

County Planning Incentive Grant

**APPLICATION**

County:

**STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Farmland Preservation Program**

**County Planning Incentive Grant Program**

**2026 Planning Round**

For information regarding the Planning Incentive Grant Program please reference the following statutes and regulations:

* Agriculture Retention and Development Act – N.J.S.A 4:1C-11, et seq.
* Planning Incentive Grant Statute – N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1
* Farmland Preservation Program Regulations – N.J.A.C. 2:76
	+ County Planning Incentive Grant Regulations – N.J.A.C. 2:76-17

For additional questions please contact the SADC at (609) 984-2504.

# **Grant Eligibility Checklist**

All checklist items are required prerequisites for County Planning Incentive Grant eligibility.

*See N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.3*

**[ ]  1. A County Agriculture Development Board.**

**[ ]  2. A County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan developed in accordance**

**with N.J.A.C. 2: 76-17.4 and SADC Guidelines for Developing County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plans**

**[ ]  3. Establishment and maintenance of a dedicated source of funding for**

**farmland preservation, including but not limited to:**

[ ]  A Dedicated Tax

[ ]  Repeated Annual Appropriations

[ ]  Repeated Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness

[ ]  Other (*Please describe)*

**Submission Requirement Checklist**

All checklist items are required for administrative completeness of this application.

Submissions must be received by the SADC by **December 15, 2024**.

**[ ]  1. Completed County Planning Incentive Grant application**

**[x]  2. If new or amended, a County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan** that conforms to SADC Guidelines for Developing County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plans. Submitted inboth hardcopy and electronic format.

**[ ]  3.** **A Project Area Inventory Form for each identified project area (if electronic spatial data files are not being provided).**

**\*** If there are proposed changes to this year's target farm list, the new list must identify specifically the proposed target farm additions and deletions.

**[ ]  4. Electronic spatial data files of the following in an ArcGIS format or best available:**

* + - **Agricultural development areas**
		- **Project areas**
		- **Targeted farms**
		- **Preserved Farmland**
		- **Farms with municipal, county and/or SADC final approval**
		- **Other** **land permanently restricted for agricultural use**
		- **Farms enrolled in a term preservation program**
		- **Other preserved open space compatible with agriculture**

*ArcGIS files are to be drawn in New Jersey State Plane Coordinate System coordinates (feet), projected in the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).*

**[ ]  5. Proof of notification to municipalities in which targeted farms are located.**

*See N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.6 (b)*

**[ ]  6. Current County Agriculture Development Board member list and contact information.**

# **Application Information:**

CADB Administrator (Primary Contact):

Address:

City:       State:       Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:       Fax:

**Agricultural Development Areas:**

Is the county requesting SADC certification of an agricultural development area amendment as part of this application approval?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

*If YES, please attach the following:*

*[ ]  A copy of the adopted criteria for agricultural development area identification*

*[ ]  A copy of the CADB resolution of agricultural development area adoption*

*[ ]  Justification that the adopted agricultural development area meets the statutory criteria set forth at N.J.A.C. 2:76-1.3.*

**Project Areas:**

*For each project area please attach a completed Project Area Summary Form*.

*Add additional rows as needed.*

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Acreage of Targeted Farms** | **Average Easement Price per Acre** | **Total Estimated Cost for Targeted Farm Easement Purchase** |
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# **County Policy Information:**

***If the answer is YES to the following and the amendment has been made since last year’s submittal, please attach a copy of the adopted County Agriculture Development Board or Freeholder Board policy or resolution explaining the position of the county. A NO answer is acknowledgement that the county relies upon SADC policy or regulation.***

***The word “policy” is intended broadly to include formal and informal policies, guidelines and rules established by the county.***

**Minimum Eligibility Criteria:**

Does the county have a minimum eligibility criteria or standards policy for solicitation and approval of applications for farmland preservation? *See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.20*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**County Ranking Criteria:**

Does the county have a ranking criteria policy to prioritize farms for preservation funding?

*See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.16 & SADC Policy P-14E*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Agricultural Labor Housing:**

Does the county have a policy on agricultural labor housing for preserved farms?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**House Replacement:**

Does the county have a policy for replacement of a residence on preserved farmland?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Residual Dwelling Site Opportunity Allocation:**

Does the county have a policy for the allocation of Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities?

*See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.17 and Policy P-28*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Exercising a Residual Dwelling Site Opportunity:**

Does the county have a policy for exercising Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities? *See SADC regulation N.J.A.C.2:76-6.17 and Policy P-31*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Division of Premises:**

Does the county have a policy regarding the division of permanently preserved farmland?

*See SADC Policy P-30A*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Exemptions:**

Does the county have a policy for the granting of severable and non-severable exceptions?

*See SADC Policy P-29*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Other Policies:**

Does the county have other policies related to farmland preservation?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

*If Yes, please list and describe:*

# **Funding Information:**

**County Funding:**

*Please check all that apply:*

[ ]  County dedicated open space/farmland preservation tax: $0.      / $100

* + Annual revenue generated from dedicated tax: $
	+ Annual tax revenue dedicated to farmland preservation: $

[ ]  Repeated annual appropriations dedicated to farmland preservation:

*Please describe:*

 [ ]  Repeated Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness:

*Please describe:*

 [ ]  Other funding sources:

 *Please describe:*

Total annual revenue dedicated to farmland preservation by the county: $

**Municipal Funding:**

*Include any municipalities in which target farms are located and cost share contribution is expected. Add additional rows as needed.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Municipality** | **Tax Rate Per $100** | **Total Annual Revenue Generated** | **Annual Revenue Dedicated to Farmland Preservation** | **Repeated Annual Appropriations** | **Repeated Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness** | **Revenue from Other Funding Sources** |

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|       | $0.      |       |       |       |       |       |
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| **Municipal Funding Totals** |
| **Total Annual Revenue Generated** | **Total Annual Revenue Dedicated to Farmland Preservation** | **Total Repeated Annual Appropriations** | **Total Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness** | **Total Revenue from Other Sources** |
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**Cost Share Requirements:**

Does the county require cost share contribution from sources other than the state on development easement acquisitions?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

***If YES, please attach a copy of the adopted CADB or Freeholder Board policy or resolution explaining the cost share requirements of the County. If no policy has yet been adopted please attach a description of the county’s current position with respect to cost share obligations.***

**Cost Projections Associated with One, Five- and Ten-Year Goals:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Acquisition Goal (Acres)** | **Total Projected Cost** | **Estimated Local Cost Share** | **Estimated County Cost Share** | **Estimated State Cost Share** | **Other Contributors** |
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