

## CWA Local 1039's Role in the State Budget

Our local played a major role in this year's 30 billion dollar budget to protect services our members provide in the New Jersey Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) and the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ). Clearly, we are concerned about the governor's line item veto that cut services to these programs which will now suffer. Specific cuts CWA Local 1039 got back into the budget are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

CWA Local 1039 worked with Legislature's to develop language that would fund both CBVI and UEZ. It was submitted and passed by the senate and the assembly last week. The budget language included funding for the ten 10-month teachers as well as staff funding for our 20+ members in UEZ. Yet the governor eliminated 900 million dollars out of the budget with a stroke of a pen.

"This item is deleted in its entirety." It was among the most-used lines in the governor's handiwork, and the results ranged from cutting a \$537,000 grant to the Wynona M. Lipmann Child Advocacy Center (for more on this click on the link from the Star-Ledger under headlines on our website) to the \$50 million that had been proposed for public-safety grants to high-crime cities.

Below are listed the \$900 million line item cuts:

Senate salary and wages: \$2.7 million;

General Assembly Salaries and Wages: \$1 million;

Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership at Eagleton: \$100,000;

Raimondo Legislative Fellows Program: \$69,000;

Court Appointed Special Advocates: \$289,000;

Wynona Lipman Child Advocacy Center, Essex County: \$537,000;

Transitional Aid to Localities: \$139,000,000;

Union County Inmate Rehab Services: \$3 million;

School Aid (non-Abbotts): \$493 million;

Municipal Public Safety Aid: \$50 million;

Family Planning Services: \$7.5 million;

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund: \$22 million;

AIDS Drug Distribution Program: \$7 million;

Nursing Homes: \$25 million;

Special Care Nursing Facilities: \$4.4 million;

Mental Health Services Salaries and Wages: \$9 million;

Mental Health and Addiction Services Community Care: \$8 million;

Medical Prescription (dual eligible's): \$13 million;

Keep Aged, Blind and Disabled out of managed care: \$11 million;

\* Services to CBVI: \$1.5 million;

WorkFirstNJ Child Care: \$6 million;

General Assistance: \$19.6 million;

Educational Opportunity Grants: \$5.5 million;

Tuition Aid Grants: \$46 million;

Part-Time Tuition Aid Grants for County Colleges: \$2 million;

NJSTARS: \$1.1 million;

Grants to Hispanic Women's Resource Centers: \$486,000;

Meadowlands Tax Sharing: \$2.4 million;

Nonpublic Technology Aid: \$6, 5 million;

Amistad Commission: \$270,000;

Postpartum Education Campaign: \$450,000;

Level One Trauma Centers: \$6 million;

Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma: \$50,000;

Clinical Legal Programs for the Poor - Camden Law School: \$200,000;

Clinical Legal Programs for the Poor - Newark Law School: \$200,000;  
Clinical Legal Programs for the Poor - Seton Hall University: \$200,000;  
Per Capita Library Aid: \$3.5 million;  
Battleship New Jersey, Old Barracks, Newark Museum: \$4.3 million;  
Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development: \$2.3 million;  
Local Aid, Infrastructure Fund (DOT): \$10 million;  
Legal Services: \$10 million;  
Public Broadcasting Services: \$2 million;  
Solid Waste Management: \$8,850,000;  
Legal Hazard Control Assistance Program: \$2 million;  
Child Behavioral Health: \$5 million;  
\* UEZs: \$47 million.

In addition, Governor Christie also made the following cuts within state departments:

Agriculture, down 24%;  
Banking, down 12%;  
Children and Families, down 4%;  
Community Affairs, down 35%;  
Corrections, down 7%;  
Environmental Protection, down 2%;  
Education, down 8%;  
Health and Senior Services, down 6%;  
Human Services, down 4%;  
Labor, down 6%;  
Law and Public Safety, down 7%;  
Military Affairs, down 2%;  
The Public Advocate, down 25%.  
Transportation and Treasury, down 11, 3, and 39%, respectively.