

# Governor Chris Christie Releases More Than \$33 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 \$33.4 million in appropriations that were temporarily reserved under Executive Order No. 209 to maintain a fiscally responsible, balanced Fiscal Year 2017 State Budget.

"Following last week's meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission, we moved closer to realizing common sense health plan savings and addressing a potential \$250 million budget deficit resulting from growing state health care costs. Just as I released all Fiscal Year 2017 Transitional Aid funds last month as progress was made in attaining savings, I am now directing the release of more than \$33 million in select appropriations that were placed into reserve under my Executive Order 209," said Governor Christie.

State employee health care benefits cost state taxpayers over \$3.25 billion annually. EO-209 was issued in July in direct response to the Legislature's inability to responsibly budget for the State's existing health care costs and force the enactment of 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
Children and Families	Domestic Violence Prevention Services
Children and Families	Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Services
Children and Families	Child Advocacy Center Competitive Grant Program
Children and Families	Project SARAH
Community Affairs	Essex County First Tee Program
Community Affairs	Camden County Housing First
Corrections	Essex County Recidivism Pilot
Economic Development Authority	New Jersey Innovation Institute

Education	Nonpublic Security
Education	Nonpublic Technology
Education	Nonpublic Nursing
Health	NJ State Commission on Cancer Research
Health	Cancer Institute of NJ – University Hospital Cancer Center Services
Human Services	Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program, Samost Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Southern NJ
Military and Veteran Affairs	Vietnam Veterans War Memorial
State	Opportunity Program Grants
State	Supplementary Education Grants (EOF)

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