



Do you want to make your community a more sustainable place to live, work and play? There is an abundance of financial incentives in the form of grants and loans available to communities interested in becoming environmentally sustainable. This guide was developed by the [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection](#) to help connect New Jersey communities with funding that can support their sustainability initiatives. Please note this is not an exhaustive list of all grant opportunities but serves as a starting point for New Jersey communities.

This guide provides brief program overviews of key funding opportunities available from the NJDEP. We encourage you to review the program descriptions and visit each program website for additional information. Each program will have unique requirements, deadlines and administrative processes.

This guide was current as of April 30, 2020; however, some funding opportunities may have changed. The guide will be updated periodically.

This guide provides:

- ▶ An overview of incentive programs
- ▶ Individual program descriptions
- ▶ Contact information and website links

WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY?

An environmentally sustainable community is one that manages and stewards its natural resources, historic resources and environmental assets so that its value is preserved, restored and enhanced for present and future generations, and so that stewardship complements the community's efforts to foster economic and social health.

To learn more about sustainability, visit www.nj.gov/dep/aqes/sustainability.html





How to Use the Guide

Each funding opportunity has been organized using the format below:

	Name of Funding Program	Program Area	Incentive Type	Eligibility
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	Green Acres Grants and Loans	● Environmental Conservation, Public Recreation	● Grants, Loans	● Municipalities, Counties
Program Summary →	<p>These grants and loans are for the acquisition and/or development of municipal or county land for public recreation and conservation. Any municipality or county is eligible to apply. Grant/Loan limitations vary from year to year depending on funds available and total application received.</p>			
Contact Information →	<p>Contact: Green Acres Program 609-984-0500 www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/index.html</p>			

The guide categorizes funding and incentives opportunities using three characteristics: Program Area, Incentive Type and Eligibility.

- (1) Program Area: Describes the type of initiatives eligible for funding
- (2) Incentive Type: Describes funding type: grants, loans or tax credit
- (3) Eligibility: Describes who is eligible to apply for funding, and is broken down into the following categories:
 - Municipalities
 - Counties
 - Nonprofits
 - Private
 - Other (Institutions, Commercial, Industrial)

Characteristics Key		
● Program Area	● Incentive Type	● Eligibility



Overview of Incentive Programs –Topic Table



As a quick reference, the chart below categorizes the incentive programs in this guide by their topic.

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DEP Incentive Programs



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) offers a wide variety of funding opportunities for environmental projects. You can find more information about its grant and loan programs at:

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/

Land Acquisition and Park Development Funding

Green Acres Local Grants and Loans

● Land Conservation,
Public Recreation

● Grants, Loans

● Municipalities,
Counties

These grants and loans are for the acquisition and/or development of municipal or county land for public recreation and conservation. Any municipality or county is eligible to apply. Grant and loan limitations vary from year to year depending on available funds and total requests received.

Contact: Green Acres Program
609.984.0570

www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/index.html

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gagl.htm

Green Acres Nonprofit Grants

● Land Conservation
Public Recreation

● Grants

● Nonprofits

This program exists to acquire open space for recreation and conservation purposes statewide and to develop outdoor recreational facilities in certain urban or densely populated municipalities and counties. Funding is sourced from general obligation bonds. Non-profits that qualify as charitable conservancies (as defined in N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq) can apply. All land funded under this program must be open to the public. There is a 50 percent matching requirement for grants.

Contact: Green Acres Program
609.984.0570

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gana.htm

www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/pdf/nonprofit_app_2010.pdf





Recreational Trails Program

- Trails, Trail Facilities
- Grants
- Government Agencies, Nonprofit Organizations

The Recreational Trails Program provides federal financial assistance for developing, improving and maintaining trails and trail facilities. Trails can be used for non-motorized, multi-use, and motorized purposes. Funding levels vary from year to year depending upon a federal appropriation. Governmental and non-profit agencies are eligible to apply for the grant. Land on which a trail facility is to be funded must be public land or private land open for public recreational use. Applicants must match at least 20 percent of the total cost of the project.

Contact: Recreational Trails Program
609.984.0500
Email: trails@dep.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/trails/index.html
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_nrtp.htm





Forestry Incentives

Green Communities Grant

● Forestry, Trees

● Grants

● Local Governments, Shade Tree Commissions

The Green Communities Grant is provided to assist local governments in the development of a Community Forestry Management Plan. A Community Forestry Management Plan is a document for action, guiding communities to establish and maintain healthy, safe and sustainable urban and community forests. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applications must be completed in their entirety and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent upon funding availability.

Contact: Community Forestry Program
609.633.2320

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_gccg.htm

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/green_communities_grant_application.pdf

NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program (NJUCF)

● Forestry Management

● Grants

● Municipalities, Counties, Shade Tree Commissions, Tree Committees, Tree Boards, Tree Councils

This program assists local governments in the implementation of a NJ Forest Service approved Community Forestry Management Plan. Grant funding comes from the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forest Preservation License Plate Fund and the No Net Loss Compensatory Reforestation program. Grant amount differs from year to year depending on funds available and total applications received.

Contact: Urban & Community Forestry Program
609.292.2532

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/grants-csip.html





Dam Restoration Incentives

Dam Restoration & Inland Water Projects Loan Program

● Dam Safety, Flood Control

● Loans

● Municipalities, Counties, Agencies, Authority, Board, Commission, Private Lake Associations

The purpose of the program is to provide loans to assist local government units, private lake associations or similar organizations in funding a dam restoration project or an inland waters project. Funding for this program comes from the 1992 Dam Restoration and Clean Water Trust Fund and the 2003 Dam, Lake and Stream Project Revolving Loan Fund. Local government units, private lake associations or similar organizations, and owners of private dams as co-applicants with a local government unit, are eligible to apply. The loan is limited to eligible costs as defined in the program rules.

Contact: DEP Engineering and Construction
609.984.0859

www.nj.gov/dep/damsafety/engineer.htm

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_driw.htm





The New Jersey Water Bank

<p>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public & Private Water Systems, Nonprofit Non-Community Water Systems
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This Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program is administered by the DEP and in partnership with the I-Bank provide low-cost financing, including principal forgiveness (grant-like funding), interest free loans, and low interest loans for high priority projects, to finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and to protect the public health in conformance with the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Projects are funded in priority order based on available funds. For more details on the current financing packages available for DWSRF projects see the Intended Use Plan, which is developed each year by the DEP and can be found here <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm>.

Contact: Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
609.292.5550
www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dws_loans.html
www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm

<p>Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wastewater Management, stormwater, nonpoint source water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities, Counties, Sewerage or Utility Authorities
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Like the DWSRF Program (noted above), the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is administered by the DEP and in partnership with the I-Bank provides low-cost financing, including principal forgiveness (grant-like funding), interest free loans, and low interest loans to towns, boroughs, municipal utilities authorities, counties, regional water authorities and other local government units for the design, construction, and implementation of projects that help to protect, maintain and improve water quality. The CWSRF Program has also extended project eligibility to private colleges and universities that are interested in sponsoring nonpoint source pollution projects to help address water quality concerns. For more details on the current financing packages available for CWSRF projects see the Intended Use Plan, which is developed each year by the DEP and can be found here <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm>.

Contact: Municipal Finance and Construction Element
609.292.8961
www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cwpl.htm
www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/DWSRF_IUP_20191101_with_PPL.pdf





Water Quality Restoration Grants

● Water Quality

● Grants, Loans

● Government Entities, County Planning Departments, Health Departments, Water Quality Management Planning Agencies, NJ Universities and Colleges, Interstate Agencies of which NJ is a Member, Non-Profit Organizations

This program provides grants to reduce water quality impairment through implementation of nonpoint source pollution control projects. Funding comes from the Environmental Protection Agency, the New Jersey Corporate Business Tax Receipts, and Natural Resource Damage Settlements. Applicants must submit a project that meets the administrative requirement, objectives and project criteria as outlined in the Water Quality Restoration grant guidelines available for the current fiscal year. The awarded amount varies by need.

Contact: Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards
609.633.1441

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/eps_nspc.htm

www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/npsrestgrants.html





Coastal Incentives

Clean Vessel – Pump Out Facilities

● Maritime, Sewage Disposal

● Grants

● Local Governments and Public, Private Marinas

This program provides funds to states for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pump out stations and dump stations and for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage. 75% of funding comes from US Fish and Wildlife Service with the other 25% coming from Shore Protections License Plate Sales. To be eligible for funding under this program, both public and private facilities must be open to the public and provide full and reasonable access to the pump out/dump station. Pump out construction/renovation - Estimates exceeding \$18,000 must be approved by the New Jersey Clean Vessel Program Steering committee. Operation & Maintenance Program - Marina reimbursement for eligible costs not to exceed \$3,000. Pump out boat operator reimbursement for eligible costs not to exceed \$5,000.

Contact: DEP Fish and Wildlife
609.292.9410
Marine Trades Association of New Jersey
732.292.1051
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_pumpout.html

Shore Protection Grants

● Environmental Conservation, Shoreline

● Grants, Loans

● Municipalities, Counties

This program provides grants to protect public and private properties and infrastructure from storm damage and shoreline migration through dune creation and maintenance, beach fill projects, and repair of existing shore protection structures. Municipalities and counties are eligible to apply. Grantees must provide a 25 percent matching fund. Recent legislation has set the annual appropriation at \$25,000,000.

Contact: Office of Engineering and Construction
Division of Coastal Engineering
732.255.0770
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_spgl.htm





Pinelands Incentives

Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Financing Program

● Wastewater Treatment

● Grants, Loans

● Municipalities, Regional Sewerage and Utility Authorities

This financing program provides funding for wastewater treatment facilities in the 23 designated Pinelands regional growth areas to accommodate existing and future needs. Funding is available for the construction of new collection systems, interceptors, and the expansion and/or upgrade of wastewater treatment facilities through the Pinelands Infrastructure Bond Act of 1985. Certified projects generally receive a grant for 40 percent of the allowable project cost and a loan of 20 percent of the allowable project cost in accordance with project cost estimates in the Pinelands Infrastructure Master Plan. Eligible costs include planning and design costs. Local government units, including municipalities and regional sewerage or utility authorities, are eligible for assistance. Loans are submitted through H2LOans, the online application system.

Contact: Municipal Finance and Construction Element
609.292.8961
www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/mface_pinelands.htm

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust
609.219.8600
www.njeit.org





Historic Preservation Incentives

Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grants

● Historic Preservation

● Grants

● Municipalities

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program is the official preservation partnership connecting local, state, and Federal governments to help communities save their irreplaceable historic resources. Through the certification process, communities make a local commitment to historic preservation. This commitment is key to America’s ability to preserve, protect, and increase awareness of our unique cultural heritage across the country. One of the chief benefits of this partnership for local governments is access to grant funding. Each federal fiscal year, New Jersey sets aside ten percent of the state’s allocation of federal historic preservation funds for pass-through as sub-grants to communities participating in the CLG program. These funds are awarded on a competitive basis and the eligible applications are evaluated and ranked according to the established selection criteria. CLG grants provide assistance to enrich, develop, and help maintain local historic preservation programs in cooperation and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office. Eligible municipalities must have CLG status from the National Park Service, be current in their submission of Annual Reports, and agree to comply with all applicable state and federal regulations. The maximum individual grant award will be \$24,999 and the minimum award is \$9,000. All grants are awarded contingent upon the availability of federal funds. Grant funds may be used for historic resource surveys; preservation plans; technical assistance to municipal historic preservation commissions; architectural design guidebooks; preservation education; National Register of Historic Places nominations, and other innovative historic preservation projects.

Contact: New Jersey Historic Preservation Office
609.984.0141
www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_hpc1.htm





Recycling & Litter Abatement Incentives

County Recycling Enhancement Act Grants

● Solid Waste Management

● Grants, Loans

● County Government

This program provides grants to counties for recycling program planning, household hazardous waste collection and other recycling program initiatives. Funding for this program comes from the \$3.00 per ton tax on solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at solid waste disposal facilities, as established in New Jersey’s Recycling Enhancement Act. Counties must submit an annual application for a grant. Annual grants are based on the amount of solid waste generated in each county as a percentage of all waste generated in New Jersey. Program announcements, application deadlines and program guidelines are sent to the counties annually.

Contact: Recycling and Planning
609.984.4250

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/er_reatf.htm

Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grants

● Recycling

● Grants

● Municipalities, Counties

This program provides financial incentives to municipalities and counties to encourage recycling. Funding for this program comes from the \$3.00 per ton tax on solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at solid waste disposal facilities, as established in New Jersey’s Recycling Enhancement Act. Municipalities and counties must submit an annual application for a grant. Grant amounts are determined by the tonnage of eligible materials recycled within the municipality or county, where applicable, as well as by the value assigned by the DEP to the various material rate “bands” for that grant year. For information email Fredrick Khayati of DEP at Fredrik.Khayati@dep.nj.gov. Over \$14.3 million in recycling tonnage grants were provided for 2016 recycling tonnage.

Contact: Bureau of Recycling and Planning
609.984.3438

Email: tonnagegrant@dep.nj.gov

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/er_mrtgp.htm

www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/Tonnage/index.htm





New Jersey Clean Communities Grant

● Litter Cleanup

● Grants

● Municipalities,
Counties

This program provides financial assistance for the implementation of litter abatement programs in eligible municipalities and counties within the State. All 21 New Jersey counties and 558 of the 565 New Jersey municipalities receive funding. The Clean Communities Grants are entitlement grants. Grant amounts are based on population, housing units, road mileage, etc. Grants are limited based on the availability of funding. An absolute minimum grant is \$4,000.

Contact: New Jersey Clean Communities
609.989.5900
www.njclean.org
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/lga_ccpg.htm

Recycling Enhancement Act - Institutions of Higher Education Research Grant Program

● Solid Waste
Management

● Grants

● Higher
Education

This program provides grants to institutions of higher for recycling demonstration, research or education, including professional training. Funding for this program comes from the \$3.00 per ton tax on solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at solid waste disposal facilities, as established in New Jersey’s Recycling Enhancement Act. Interested colleges and universities must apply for a grant. Application procedures are explained in the program guidelines as provided by the DEP. Approximately \$1 million of Recycling Enhancement Act recycling tax funds have been allocated for this program. The Department anticipates renewing this grant opportunity each year, contingent on funding. For information email Fredrick Khayati of DEP at Fredrik.Khayati@dep.nj.gov .

Contact: Recycling and Planning
609.984.4250
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/swrea-higher-ed.htm





Vehicle Emissions Control Incentives

It Pays to Plug In: NJ’s Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program

● Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

● Grants

● Employers, Parking Facility Operators

This program provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is designed to expand New Jersey’s growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles. EVs dramatically reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for everyone. Eligible applicants include, Businesses, governments, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and multi-unit residential dwellings. Prospective applicants must complete the Application Form, Project Information Form, Certification Checklist, Deadlines Acknowledgement Form, W-9 Form, and sign your business up for NJStart. Submit to DEP Bureau of Mobile Sources at DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov.

Contact: Bureau of Mobile Sources
609.292.7953
Email: DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/ages-evcharge.htm
www.drivegreen.nj.gov/programs.html

Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

● Air Quality

● Trust

● Commercial and Industrial Facilities, Local Governments, Regional Authorities

This program provides funds from two Partial Consent Decrees approved between the United States, California, and the defendants (Volkswagen Corporation and its subsidiaries) over Volkswagen’s use of emission control defeat device software. Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) significantly contributes to the formation of ground level ozone which negatively impacts the respiratory system and cardiovascular health. One of the goals of the Partial Consent Decrees is to offset the excess NO_x emissions. The Partial Consent Decrees establish an Environmental Mitigation Trust (“Trust”) which will provide funds to all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and federally recognized tribes, to implement actions to counter the air quality impacts of the excess NO_x emissions resulting from the use of the defeat devices. The allocation to New Jersey is \$72.2 million.

Contact: Division of Air Quality
Email: VWComments@dep.nj.gov
609.292.7953
www.state.nj.us/dep/vw/index.html





NJ Clean Construction Program

● Air Quality Improvement

● Grants

● Construction

This program provides funding for installing pollution control devices on construction equipment (100 percent of the cost of the device and installation) or purchasing replacement equipment (up to 30 percent of the purchase, not to exceed \$100,000). The funding will help reduce emissions of diesel particles and improve air quality. Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and funds will be allocated to approved projects until depleted.

Contact: Bureau of Mobile Sources
609.633.1220

www.stopthesoot.org/eoi.htm

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/aqes-njccp.htm





Wildlife Incentives

Endangered Species - Conserve Wildlife Matching Grant

● Wildlife Education

● Grants

● Nonprofits

This program allocates funds to projects that benefit New Jersey's nongame wildlife through education, outreach, research, conservation, species protection or habitat management undertaken by certified nonprofit organizations. Funding comes from Conserve Wildlife license plate renewal fees. Any nonprofit organization (as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:5-1.3) is eligible to apply. They must fund a minimum of 50 percent of total project costs, at least 25 percent of the grantee's share of project funding shall be monetary, sign a grant agreement and implement project as outlined in the grant agreement. The minimum matching grant shall be \$1,000.00; the maximum matching grant shall be \$3,500.00.

Contact: Endangered and Nongame Species Program
609.292.9400
www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ensp/cwgrants.htm
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_endanger.html





Firefighting and Fire Reduction Incentives

Community Firewise Grants

● Wildfire Risk Reduction

● Grants

● Municipalities, Counties, Homeowner Associations

This program provides municipalities, communities and other qualifying organizations a cost-share incentive to obtain Firewise Community/USA designation, implement hazard mitigation activities, train community Firewise liaisons and conduct outreach and awareness activities in the community. Funding is provided by the USDA Forest Service- through the National Fire Plan. Funding is limited to half of the project cost, up to \$5,000.

Contact: New Jersey Forest Fire Service
609.649.3611

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_firewise.html

forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/RD1048.PDF

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants (VFA)

● Wildland Firefighting

● Grants

● Rural Fire Departments

This program provides unprotected rural volunteer fire companies with cost-share funding opportunities to purchase firefighting equipment, supplies, personal protective equipment and training to support wildland firefighting in their respective communities. Funded through USDA Forest Service-National Fire Plan, single fire departments serving a rural area or a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less are eligible. There is no maximum amount an eligible fire department or community may request; however only a maximum of \$10,000 can be granted depending on the number of requests and the funding available. In no case will the Forest Fire Service fund more than 50% of an accepted application. Volunteer Fire Assistance funding is not authorized for purchase, construction or renovation of capital improvements such as fire stations or pressurized water systems.

Contact: New Jersey Forest Fire Service
609.292.2977

www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/fire/aboutus.html

www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_volunteer.html





Natural Resource Restoration Incentives

Office of Natural Resource Restoration Lower Passaic River and Tributary Grant

● Enhance
Freshwater
Wetlands

● Grants

● Government
agencies, nonprofits

This program provides funds for the construction of projects that create or enhance freshwater wetlands and public access on the Lower Passaic River or tributaries to the Lower Passaic River. The funding comes from Passaic River Natural Resource Damage settlements. Eligible government agencies and nonprofit organizations must be located on publicly accessible property, be at least 50% designed; create/enhance wetlands located directly adjacent to the Passaic River downstream of the Dundee Dam or directly adjacent to a tributary of the Passaic River provided the confluence is downstream of the Dundee Dam, and provide or enhance public access to the Lower Passaic River or its tributaries. The grant is for construction purposes only (not for planning, design or permitting). DEP is making a total of \$10,000,000 available for this grant. The minimum amount of the Office of Natural Resource Restoration grant shall not be less than \$500,000. The maximum amount of the Office of Natural Resource Restoration grant to a single project shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

Contact: Office of Natural Resource Restoration
609.984.5475
Email: ONRR@dep.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/docs/onrr-passaic-tribs.pdf
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/docs/nrr-app.pdf
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_passaictribs.html

Office of Natural Resource Restoration Newark Bay Complex Grant

● Waterfront
Resources

● Grants

● Government
Agencies

This program provides funds for projects that create or enhance public access and enjoyment to waterfront resources in the Newark Bay Complex. The funding comes from Passaic River Natural Resource Damage settlements. Eligible government must be located on publicly accessible property, be located within municipalities that are adjacent to one or more of the waterways identified as the Newark Bay Complex in the Passaic River litigation, provide or enhance public access and enjoyment to waterfront resources in the Newark Bay Complex. DEP is making \$50,000,000 available under this grant. The minimum amount of the ONRR grant shall not be less than \$500,000. The maximum amount of the Office of Natural Resource Restoration grant to a single project shall not exceed \$25,000,000.

Contact: Office of Natural Resource Restoration
609.984.5475
Email: ONRR@dep.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/docs/onrr-nbc.pdf
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/docs/nrr-app.pdf
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_passaicrivernrr.html





Environmental Health Incentives

County Environmental Health Act Grants (CEHA)

● Environmental Health Services

● Grants

● Certified Local Health Agencies

This program exists to support environmental health services undertaken by certified local health agencies on behalf of the DEP. Funding depends upon State appropriation funds made available to the program. Grants are awarded on an annual basis. The certified health agency's contribution shall be a 100% match of the State's approved legislative designated funds. Grants awarded for pilot projects/elective programs do not have a match requirement. Certified local health agencies must attend a grant conference/meeting and submit a countywide Environmental Health Assessment and Improvement Plan.

Contact: Division of Air and Hazardous Materials Enforcement
609.633.7288
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/ce_cehag.htm





Compliance and Enforcement Incentives

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)	● Compliance	● Settlement	● Local Governments, Institutions of Higher Education
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A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project that a respondent voluntarily agrees to perform as a condition of settling an enforcement action. A SEP is an activity that the respondent would not otherwise have been required to perform, and in which the public or the environment is the primary beneficiary. Once included in the settlement document, completion of the SEP becomes a binding requirement and if not completed as required, could be subject to stipulated penalties. After the final penalty settlement amount has been determined, the penalty is then adjusted to account for the cost of the SEP. For each dollar spent on the SEP, one dollar can be deducted from the penalty amount, up to 75% of the total penalty agreed to in the settlement. However, 50% is the maximum offset allowed for violations of the New Jersey Water Pollution Control Act. The fact that the respondent is conducting a SEP should not be incorporated into the calculation of the final penalty amount.

Contact: Division of Compliance & Enforcement
 Email: SEP@dep.nj.gov
www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/seps.html





Site Remediation Incentives

Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund

- Contaminated Site Cleanup
- Grants, Loans
- Municipalities, Counties, Redevelopment Entities, Individuals, Corporations, Companies, Partnerships, Firms, Non-Profits

This program provides various grants and loans to public and, private entities, and nonprofit organizations for the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites. A constitutional amendment approved in November 2014 changed the overall funding allocation to the program each year. Public entity applicants are required to provide documentation indicating the need for redevelopment at the subject property through a redevelopment plan or resolution. Funding is available to public entities up to \$2 million per calendar year and an additional \$1 million per calendar year is available if the property is located within a brownfield development area. Private entity applicants are required provide all necessary documentation for the applicable grant and/or loan and a checklist is provided in the instructions for the application document. Matching grants for a remedial action for an unrestricted use no further action/response action outcome designation are capped at \$250,000 per project.

Contact: Office of Brownfield Reuse
609.633.1332
www.nj.gov/dep/srp/finance/hdsrf/

Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Child Care Facilities Grant

- Site Remediation Reimbursement
- Grants
- Child Care Centers- Can be privately owned, or municipality, state, Federal or another public agency

The HDSRF Child Care Facility Grant is a grant reimbursement program available to an existing or prospective owner or operator of a child care center that is licensed or who has applied for a license with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) pursuant to P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq). A grant reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$1,500 is available to those child care centers that submit a complete Preliminary Assessment (PA). NJDEP will award funding based on the cost to produce the PA.

Contact: Bureau of Inspection and Review
609.633.1403
www.nj.gov/dep/srp/finance/hdsrf/hdsrf_ccfg.htm
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/sr_child.htm





Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Upgrade and Closure Fund

● Petroleum Storage Remediation

● Grants, Loans

● Business Owners and Operators, Non-Profits, Institutions of Higher Education, Emergency Rescue, Fire, Ambulance and First Aid

This fund provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to eligible owners and operators for the closure and remediation of a discharge of residential and other unregulated petroleum underground storage tanks, and for the closure and remediation of State regulated petroleum underground storage tanks. A portion of the New Jersey Corporate Business Tax has provided financial assistance for this Fund. The amount dedicated each year is approximately \$10-15 million, depending on the amount of Corporate Business Tax collected. A public entity applying for financial assistance from the Fund may only be awarded financial assistance in the form of an interest free loan. Eligible commercial entities must own less than 10 petroleum underground storage tanks in New Jersey; have a net worth of less than \$2 million; and demonstrate the inability to qualify for and obtain a commercial loan for all or part of the eligible costs. For grants eligible commercial entities must have taxable income not exceeding \$250,000.00, and a net worth not exceeding \$500,000.00, excluding their primary residence and pension.

Contact: Site Remediation Program
609.984.2076
www.nj.gov/dep/srp/finance/ustfund/
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/sr_ustru.htm

Technical Assistance Grants

● Education on Site Remediation

● Grants

● Non-Profit Community Groups

These grants provide funding to nonprofit community groups to employ independent Licensed Site Remediation Professionals to perform activities designed to help improve the community's understanding of the environmental conditions at, and remediation of, a contaminated site. The bulk of the funds must be used to hire an independent Licensed Site Remediation Professional as a technical advisor to help interpret and comment on site related documents. Funded by the DEP, grants are available to community groups during the remedial investigation phase and the remedial action phase of a cleanup of a contaminated site. DEP will award a maximum of \$10,000 for a single remedial investigation and a maximum of \$10,000 for a single remedial action. DEP will not award a Technical Assistance Grant to more than one community group at any one time for any contaminated site.

Contact: Site Remediation Program
609.984.3081
www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/sr_techassist.htm





Flooding Incentives

Blue Acres

- Flooded Properties
- Land Purchase
- Property Owners in Flood Prone Areas

Blue Acres is a division of the Green Acres Program dedicated to alleviating threats to life and property in repeatedly flood damaged or potentially flood prone areas. Properties in or buffered by flood damaged areas are eligible for an appraisal for the acquisition of the property from willing sellers.

Contact: Blue Acres Program
609.984.0500
www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/blue_flood_ac.html

