Education	Advanced Placement Exam Fee Waiver	435
Education	County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program	1,000
Education	Nonpublic Security	7,500
Education	Nonpublic Technology	951
Education	Nonpublic Nursing	549
Education	Cumberland County Vocational Education	503
Health	NJ State Commission on Cancer Research	1,000
Health	Statewide Trauma Registry	750
Health	Cancer Institute of NJ - University Hospital Cancer Center Services	1,000
Health	Adler Aphasia Center	200
Health	Reed Academy - Autism Services Pilot Program	500
Human Services	Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program, Samost Jewish Family and Children's Serv Southern NJ	400
Human Services	NJ Elder Index	200
Human Services	Personal Care Rate Increase	137
Labor	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	5,000
Labor	New Jersey Innovation Institute	1,000
Legislature	District Office Support Services	500
Legislature	Assembly	1,000
Legislature	Senate	1,000
Military and Veteran Affairs	Vietnam Veterans War Memorial	250
State	Supplementary Education Grants (EOF)	1,425
State	Opportunity Program Grants	2,140
State	New Facility - School of Business, Rutgers	1,000
State	Center for Research and Education Advanced Transportation Engineering (Rowan University)	2,000
State	Operating Cost for New Academic Buildings Rowan University-Rutgers Camden Board of Gov	500
State	Small Business Development Centers	250
	<b>Total</b>	<b>55,625</b>

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