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National GFOA Issues Report on SALT

The GFOA of the U.S. and Canada has published a comprehensive report, *The Impact of Eliminating the State and Local Tax Deduction*. The report breaks down the impact of the elimination of the SALT deduction by state and congressional district. The report can be downloaded via the following link:

[The Impact of Eliminating the State and Local Tax Deduction](#)

Emily Brock, Director of the Federal Liaison Center for the GFOA of the U.S. and Canada, will be presenting at the NYGFOA Annual Conference in Albany on Thursday, March 28th. Join us to learn about the latest impacts of tax reform in New York and the status of efforts to roll back the cap on SALT deductions on federal income taxes.

AIM Aid Cut Update

Under the proposed New York State 2020 budget, towns and villages scheduled to receive Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) payments that are less than two percent of their total local fiscal year 2017 expenditures, as reported to the State Comptroller, will be removed from the program. \$655.5 million in AIM aid to all other cities, towns, and villages would be continued at the same level as last year.

NYCOM and the Association of Towns are lobbying to have these funds restored in the proposed budget. We are awaiting the Governor's 30-Day Budget Amendments (which should be released shortly) and will keep you apprised of developments on the status of this unrestricted aid.

[Click Here](#) for information on proposed AIM aid levels to towns, villages and cities.

Upcoming Events

2019 Annual Conference News (3/26 to 3/29)

We are excited to announce State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli has confirmed he will address the Conference on Thursday, March 28th (following the Keynote Address)!

Have you made your plans to come and help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the NYGFOA? If not, take a moment today to register for this year's Conference!

[**2019 Annual Conference Registration**](#)

Excel Training Webinar: Pivot Tables, Dashboards and Charts (3/5)

This session, the sixth in the NYGFOA Excel Training Series, will look at how to leverage the power of pivot tables to perform complex analysis and create beautiful reports. We will begin by looking at the

data set requirements and ways to test the data for compatibility.

Next, we will look at some of the many options for designing pivot tables and explore how to create a dashboard using multiple pivot tables as well as making them a part of public presentations. The focus will be on practical examples you can utilize in the government finance work environment.

Register for this March 5th program via the following link:

[Excel Training Webinar: Pivot Tables, Dashboards and Charts](#)

The final Excel Training Session, *Graphs and Spreadsheet Esthetics*, will be held May 7th. To register for this program, please click on the link below:

[Excel Training Series: Graphs and Spreadsheet Esthetics](#)

Recordings of the first five Excel training sessions are available for purchase (purchase includes a link to the Webinar and a template you can use to practice). To learn more about these and other On Demand Webinar titles, please click on the link below:

[On Demand Webinars](#)

Local Leaders Conference (4/2 to 4/3)*

The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU-EFC) and the Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN) are holding their annual Local Leaders Conference at the Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY (1 hour south of Buffalo).

The purpose of this conference is to provide rural leaders in New York State the opportunity to develop leadership skills and discuss local governance needs while networking with technical assistance providers and state and federal funding agency representatives. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please click on the link below:

[Local Leaders Conference](#)

*This conference is not an NYGFOA event.