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### **2024-2026 Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Grant Program for Counties and Municipalities**

In 2023, the Department made county and municipal governmental agencies aware of an opportunity to assist them in their efforts to slow the spread and reduce spotted lanternfly populations in their areas of New Jersey. The Legislature and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture made grant funds available to counties and municipalities to battle the spotted lanternfly, providing up to \$50,000 per county, and up to \$15,000 per municipality, to reimburse approved participating agencies for eligible costs incurred for SLF chemical treatment activities.

In 2024, the Department is again making that grant funding opportunity available to interested counties and municipalities, including those who applied for grant funds in 2023. This new grant opportunity will provide up to \$50,000 per county, and up to \$20,000 per municipality, to reimburse for eligible costs incurred for SLF population reduction activities, including chemical treatment activities, in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

As you may be aware, SLF is both a nuisance and an economic pest. Both federal and state staff are doing their best to reduce populations but in doing so we need additional assistance and support from other stakeholders to make a difference.

Mostly, homeowners will be impacted by spotted lanternfly either as a pest in their landscapes and gardens or by the feeding activities of both nymphs and adults producing extensive sooty mold damage and staining to outside structures and property.

Vineyards and grape growers may also see serious economic damage through the insects feeding on the grape vines producing crop loss and vine death. Additionally, green industries and other businesses may be impacted by outside restrictions being put on the movement of their goods.

**All approved counties/municipalities will be reimbursed by the NJDA for the following eligible expenses (a) spray equipment, traps and supplies, (b) materials and (c) labor, incurred during the treatment season. Such expenses include but are not limited to:**

- Approved use pesticides.
- Monetary reimbursements for county/municipality approved pesticide purchases.

- Monetary reimbursements for pesticide applications made by county/municipality certified employees who are certified pesticide applicators.
- Monetary reimbursements for pesticide applications made by contracted independent certified pesticide applicators.

**County/Municipality responsibilities to the NJDA would be:**

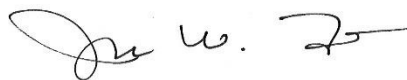
- Follow appropriate fiscal procurement procedures when purchasing approved treatment materials, equipment, and services if applicable.
- Submit invoices for the allowed treatment and population reduction expenditures to the Department.
- Submit invoices for county/municipal employee salaries performing SLF chemical treatments and population reduction activities, or invoices provided by contracted independent certified pesticide applicators if contracted by the governmental agency.
- Have their designated pesticide applicators complete a training session provided by the NJDA.
- Provide pesticide public application notifications compliant with NJDEP pesticide regulations appropriate with the areas scheduled for treatments.
- Provide Block and Lot information where treatments have been conducted on an annual basis as well as number and types of trees treated.
- Provide the name of the agency or contact information of the independent contractor used for the treatment services.
- Only costs incurred for treatment services provided during the 2024, 2025 and/or 2026 treatment seasons are eligible for reimbursement.

**All interested county and municipal agencies must submit a new application to participate for 2024 -2026 SLF treatment reimbursements.** All monies dedicated to this program must be encumbered by November 30, 2024, and fully expended by November 30, 2026.

Since applications are approved on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds are encumbered, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Application forms and further information can be found at [Department of Agriculture | Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Funding Available For All New Jersey Counties](#). Applications received after November 30, 2024, will not be considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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