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# New Jersey Smart Growth Planning and Program Resources

Technical and Financial Assistance



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## Technical and Financial Assistance

This document contains a variety of grant, loan and technical assistance programs that are relevant to planning and infrastructure support in New Jersey. The format is designed to assist communities with preparing a Planning and Implementation Agenda (PIA) (See Appendix 1) as part of a petition for Plan Endorsement by the New Jersey State Planning Commission. However, anyone involved in the field of planning should find this document useful. Seven categories have been created to group related programs as shown below. An eighth category - Other Funding Sources - has also been included to provide links to the Internet.

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Information is provided to enable you to contact the programs directly to seek application forms and to inquire further about funding availability, deadlines and overall eligibility requirements. Each program is also characterized as either a “planning” (assistance with the plan preparation process) or an “implementation” (funding for the bricks and mortar) program. Additionally, this information will be used to identify those programs that have the potential to be included within a “Priority for Plan Endorsement” package for those communities pursuing Plan Endorsement. Please note that legislative, regulatory, or policy modifications may be required in order for these programs to receive Plan Endorsement Priority.

This report is also available on our web site at [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/). If you have any questions on the Planning Resources database, please feel free to contact Paul M. Drake, PP/AICP, State Planning Unit Manger at 609-292-3730.

*Please Note: Programs in this publication are subject to particular programmatic requirements, appropriation by State and Federal statutes and general availability of funds. Some programs provide funds based on formula criteria while others are competitive in nature. Some have funds available periodically, depending on appropriations and release of Federal funding. Please contact the appropriate office to obtain details regarding current availability of funds.*

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## Brownfields

### Brownfield Redevelopment Loan Program

**Implementation**

NJEDA Brownfields Redevelopment Office

PPE

Michael Sylvester (609) 341-2723 brownfields@njeda.com

Interim financing will be provided to eligible borrowers for meeting the costs of the remediation of a brownfield site.

### Brownfields Assessment Demonstration

**Planning**

USEPA Superfund Hotline

PPE

(800) 424-9346 <http://www.epa.gov/>

This program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainable reuse brownfields.

### Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund

**Planning**

USEPA Special Projects

PPE

(202) 260-4039 <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

This initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainable reuse brownfields.

### Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)

**Implementation**

US HUD

PPE

(800) 483-8929 [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Provides funding for redeveloping brownfield sites providing it is used in conjunction with a Section 108 Loan Guarantee.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Brownfields Incentive for Industrial Site Cleanup

**Implementation**

NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission  PPE  
 (609) 777-0885 www.state.nj.us/commerce

To facilitate redevelopment agreements between developers and the Secretary of Commerce where up to 75% of the cost of remediation can be recovered by the developer of a "Brownfield" site once the project has begun to realize new state tax revenue sufficient to cover the cost of remediation. The developer must be the nonresponsible party and agree to undertake and clean up the site to the satisfaction of the NJDEP, and the project must be an integral part of a local redevelopment strategy.

## Brownfields Redevelopment

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth  PPE  
 (609) 292-7156 www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/

This program offers information on the various incentives for brownfields redevelopment and coordinates projects among appropriate State agencies for the expeditious reuse of these sites.

## Downtown Beautification Program

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE  
 (609) 292-0187 cld@njeda.com

Existing retail and commercial businesses located in the commercial district of a targeted municipality are eligible. Loan must be used primarily for renovations and facade improvements, although a portion can be applied to fixed assets or for working capital purposes.

## Federal Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program

**Implementation**

US HUD Empowerment Zone Program  PPE  
 (973) 622-7900 www.hud.gov/local/njn

Benefits that include Brownfields Tax Incentives to clean up and redevelop contaminated industrial site; relaxed eligibility for bonds.

## Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Loan and Grant program

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE  
 (609) 341-2723 www.njeda.com

The EDA works in conjunction with the DEP to assist companies involved in hazardous discharge site investigation and cleanup with loans of up to \$1 million for as long as 10 years through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund. Municipalities may apply for grants and loans up to \$2 million per year. Eligible entities include: industrial businesses that do not have the ability to get funding on their own and are required to perform a cleanup due to closing or transferring ownership of operations; persons who do not have the ability to get funding on their own and have discharged and are responsible for a hazardous substance; and municipalities and persons who voluntarily agree to clean up a site.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

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## New Jersey Urban Site Acquisition Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJRA

PPE

(609) 292-3739 [www.nj.gov/njra](http://www.nj.gov/njra)

68 NJRA eligible municipalities, nonprofit, for-profit developers.

Financial assistance to acquire vacant, abandoned properties that are part of a larger comprehensive urban redevelopment effort. The program will identify state and other funding sources for site preparation, construction and all other aspects of redevelopment.

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## Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

NJ Business; homeowners

Loans and hardship grants for remediation of all or a portion of the costs associated with the upgrade, and/or closure of tanks. Homeowners may qualify for assistance from the program for leaky oil tanks. Program is administered in coordination with the NJDEP Bureau of State Case Management at 609-633-0719.

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## Smart Growth Pre-development Funding

**Implementation**

NJEDA Brownfields Redevelopment Office

PPE

Michael Sylvester (609) 341-2723 [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

For developers undertaking commercial, industrial, office and mixed use projects in urban and developed suburban and rural communities. Projects must have municipal support and be part of a local redevelopment plan. Short-term financing will be arranged for pre-development site preparation costs (non-contamination related) including, but not limited to, land assemblage, demolition, removal of materials and debris, and engineering costs.

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## Superfund Technical Assistance Grants

**Planning**

USEPA Office of Emergency Response

PPE

(703) 603-8889 [www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)

This program provides funds to community groups so they can hire technical advisors who assist the groups in interpreting technical information concerning the assessment of potential hazards and selection and design of appropriate remedies at sites eligible for cleanup under the Superfund Program. Funds can be used at sites listed or proposed for the National Priorities List (NPL) where cleanup is under way.

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## Technical Assistance to Brownfields

**Planning**

USEPA

PPE

Dr. Hedy Alari (410) 516-7091 [www.toscprogram.org](http://www.toscprogram.org)

Provides technical assistance and outreach through an outreach services for communities program (TOSC) to redevelop brownfield sites.

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Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

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**Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Upgrade and Closure Fund****Implementation**

DEP Responsible Party Site Remediation

 PPE (609) 984-4464 [domenic.picardi@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:domenic.picardi@dep.state.nj.us)

To provide financial assistance via grants and loans to close, upgrade or remediate discharges from underground storage tanks. The fund provides for low-interest loans and grants to all eligible applicants, with the exception of public entities and non-profit businesses.

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**USEPA Brownfields Demonstration Pilot program****Planning**

USEPA Region 2; Brownfields Assessment

 PPE (212) 637-4314 [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

Up to \$200,000 grants to municipalities for site identification, site assessment, site characteristics and site remediation, planning and design for areas that have an actual or threatened release of a hazardous substance or contaminant.

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## Agriculture

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**Conservation Assistance Program****Implementation**

NJDA

 PPE (609) 984-2504 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

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**County Easement Purchase Program****Implementation**

NJDA

 PPE (609) 984-2504 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

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**Direct Easement Program****Implementation**

NJDA

 PPE (609) 984-2504 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

 Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Emergency Purchase Program

**Implementation**

NJDA

PPE

[www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

## Farmland Stewardship Program

**Implementation**

NJDA

PPE

(609) 984-2504 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

## Non Profit Program

**Implementation**

NJDA

PPE

(609) 984-2504 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Please contact Department of Agriculture for more information.

# Economic Development

## Bank Enterprise Award Program

**Planning**

USTRE

Department of Treasury

PPE

(202) 622-8662 <http://www.cdfifund.gov/>

The purpose of this program is to encourage insured depository institutions to increase their level of community development activities in the form of loans, investments, services and technical assistance within distressed communities and to provide assistance to community development financial institution's through grants, stock purchases, loans, deposits, and other forms of financial and technical assistance.

## Bank of America Catalyst Fund

**Implementation**

Other

PPE

(904) 791-5701 [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

Supports inner-city development that significantly impacts and sustains local communities. The Fund also includes a venture capital initiative to provide funding for businesses that create or preserve jobs and improve the economic base of urban areas.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Business & Industry Direct Loans

**Implementation**

USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service  PPE

(609) 265-3600 Michael.Kelsey@nj.usda.gov

Loans and guarantees to maintain and establish business and industry in rural areas. Funds may be used for purchase of land, buildings and equipment; working capital; and in some cases for refinancing debts. Rural business grants and Intermediary relending loans are also available through this office.

## Business Employment Incentive Program

**Planning**

NJEDA EDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Businesses that will create at least 25 jobs or a minimum of 10 jobs if an emerging technology or biotech company, are economically viable, and demonstrate that the incentive grant is a material factor in their decision to locate or expand in New Jersey.

## Casino Reinvestment Development Loans

**Implementation**

CRDA  PPE

(609) 347-0500

To reinvest a portion of Casino Industry's gross revenues in housing and economic development projects statewide. Loans obtained from the CRDA must be secured; projects must be financially feasible; and projects must receive a bond rating of "B" or better. Funds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, professional fees, etc. CRDA can provide construction and permanent financing. Project fees can be capitalized in the loan.

## Community Base Reuse Plans

**Planning**

USDOD Office of the Secretary of Defense  PPE

(703) 604-5948 http://www.cfda.gov

The purpose of the program is to assist local governments or states to conduct community base reuse plans at closing or realigning military installations. Also refer to the website at www.acq.osd.mil/oeo

## Community Economic Adjustment Planning

**Planning**

USDOD Office of the Secretary of Defense  PPE

(703) 604-6020 http://www.emissary.acq.osd.mil/

This program assists local governments or states to undertake community economic adjustment planning activities to respond to military base closures and realignments or growth.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)



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**Community Lending Program****Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

 PPE (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Loans and bonds for businesses that have been in operation for at least two years in neighborhoods where at least 51% of the residents are of low or moderate income or the requested financing will benefit such residents. Loans can be from \$100,000 to \$6 million with a 25% loan guaranty from EDA. EDA may also issue tax-exempt bonds for manufacturing companies or 501(c)(3) organizations.

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**Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid****Implementation**

DCA Local Government Services

 PPE (609) 292-6110 www.nj.gov/dca.lgs

Provides all municipalities with property tax relief at the amounts they receive under the programs during Fiscal Year 1995. Aid is distributed in set amounts between July and December.

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**Consulting Assistance for Manufacturers****Planning**

NJEDA Trade Adjustment Assistance Center

 PPE (609) 292-0360 www.njeda.com

Manufacturers certified as being affected by imports may receive professional consulting assistance in planning, marketing, sales, engineering, production, accounting and other functional areas to help improve a firms competitive position. Available on a negotiated cost-share basis.

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**Cooperative Purchasing****Planning**

DCA Local Government Services

 PPE (609) 633-3742 www.nj.gov/dca/lgs

To provide assistance to local units of government in the planning, development and implementation of cooperative purchasing (i.e., Joint Purchasing, Cooperative Pricing and Commodity Resale) systems, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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**Direct Loans****Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

 PPE (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Businesses that are unable to get sufficient bank credit on their own or through the Statewide Loan Pool or with an EDA Guarantee. Preference to job intensive enterprises located in economically targeted areas or representing a target business sector. Loans are made for up to \$500,000 for fixed assets and up to \$250,000 for working capital for up to 10 years.

 Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Displaced Homemaker Centers

**Planning**

DCA Division on Women

PPE

(609) 292-8840 [www.nj.gov/dca/dow](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dow)

Nonprofit agencies and higher education institutions

To provide job counseling and other supportive services for women who have been dependent on the income of another household member, but due to death, disablement of spouse or divorce must now support themselves

## EDA Bond Financing

**Implementation**

NJEDA Investment Banking Division

PPE

Lawrence G. Cier (609) 292-0192 [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

Municipalities, nonprofits and for profit developers.

Bonds are issued to provide long-term loans at attractive rates for real estate acquisitions, equipment, machinery, building construction, and renovations. Working capital and debt refinancing are permitted uses for taxable bonds and may be permitted for certain activities as tax-exempt for nonprofits. Funds available for manufacturing, public airports, docks, wharves, water, sewer, solid waste disposal and many other facilities including certain assisted living rental facilities.

## Empowerment Zones Program

**Planning**

USHUD Office of Community Planning

PPE

Phil Graham (202) 708-6339 <http://www.hud.gov>

This initiative assists inner city residents and businesses to address and overcome local issues. The program encourages the transformation of vacant lots or abandoned buildings into new business complexes and affordable housing. Call extension # 4636

## Entrepreneurial Training Institute

**Planning**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-1890 [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

New Businesses

An eight-week program to help new and aspiring entrepreneurs learn the basics of operating a business. Business plans critiqued by professionals in the field. Graduates may apply for financing through the Small, Minority-owned, Women owned business fund and other funding sources.

## Environmental Opportunity Zones

**Implementation**

Municipal governments

PPE

Municipalities

Created through a municipal ordinance, EOZ's enable the ability to offer tax abatements for up to 15 years. In exchange, the owner/developer must remediate the property. The municipality receives incremental payments in lieu of taxes based on a prerediation assessment.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

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**Export Working Capital Loans****Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

 PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

NJ Businesses

Loans available to any business in NJ that is exporting or planning to export goods and services it has produced in NJ that is unable to get financing on its own through NJ Worldwide. A one-year revolving line of credit for up to \$250,000 can be established annually. Funds can be used to purchase raw materials and for production of confirmed sales.

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**Extraordinary Aid - Supplemental Municipal Property Tax Relief (SMPTR)****Implementation**

DCA Local Government Services

 PPE

(609) 292-4806 www.nj.gov/dca/lgs

Municipalities

Allocates funds to municipalities experiencing extraordinary circumstances causing increases in local purpose tax or reduction in services without special State Aid.

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**Financing for Small Businesses, minority-owned or Women owned Enterprises****Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

 PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-1890 www.njeda.com

Small businesses, minority-owned, women owned.

Businesses certified as small, minority-owned, or women owned enterprises. Many of the funds are targeted in Atlantic City. Loans are made for up to 15 years for real estate; 10 years for fixed assets and up to five years for working capital.

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**Fund For Community Econ. Devel.****Planning**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

 PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Community Econ. Dev. Organizations

Loans and loan guarantees are made to urban-based community organizations that in turn make loans to microenterprises and small businesses who may not qualify for traditional bank financing. Affordable capital is provided to fill financing gaps in the development of community facilities and other real-estate based economic development projects. Funds are available to local groups to finance feasibility studies and other predevelopment costs to determine if a real estate project is viable. Technical support is also available to support the long-term growth of the organization.

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**Hispanic Affairs - Technical Assistance and Training****Planning**

DCA Center for Hispanic Policy

 PPE

(609) 984-3223 www.nj.gov/dca/chprd

To help grantees of the CHPRD and private organizations increase their capacity to serve New Jersey's Hispanic residents. Referral services are provided to appropriate state, local and private agencies. Technical assistance and training is provided to community-based organizations whose clients include members of the Hispanic community.

 Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Hispanic Affairs Grants

**Implementation**

DCA Center for Hispanic Policy  PPE

(609) 984-3223 www.nj.gov/dca/chprd  Non-profits, services to Hispanic populations

The center provides funding to agencies whose primary focus is to address the socioeconomic needs of Hispanic community in New Jersey.

## Hispanic Interns in Community Service/Latino Leaders Fellowship Institute

**Planning**

DCA Center for Hispanic Policy  PPE

(609) 984-3223 www.nj.gov/dca/chprd

To provide Hispanic college students with exposure to career opportunities in state government or other areas of public service, while allowing them to develop and strengthen professional and leadership skills through placement in a conducive work environment and leadership training.

## Hispanic Women Demonstration Resources Centers Act

**Implementation**

DCA Division on Women  PPE

(609) 292-8840 www.nj.gov/dca/dow  Nonprofit agencies

Provides outreach to the Hispanic community; basic language skills; computer literacy; educational evaluation services; job counseling services; self-help programs and mentoring projects; career information services; and information and referral services.

## Individual Development Accounts

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 292-9794 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr  Income-eligible working individuals and families

IDAs are matched savings accounts to help low-income families accumulate funds specifically for high-return investments in homeownership, education or small business ownership

## Job Training Centers for Urban Women

**Implementation**

DCA Division on Women  PPE

(609) 292-8840 www.nj.gov/dca/dow  Nonprofit agencies

Provides job readiness and life skills training; computer literacy; entrepreneurial training; counseling and support groups; self-help programs; job training and placement' and information and referral services.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Legislative Initiative Municipal Block Grant

**Implementation**

DCA Local Government Services  PPE

(609) 292-7842 www.nj.gov/dca/lgs

Grants to reduce the amount the municipality is required to raise by local property tax levy for municipal purposes. Aid determined by formula.

## Loan Guarantees

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Credit worthy businesses that need additional security to obtain financing. Preference is given to business that are either job intensive, will create or maintain tax ratables, are located in an economically distressed area or represent important economic sectors of the state and will contribute to growth and diversity. Guarantees of conventional loans of up to \$1 Million for working capital or up to \$1.5 for fixed assets (bonds). Can be repaid over 10 years and generally between 30-50% of the loan amount.

## Local Development Financing Fund

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Commercial and industrial projects located in Urban Aid Communities. The municipality must sponsor the request for financial assistance. Loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$2 million for matched fixed assets. There is a required minimum of 1:1 match (public/private) but generally financing is limited to 25% of the project costs.

## Long-term Fixed Asset Financing - SBA 504 Program

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Businesses whose net worth does not exceed \$6 million or whose average profits after taxes does not exceed \$2 million for the past two years. Financing for up to \$750,000 but not in excess of 40% of the project cost is available for fixed assets. The loan is made for 10 or 20 years and is subordinated to a bank loan for at least 50% of the project cost.

## Main Street New Jersey

**Planning**

DCA Main Street New Jersey  PPE

(609) 633-6266 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Technical assistance provided by nationally recognized professional downtown revitalization program providing business communities with the skills and knowledge to manage their own business districts. Improves the local economy, as well as the appearance and image of traditional downtown, through the organization of business people, local citizens and resources.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Market Oriented Neighborhood Investment (MONI)

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Program encourages economic diversity by helping developers and non-profit housing sponsors construct projects that contain a mix of market-rate, moderate-income and low-income units. Program also gives eligible first-time urban homebuyers access to below-market mortgages.

## Micro-enterprise - FIELD Program - Fund for Innovation

**Planning**

Other Aspen Institute

PPE

Damon Bethea (202) 736-1071 www.aspeninstitute.org

FIELD, a program of the Aspen Institute, was created in 1998 in order to identify, develop and disseminate best practices in the micro-enterprise field and to broadly educate policymakers, funders, and others about micro-enterprise as an anti-poverty intervention. FIELD makes targeted grants to practitioner organizations that are pioneering promising approaches that address key challenges in the micro-enterprise field.

## National Forest Rural Assistance

**Planning**

USDA Forest Service

PPE

(202) 205-1657 www.fs.fed.us/links/

The program provides accelerated assistance to rural communities faced with acute economic problems associated with federal, state or private sector resource management decisions and policies, that are located in or near a national forest, and that are economically dependent upon forest resources. Assistance is extended to these rural communities to help them develop strategic action plans to diversify their economic base and to improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of rural areas.

## Neighborhood Preservation

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6283 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Municipalities

To provide funding for direct financial and technical assistance to municipalities over a three-to-five year period to conduct activities associated with the preservation of designated neighborhoods based on strategic revitalization plans with those municipalities.

## Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6285 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Eligible Municipalities

Creates housing opportunities in viable neighborhoods for households of low moderate income.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## New Jersey Contractors Assistance Program

**Planning**

NJEDA Community Development and Small Business

PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Minority-owned, women owned businesses

Small contractors that are minority or women-owned are offered training courses to help small contractors get performance bonds and bid successfully on major construction projects. NJEDA has earmarked \$1 million to provide loans and performance bonds for eligible contractors.

## New Jersey Export Financing

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Businesses in New Jersey

Business that want to enter the export market or expand export sales but are unable to do so because financing is unavailable from conventional sources or available at costs that places the company in a non-competitive position. At least 50% of the costs of the goods or services being financed, other than raw material, must be added in New Jersey. Up to a \$1million line of credit will be provided to buy raw material, pay production costs and ship product. See NJEDA for additional details.

## New Jersey Pre-development Loan Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJRA

PPE

(609) 292-3739 www.nj.gov/njra

NJ-PLP provides funding to cover various pre-development activities, including feasibility studies, architectural costs, environmental and engineering studies, legal and other related soft costs for development to occur. The program offers the flexibility to structure financing at the early stages of development. NJ-PLP will increase the availability of funding for community economic development projects within the Authorities eligible municipalities.

## New Jersey Redevelopment Authority Bond Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJRA

PPE

(609) 292-3739 www.nj.gov/njra

Projects located within the 68 qualified municipalities.

Bonds are issued to stimulate revitalization in New Jersey's urban areas. The NJRA can also issue bonds, which are repayable from the proceeds of payments, in lieu of tax ("pilot") agreements.

## New Jersey Redevelopment Investment Fund

**Implementation**

DCA NJRA

PPE

(609) 292-3739 www.nj.gov/njra

68 NJRA eligible municipalities, nonprofit, for-profit developers.

Flexible financing tool that offers term and permanent loans, real estate equity, loan guarantees and other forms of credit enhancements. Also used to support bond transactions offered by the NJRA.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## New Jersey SmartStart Buildings® Program

**Implementation**

NJBPU Division of Energy

PPE

(800) 854-4444 [www.njsmartstartbuildings.com](http://www.njsmartstartbuildings.com)

New Jersey SmartStart Buildings can provide a range of support at no cost to you with a portfolio of services and incentives available throughout the state, the utility companies encourage customers and specifies to utilize high efficiency electric or gas equipment and an integrated design approach when considering the building envelope and its mechanical and lighting systems. This program complements activities of key players in the commercial and industrial market place, such as architects, engineers, consultants, developers, designers, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and installers.

## New Markets Venture Capital Program

**Implementation**

USSBA SBA Office of New Markets

PPE

Austin Beltone (202) 205-6510 <http://www.sba.gov/inv>

This program helps create an economic infrastructure in under served areas by encouraging business growth through program-supported investment. This type of investing is known as "double bottom line" investing because the investments have both an anticipated financial and social return. Social returns include creating sustainable jobs at businesses receiving investments from NMVC companies and encouraging such businesses to provide new products and services within under served areas.

## NJ Million Solar Roofs Partnership

**Planning**

NJBPU Division of Energy

PPE

(609) 777-3316 [johnsonc@bpu.state.nj.us](mailto:johnsonc@bpu.state.nj.us)

Associated New Jersey programs include 1) the Sustainable Development/ Affordable Housing Pilot Program" in which the Department of Community Affairs is developing new standards for housing 2) the Green Buildings Program of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Development Commission and 3) renovation of parks buildings within the Department of Environmental Protection. Each of these programs promotes building to Energy Star standards and inclusion of solar energy installations where feasible. The Partnership will fund an analysis to find how owners of and investors in solar energy can gain the full financial worth of the energy produced.

## Public Works and Development Facilities Program

**Planning**

USDOC Economic Development Administration

PPE

rne Berblinger Sosq (503) 326-3078 [www.doc.gov/eda/](http://www.doc.gov/eda/)

Grants are provided to help distressed communities attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate long-term, private sector jobs. Among the types of projects funded are water and sewer facilities primarily serving industry and commerce; access roads to industrial parks or sites; port improvements; and business incubator facilities.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance



## Purchasing Assistance

**Planning**

DCA Local Government Services

PPE

(609) 292-7842 www.nj.gov/dca/lpcl

General assistance to municipal, county or authority agencies or school districts in the area of purchasing goods and services and in developing procedures for acquiring and verifying the receipt of goods and services to improve efficiency and coordination of any purchasing system.

## Real Estate Development Program

**Planning**

NJEDA Real Estate Development Division

PPE

Michael Francois (609) 292-0369 www.njeda.com

NJ Businesses, urban aid municipalities

This program can help businesses needing facilities for manufacturing, distribution or research and other business purposes. They can help with existing buildings, both as is or improved or cleared sites and land assemblage being considered for development. Newly constructed facilities in urban areas can usually qualify for a 15-year property tax abatement.

## Redevelopment Area Bond Financing

**Implementation**

NJEDA Investment Banking

PPE

Lawrence G. Cier (609) 292-0192 www.njeda.com

For municipalities seeking to fund needed infrastructure improvements as well as land acquisition, demolition and brownfield remediation to support new development projects that are located within a formally designated Redevelopment Area and are part of an approved Redevelopment Plan. EDA may issue long-term, low-cost bonds on behalf of municipalities seeking to fund infrastructure improvements and other pre-development costs.

## Redevelopment Zones

**Planning**

Municipal governments

PPE

Redevelopment areas are created through the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law when a municipality designates an area blighted or in need of rehabilitation. The designation allows the municipality through a judicial process to exercise condemnation and eminent domain powers, designate developers and offer local property tax abatement.

## Resource Use in Community Development

**Planning**

Other Hitachi Foundation

PPE

Katrinka Hall (202) 457-0588 www.hitachi.org

The Hitachi Foundation makes grants nationally to non-profit organizations in the United States. The Foundation invests in ideas and practices that strengthen the position of under-served people in society. In particular, they support community development, education, and corporate citizenship. Dial extension 644.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Revenue Allocation Districts

**Implementation**

NJEDA Real Estate Development

PPE

Michael B. Francois (609) 292-0369 www.njeda.com

For municipalities seeking to encourage revenue generating development projects in a Revenue Allocation District as part of a redevelopment plan approved by the local governing body.. A municipality may designate a Revenue Allocation District of up to 15% of the total taxable property assessed in the community within an established Redevelopment Area. It may designate the EDA to act on its behalf as a redeveloper and district agent for redevelopment projects with responsibilities for, among other things, land and property acquisition, demolition, renovations or improvements.

## Rural Business Opportunity Grants

**Implementation**

USDA Rural Business-Cooperative

PPE

(202) 720-1400 http://www.rurdev.usda.gov

This program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.

## Rural Development

**Planning**

USDA National Forest Service

PPE

(202) 205-1657 www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/eap.htm

The purpose of this program is to help rural areas analyze and assess forest resource opportunities, review, and maximize their local economic potential, and diversify their economic base.

## Shared Services

DCA Local Government Services

PPE

(609) 292-7842 www.state.nj.us/dca/lgs/interloc/intr

To provide assistance for the joint or shared provision of services by local units of government. The program provides an opportunity to consolidate various services or combination of services to existing units of local government. Division staff provides guidance on conducting feasibility studies and issues concerning implementing joint or shared service programs.

## Small Business Investment Company

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division

PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Women and minorities

Women and minorities who are interested in establishing franchise business. The SBIC known as G.S. Capital, L.P. will invest in national food restaurant and retail gasoline operations and finance individual entrepreneurs, employees or management teams who are looking to purchase an existing company. The preferred total investment amount is \$1 million to \$5 million at a minimum of \$500,000. The contact at G.S. Capital is Steve Tolbert at 609-520-2003.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Special (Business) Improvement District Challenge Grants

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6272 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Municipalities

Dollar for dollar matching grants up to \$10,000 from DCA to support the technical and professional services needed to establish a Special Improvement District or SID.

## Special (Business) Improvement District Loans

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6272 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Municipalities & SID management organizations

To provide loans up to \$500,000 to make capital improvements within designated downtown business improvement zones.

## Special Improvement Districts (SIDs)

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6272 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Municipalities, nonprofits and business groups.

Provides assistance to New Jersey's downtown and business centers.

## Special Municipal aid Act - Distressed Cities Program

**Planning**

DCA Local Government Services  PPE

(609) 292-4806 [www.nj.gov/dca/lgs](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs)

Distressed cities

To assist municipalities facing the most severe fiscal conditions in recovering from fiscal distress and to improve management and financial practices.

## Statewide Loan Pool For Business

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

William A. Moody (609) 292-0187 [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

Qualified businesses

To qualify, the business must either create or maintain jobs; be located in a financially targeted municipality, or represent a targeted industry such as manufacturing, industrial, agriculture or others. There are two tiers (I & II) of loans and can be for fixed assets or working capital. Rates are set by bank institution. Loans can be for fixed assets and/or working capital. NJEDA may guarantee up to 30% of the bank loan.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Statewide Receivable Financing

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Small, minority-owned, or women owned businesses are eligible for loans of up to \$100,000 for working capital. NJEDA will guarantee up to 50% of the loan, not to exceed \$50,000.

## Sustainable Development Loan Fund

**Implementation**

NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission  PPE

(609) 777-0885 www.state.nj.us/commerce

Loans with flexible terms and interest rates to support the expansion of environmental business in New Jersey. Key words include pollution prevention; resource conservation and sustainable production. Loans may be used for sales expansion, development of new products or services, purchase of new equipment or facilities and improvement of environmental performance.

## The Technology Center of New Jersey

**Planning**

NJEDA Real Estate Development Division  PPE

(609) 292-0369 www.njeda.com

State-of-the-art, affordable labs, production and research facilities are available for emerging and advanced technology driven companies. Modules as small as 6,000 sq. feet are available. Full service to tenants.

## Urban Centers Small Loans

**Implementation**

NJEDA Commercial Lending Division  PPE

(609) 292-0187 www.njeda.com

Available to existing retail and commercial businesses located in the commercial district of a targeted municipality. Loans must be primarily for renovations, although a portion can be applied to fixed assets or for working capital purposes. Loans range from \$5000 to \$50,000 for up to 10 years at an interest rate of 1% below the federal discount rate at the time of closing.

## Urban Community Education

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth  PPE

(609) 292-3172 www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/

Technical assistance to promote the creation in urban communities of partnerships comprised of colleges and universities, faculty, staff, students, government agencies, community groups. The goal is to create models in community and economic development, and create a higher education research agenda that improves the quality of life in urban areas.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Urban Coordinating Council

**Implementation**

DCA New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

PPE

(609) 292-3739 [www.state.nj.us/dca](http://www.state.nj.us/dca)

68 UCC Eligible municipalities

The UCC was created by the legislature in 1996 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible municipalities. Comprised of representatives from State Departments, EDA, Casino Reinvestment and HMFA. Their website at [www.state.nj.us/uccguide](http://www.state.nj.us/uccguide) is another excellent resource for funding sources.

## Urban Enterprise Zone Program

**Implementation**

NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission

PPE

(609) 777-0885 [www.state.nj.us/commerce](http://www.state.nj.us/commerce)

Designated municipalities

Created to stimulate economic growth and jobs in designated zones. Participating businesses are eligible to receive tax exemptions for building materials, equipment and supplies invested in zone. Also they can receive corporate tax benefits and unemployment insurance rebates and the ability to charge their customers half of the current sales tax on most in-store purchases. Receipts from retail sales are deposited into a zone assistance fund which UEZ municipalities may apply to fund projects within the urban enterprise zone.

## Work First New Jersey Program

**Planning**

NJ Health and Human Services

PPE

Donald Forsythe (609) 984-6091 [www.state.nj.us/](http://www.state.nj.us/)

Employers

The "On The Job Training Program" is designed to reduce company training expenses and to refer qualified employees to participating firms. An employer provides job-specific training as well as long-term employment and benefits to new hires. The employers are reimbursed 50% of new hire's wages to compensate them for training costs and lost productivity while the worker is being trained. Contracts range from six weeks to 26 weeks.

# Housing

## 100% Mortgage Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 [www.nj-hmfa.com](http://www.nj-hmfa.com)

Low-income, first time home buyer, urban buyers.

Provides commitments of 100 percent mortgage loans at pre-approved new or rehabilitated single-family housing developments. No down payment or PMI is required. Down payments and closing costs are also available under this program. Not-for profit and for-profit developers can participate by having their development approved by HMFA. Call 1-800-NJ-House

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Adopt-A-Neighborhood

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 292-3796 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Municipalities, private and nonprofit sponsors

To provide technical assistance to private project sponsors and local private/non-state entities to identify and implement projects associated with neighborhood and community improvement efforts.

## Affordable Housing Training Institute

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 292-9470 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Municipalities, nonprofits

AHTI collaborates with nonprofit housing associations to develop and fund workshops for member organizations and other interested parties. All workshops and training programs are designed to increase expertise in a variety of areas dealing with affordable housing and management of staff of nonprofit housing developers, for-profit developers, special needs housing and service organizations and municipalities.

## At Home Downtown

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 [www.nj-hmfa.com](http://www.nj-hmfa.com)

The At Home Downtown program aims to revive the mixed-use vitality of New Jersey's downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. By taking advantage of reduced-rate loans, business owners, non-profit organizations and investors can construct or acquire, refinance, and renovate buildings that offer ground floor storefront commercial opportunities with up to four units of rental housing overhead. First mortgage loans are at fixed, below market interest rates. Second mortgages will also be provided, when necessary.

## City Living

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 [www.nj-hmfa.com](http://www.nj-hmfa.com)

Program creates and/or rehabilitates market-rate housing in designated urban neighborhoods that offer the benefits of urban living, such as close proximity employment, shopping and transportation.

## Community Affairs

**Planning**

DCA Council on Affordable Housing  PPE

(609) 292-3000 [www.nj.gov/dca/coah](http://www.nj.gov/dca/coah)

Municipalities and L & M income housing providers

Provides input on proposed legislation related to the Fair Housing Act and low- and moderate-income housing. Provides information to the media, elected officials and the general public through newsletters, annual reports, handbooks, brochures, status charts, news releases, website, speeches, seminars and workshops.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Community Development Block Grant

**Planning**

USHUD US Housing and Urban Development  PPE

(202) 708-1112 [www.hud.gov/offices](http://www.hud.gov/offices)

The purpose of this program is to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to vulnerable populations, and to create jobs and expand business opportunities. CDBG is an important tool to help local governments tackle the most serious challenges facing their communities.

## Community Facilities Program

**Implementation**

USDA Rural Housing Services  PPE

(856) 787-7700

Loan guarantees, direct loans and grants to build or improve essential public use facilities in rural areas or towns of less than 20,000 people. Funds may be used to finance health care facilities, public safety facilities and public service facilities.

## Community Food and Nutrition

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Support  PPE

(609) 984-6668 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

To provide grants and financial assistance to coordinate and plan services to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in New Jersey.

## Community Food Projects

**Planning**

USDA, Research Grants  PPE

(202) 401-1761 [www.reeusda.gov](http://www.reeusda.gov)

The purpose of the program is to support the development of community food projects designed to meet the food needs of low-income people; increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own needs; and promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues.

## Community Housing Demonstration Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 [www.nj-hmfa.com](http://www.nj-hmfa.com)

Provides financing assistance to encourage not-for-profit developers and sponsors to develop high quality and affordable housing for individuals or families in New Jersey who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to mental illness, substance abuse, or other disabilities.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Community Housing Development Organization Seed Money Loans

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 292-6246 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Nonprofits certified as state CHDOs.

To provide pre-development/seed money loans to non-profit organizations certified by the state as a CHDO actively involved with the development of affordable housing. Loans may only be for project specific costs.

## Community Outreach Partnership Center Program

**Planning**

USHUD US Housing and Urban Development  PPE

Armond Carriere (202) 708-3061 www.oup.org

This program funds partnerships among institutions of higher education and communities to solve urban problems through research, outreach and exchange of information.

## Community Services Block Grant

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 984-6668 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Public and private nonprofit agencies

Awards funds to agencies for the provision of health, education, employment, housing and other services to New Jersey's low-income population. Ninety percent of the annual allocation must go to designated community action agencies.

## Council on Affordable Housing

**Planning**

DCA Council on Affordable Housing  PPE

(609) 292-3000 www.nj.gov/dca/coah

Municipalities and L & M income housing providers

To meet its goals, COAH works closely with DCA's Division of Housing and Community Resources, the Office of Smart Growth and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), as well as the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Banking and Insurance, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Transportation.

## Developmental Disabilities Homeownership Mortgage Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

Yirgu Wolde (609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Disabled home buyers

A below-market fixed interest rate is available for eligible adults with developmental disabilities. Additional interest free financing is available for homes in need of accessibility and other required improvements. Maximum income and purchase price limits apply.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance



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## Developmental Disabilities Housing Low Income Tax Credit Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Program provides for acquisition, construction and/or construction and permanent financing through a bridge or gap loan for the development of low and moderate income rental housing for persons with developmental disabilities who are on the Urgent Waiting List and/or are participants in the Waiting List Initiative Program

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## Employee Assisted Housing

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

The Employer-Assisted Housing Program, an innovative partnership between HMFA, Fannie Mae and New Jersey employers, is designed to create home purchase incentives, enhance affordability, and increase homeownership by encouraging individuals to purchase homes within reasonable commuting distances to the workplace.

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## Energy Star Homes Program

**Implementation**

PPE

njenergystarhomes.com

New Jersey Energy Star Homes, with its commitment to provide customers with dependable, affordable power while lessening the impact of electric generation on the environment, has partnered with the EPA, other New Jersey electric and gas utilities and area builders to bring Energy Star Homes to New Jersey residents.

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## Equity for Services and Shared Equity Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

Yirgu Wolde (609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Homeowners

Reverse mortgage program that allows home owners/legal guardians to tap into the equity in their home to finance needed support services for their children with developmental disabilities. Home equity must at least 60% of the property value.

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## Family Self-Sufficiency

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6200 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

DCA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

To assist families in becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant through the implementation of a jointly developed action plan. Using the same guidelines as the Section 8 Certificate and Housing Voucher Programs, rental assistance is provided to families who agree to participate in a series of job training, career counseling, education and social service programs. In connection with this program, assistance also is provided by the Department of Human Services.

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Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Five-Two-Five Program (Smart Rental Project Preservation Loan Program)

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Provides construction, permanent and subsidy funding for the acquisition and moderate rehabilitation of multi-family housing projects containing from 5 to 25 housing units. Projects must be at least 40% occupied at time of application and rents must be affordable to households earning 80% or less of median income for the original term of the HMFA loan.

## Green Homes Office

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 292-3931 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

For-profit and nonprofit developers and municipalities.

Their goal is to fundamentally improve the environmental performance, energy efficiency, quality and affordability of housing in New Jersey. Through advocacy, education and technical assistance we aim to accelerate the use of innovative green design and building technologies, raise building standards and create a consumer demand for efficient and environmentally responsible, high performance homes.

## Healthy Homes Initiative Grants

**Planning**

USHUD US Housing and Urban Development

PPE

Ellen Taylor (202) 755-1785 http://www.hud.gov/lea/HHISumma

The purpose of the Healthy Homes Initiative is to develop, demonstrate and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment which produce serious diseases and injuries in children. HUD is interested in promoting approaches that are cost-effective and efficient and that result in the reduction of health threats for the maximum number of residents and in particular, low-income children.

## HMFA Reverse Mortgages

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Homeowners 62 and older

This program is FHA-insured and allows seniors to access the equity in the home without a monthly repayment schedule. The program assists older homeowners to access money and uses the equity in the home as collateral.

## HOME - Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Operating Grants

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6246 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Nonprofit organizations certified as State CHDOs.

To provide operating support for non-profit organizations certified by the State as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) actively involved with the development of affordable housing.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## HOME - Rental Rehabilitation

### Implementation

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6179 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Property owners providing low income housing

To provide deferred payments loans to property owners (including nonprofits) for the rehabilitation of substandard rental housing units.

## HOME - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

### Implementation

DCA Housing and Community Resource  PPE

(609) 292-4080 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

To provide tenant-based rental assistance to families with special needs and in some cases, to eligible, in-place residents of a rental project being rehabilitated under the HOME Program.

## Home Buyer Mortgage Program

### Implementation

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

First time homebuyers, urban home buyers

A below market, fixed interest rate is offered to first-time and urban area buyers. Down payment as little as 3% is required and must come from borrowers assets. Certain closing costs can be gifted by family members, non-profits and government agencies. Debt to income ratios as high as 33% and overall debt 38%.

## Home Energy Assistance

### Implementation

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(800) 510-3102 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Low income persons

To assist very low-income persons with their heating and cooling bills and make provisions for emergency heating systems services and emergency fuel assistance within the Home Energy Assistance program.

## HOME- Housing Production Investment Fund

### Implementation

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6285 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Developers, municipalities

To provide non-interest bearing, interest bearing and deferred loans, and grants to for-profit and non-for-profit developers for the purpose of creating affordable housing throughout the state.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## HOME- Neighborhood Preservation

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6283 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Municipalities in the Neighborhood Preservation Program

To provide financial assistance to property owners for the rehabilitation of substandard housing units.

## Home Ownership for Permanency Project

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

Yirgu Wolde (609) 278-7521 www.nj-hmfa.com

Adoptive parents

In partnership with DYFS, the HMFA will provide mortgage loans to eligible care givers in the process of obtaining legal guardianship and adoptive parents who desire to make a permanent commitment to children. Rehabilitations loans for families who own their own home but need to make necessary improvements to accommodate the newly adopted children are also available.

## Homeless Supported Housing Demonstration Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Provides low interest match and gap financing to applicants applying to the US department of housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop permanent housing for homeless individuals and families.

## Homelessness Prevention

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources  PPE

(609) 633-6204 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Low and moderate income tenants and homeowners

To provide for limited assistance to low and moderate income tenants and homeowners who are in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are dispersed to landlords or mortgage companies on behalf of eligible households in danger of homelessness.

## Homeownership for Performing Employees

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA  PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

First-time homebuyers and urban target area buyers.

This is an employer-supported no down payment program that offers below market fixed rate mortgages without private mortgage insurance. Approved employers can participate by guaranteeing a portion of the loan. This program adheres to the same mortgage program requirements as the Homebuyer Program, except that no down payment or PMI is required. Any size company can participate. Company can establish qualifications in addition to HMFA program restrictions.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Home-Plus Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

First-time homebuyers and urban area buyers

A fixed interest rate home mortgage to qualified first time homebuyers and urban area homebuyers with immediate home improvement needs. Homeowners are allowed to finance up to \$15,000 toward home improvements and repairs as part of the first mortgage. Improvements include roof, painting, heating and AC, renovating a kitchen, bath as well as electrical and plumbing improvements and enlarging rooms. Energy conservation and solar energy improvements are also eligible.

## Housing Affordability Service

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 292-9795 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

This office assists municipalities with the occupancy and long-term control of sales and rental housing designated as affordable housing through the Fair Housing Act. Program maintains a statewide referral list of households who are potentially eligible for affordable housing units.

## Housing Authority Turnkey Construction Loan Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

This program can provide up to 90 percent of the financing needed for Public Housing Authority HOPE VI and Turnkey Housing Programs developments. Funding is available for construction or permanent financing needs. To qualify at least 20 percent of the development's units must be affordable for low-income tenants.

## Housing Scholars

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6246 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Nonprofit organizations

To provide nonprofit organizations actively involved with the development of affordable housing with a full-time summer intern from either an undergraduate or graduate program from one of five NJ colleges or universities.

## Lead-based Paint Abatement in Low and Moderate Income Housing

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6179 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Rental owners and low income owner occupants

To provide deferred-payment loans and grants through local governmental entities and property owners (including nonprofits and low-income owner occupants) for controlling and abating lead-based paint hazards in conjunction with rehabilitation of substandard housing units.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Live Where You Work

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Live Where You Work provides low-interest, 30 year mortgage loans to homebuyers purchasing a home in the municipality in which they are employed provided that the municipality has agreed to participate in the Program. LWYW also provides down payment and closing costs assistance to eligible homebuyers in an amount up to 4% of the first mortgage loan amount. The program also offers 1% expanded housing and debt underwriting ratios to participating borrowers.

## Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Allocation Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Builders of low-income housing

A limited number of Federal Low-income Housing Tax credits are allocated by NJHMFA each year. These are allocated against those units within a development that are maintained as low-income rental units. Developers can use these to claim tax deductions on their personal or business federal tax filings or raise equity for their projects by taking on syndicators as limited partners. To qualify, a rental development must have 20% of the units must qualify as affordable housing.

## Multi-Family Rental Housing Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Not for profit and for profit developers

Construction loans (two years) and/or permanent mortgage (30 years). Low interest financing is provided to construct or rehabilitate multi-family rental housing for low and moderate income families and individuals. Restrictions apply.

## Performance Grants to Nonprofits

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6246 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Nonprofit organizations

To provide operating support for non-profit organizations actively involved with the development of affordable housing. Continuation grants are based on grantee performance.

## Planning Assistance

**Planning**

DCA Council on Affordable Housing

PPE

(609) 292-3000 www.nj.gov/dca/coah

Municipalities, L & M income housing providers

Works with municipalities to draft housing elements/fair share plans, regional contribution agreements (RCAs) and ordinances; reviews and recommends approval of housing elements/fair share plans, RCAs, development fee ordinances and spending plans to the Council.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Police and Firemen's Retirement System Mortgage Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

NJ Police and Fire Retirement system.

Active members of the NJ Police and Firemen's Retirement system with one year of creditable service are eligible for this program. Members may buy a home (first-time or trade-up) or refinance their existing home. \$225,000 max. Call 1-800-NJ HOUSE

## Pre-Development Loan Partnership

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6246 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Nonprofit organizations

To provide pre-development/seed money loans to nonprofit organizations actively involved with the development of affordable housing. Loans may only be used for project specific costs.

## Prevention of Violence against Women

**Implementation**

DCA Division on Women

PPE

(609) 292-8840 www.nj.gov/dca/dow

Domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs.

To improve or supplement the delivery of services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

## Purchase/Rehabilitation Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Qualified first-time home buyers and urban target area buyers can receive below-market interest rate financing for the purchase and rehabilitation of a home, or the rehabilitation of a presently owned home. Seventy-five percent of the home's existing external walls and interior structural framework must remain in place as part of the rehabilitation. Must meet FHA 203(K) requirements.

## Relocation Assistance

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6276 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Municipalities and county welfare boards

To provide financial assistance to municipalities and welfare boards for relocation assistance to families and individuals displaced by municipal code enforcement (based on availability of funds).

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Rural Housing Service Loans & Grants

**Implementation**

USDA Rural Development

PPE

(609) 265-3600 [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

10 separate loan and grant programs are administered through this office. This includes single family and multi-family and low and moderate income housing. This is a federal program which is administered in NJ.

## Safe and Secure Communities Program

**Implementation**

LAW Division of Criminal Justice

PPE

Heddy Levine-Sabol (609) 292-5939 [Levine-Sabol@njdcj.org](mailto:Levine-Sabol@njdcj.org)

Program designed to provide funding to add law enforcement personnel vital to effective police operations and other crime related strategies as warranted by the needs of the community. The program allows for the funding of additional officers or funding of law enforcement support personnel which would free up officers for direct law enforcement activities.

## Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 292-4080 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

Assists in making safe and quality housing in the private rental market affordable to very low-income families by reducing housing costs through direct rent subsidy payments to landlords

## Section 8 Single Room Occupancy - Moderate Rehabilitation

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6179 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

To assist in rehabilitating privately owned, substandard single-room occupancy rental units to provide housing for homeless, very low-income individuals who are eligible for Section 8 rental assistance.

## Section 811 Bridge-Loan Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 [www.nj-hmfa.com](http://www.nj-hmfa.com)

A below market interest rate bridge loan that specifically assists eligible organizations who have received a HUD Section 811 allocation reservation for Capital Advance and Project Rental Assistance funds to finance HUD reimbursable costs associated with project pre-development and development costs. The bridge or short-term loan is made in anticipation of short-term repayment when the sponsor agency draws down on the HUD Capital Advance funds.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)



## Senior and Disabled Cooperative Housing Finance Incentive Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Provides low interest financing to developers of affordable housing in which seniors and/or disabled persons share accommodations and/or common space. Residency may be provided through cooperative homeownership or leased based rental housing.

## Service for Independence Living (SIL) Projects for Seniors

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Staff provides oversight and training to service coordinators in participating Agency financed senior housing developments. The services component is designed to enhance the quality of life for residents and to promote independent living.

## Shelter Support

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6267 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Local governmental units and nonprofit organizations.

To renovate and improve existing homeless shelters and transitional housing, construct new homeless shelters and transitional housing, pay certain social services and operating costs.

## Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 633-6278 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

List available upon request

To fund economic development, housing rehabilitation, community revitalization and public facilities principally for low and moderate income residents and where other funding is not available.

## Smart Start Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

The Smart Start Program helps families purchasing homes in Smart Growth areas by offering a second mortgage for down payment and/or closing costs. Borrowers earning less than 80% of HMFA's Home Buyer county income limits are eligible to receive 4% of the first mortgage amount.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## The Strategic Zone Lending Pool

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

This program promotes the development of smart growth areas by applying State resources to the site acquisition, infrastructure, and soft financing of community redevelopment projects. Funds are available for any single-family and multi-family housing initiatives permitted under the Agency's enabling legislation and regulations.

## Transitional Housing Revolving Loan Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Provides private not-for-profit organizations and public entities with low interest financing to acquire and/or convert existing properties for transitional housing to house individuals and families. Sponsors are required to include supportive services to transition residents into permanent housing.

## Transitional Housing Revolving Loan Program

**Implementation**

DCA NJHMFA

PPE

(609) 278-7400 www.nj-hmfa.com

Municipalities and nonprofits organizations

Provides below market rate financing for the acquisition of land and buildings, new construction, rehabilitation and/or conversion of existing buildings for use as transitional housing for homeless individuals and families. Financial assistance is provided to local government and nonprofit organizations who are producing housing for homeless AFDC families and persons with special needs. This program works in tandem with DCA's Shelter support program and AFDC emergency assistance funds.

## Weatherization Assistance - Low-income Home Energy Assistance

**Implementation**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 292-6140 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Low income occupants, community agencies assisting units

To assist elderly, handicapped and low-income persons in weatherizing their homes, improving heating efficiency, conserving energy and emergency heating assistance.

## Women's Referral Central

**Planning**

DCA Division on Women

PPE

(609) 292-8840 www.nj.gov/dca/dow

Women in need of information/referrals

To provide information and referrals to women in New Jersey through a statewide toll-free telephone line. The hotline provides referrals and basic information in areas such as discrimination, housing, displaced homemakers, divorce, violence, and other areas of concern. The hotline is accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Women's Shelters

**Implementation**

DCA Division on Women

PPE

(609) 292-8840 [www.nj.gov/dca/dow](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dow)

Municipalities, counties, nonprofits

Provides special services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. The program also assists shelters with capital needs.

# Land Use/Env Protection

## Barnegat Bay Estuary Program Mini-grants

**Implementation**

Other Ocean County Planning Department

PPE

Alison Gerding (732) 286-2638 [www.bbep.org](http://www.bbep.org)

Organizations, business and government agencies.

To increase public awareness and education towards protection and restoration of the natural resources of the Barnegat Bay and its watershed.

## Bring Back the Natives Grant Program

**Implementation**

Other National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

PPE

Cynthia Johnson (303) 289-0526 <http://www.nfwf.org/>

This program provides funds to restore damaged or degraded riverine habitats and native aquatic species through watershed restoration and improved land management. Funding is provided by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), USDA Forest Service (FS), and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

## Clean Energy Program

NJBPU Division of Energy

PPE

(973) 648-7420 [www.bpu.state.nj.us](http://www.bpu.state.nj.us)

To participate in the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, you must install a fuel cell, photovoltaic, small wind or sustainable biomass technology. There is no maximum installation size, but your system must be sized to meet your specific electricity needs your local load or demand. If the proposed system capacity exceeds your own demand, it is not eligible for incentives under this program. (Financial incentives for larger systems are available through the Grid-Supply or Market Development Programs.)

## Coastal Services Center Cooperative

**Planning**

NOAA Coastal Services Center

PPE

Violet Leggett (843) 740-1222 <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/>

To help in building capabilities throughout the nation to address pressing issues of coastal health and change by conserving coastal environments and promoting efficient and sustainable commercial and residential development.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Coastal Wetlands Planning Program

**Implementation**

USDOl US Fish and Wildlife Service

PPE

Ms. Valdés-Cogliano (703) 358-2201 [www.fws.gov/cep/cwgcwcover.html](http://www.fws.gov/cep/cwgcwcover.html)

The purpose of this program is to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands of coastal states and the Trust Territories.

## Combined Sewer Overflow Planning Grants

**Planning**

DEP Municipal Finance & Construction Element

PPE

Nicholas Binder (609) 292-8961 [www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/mface.ht](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/mface.ht)

Local govt. unit with combined sewer overflow.

Provides planning & design money to abate point and non-point sources; dry weather overflow; reductions of solids & floatables at combined sewer overflow point. Planning and design grants are available through the Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989.

## Community Design and Physical Planning

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth

PPE

(609) 292-3097 [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Assists with physical planning and design efforts related to State Plan implementation and Smart Growth objectives. Areas covered included visioning, design charrettes, master planning, redevelopment planning, design guidelines, zoning and land development codes, technical standards for planning and request for proposals for consultant and developer selection.

## Community Stewardship Incentive Grant

**Implementation**

DEP NJ Forest Service

PPE

Mike D'Errico (609) 292-2532 [michael.d'errico@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:michael.d'errico@dep.state.nj.us)

Municipalities with approved Forest MP

To assist municipalities in implementing management goals and practices as outlined in their Community Forestry Management Plan.

## Conservation Assistance Program

**Implementation**

NJAg Conservation - Cost Share Program

PPE

James Sadley (609) 292-5540 [www.nj.gov/agriculture/](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/)

Farmers

Provides technical & educational assistance and grants to eligible farmers to address soil, water, and related natural resources concerns to encourage environmental enhancements. Call Ag to confirm the availability of funds.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Conservation Technology Support Program Grants

**Planning**

Other  GIS Support Program  PPE

(415) 979-0474 www.ctsp.org

The Conservation Technology Support Program (CTSP) annually awards grants of equipment plus software and training to non-profit conservation organizations to build their Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capacity. These are not cash grants. Check their website for additional details.

## County Environmental Health Act Grants

**Implementation**

DEP  Local Environmental Management  PPE

(609) 292-1305 dpinto@dep.state.nj.us

To support environmental health services undertaken by certified local health agencies on behalf of the DEP pursuant to the County Environmental Health Act.

## Dam Restoration & Inland Water Projects Loan Program

**Implementation**

DEP  Dam Safety Section  PPE

(609) 984-0859 john.ritchey@dep.state.nj.us

To provide low-interest loans to assist in the funding of dam restorations, flood control projects, water pollution control projects, and water-related recreation and conservation projects.

## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program

**Implementation**

DEP  Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  PPE

(609) 292-5550 philip.royer@dep.state.nj.us

To provide low-interest loans to finance the cost of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act. A variety of activities can be funded that deal with providing safe water to the public. Loans can be 0% under the Drinking Water Revolving Fund or market rate under the Env Infrastructure Trust.

## Environmental Education Grants Program

**Planning**

USEPA  Office of Environmental Education  PPE

(202) 564-0443 www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html

The purpose of these grants is to provide financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Projects must focus on one of the following: (1) improving environmental education teaching skills; (2) educating teachers, students, or the public about human health problems; (3) building state, local, or tribal government capacity to develop environmental education programs; (4) educating communities through community-based organization; or (5) educating the public through print, broadcast, or other media. Check website for most current information. Program may have been moved from EPA to the National Science Foundation.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program

**Implementation**

DEP      Municipal Finance & Construction Element

PPE

Nicholas Binder      (609) 292-8961      <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/>

Ranking based on Federal priority system.

Low interest loans for the construction of a variety of water quality protection measures, including wastewater treatment, stormwater and other non-point source management facilities. This fund also supports the acquisition of land for conservation and water quality protection purposes, as well as remedial action activities, like brownfields. The fund offers 0% interest loans for twenty years for half the project cost. The trust provides loans at half the market rate or less for the remaining allowable project costs.

## Environmental Justice Grants

**Planning**

USEPA      Office of Environmental Justice

PPE

Shelia Lewis      (202) 564-2515      [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

Community non-profits

This grant program provides financial assistance to community-based organizations and tribal governments to support projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate practices, methods, or techniques related to environmental justice on the local level. Grants may be used for (1) education and awareness programs, (2) environmental justice programs (e.g., river monitoring and pollution prevention), (3) technical assistance in accessing available public information, and (4) technical assistance with gathering and interpreting existing environmental justice data.

## Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grants Program

**Planning**

USEPA      Office of Pollution Prevention

PPE

(703) 841-0483      [www.epa.gov/opptintr/ejp2](http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/ejp2)

This program provides financial assistance to low-income and people-of-color communities to implement pollution prevention activities. Projects funded under this grant program may involve public education, training, demonstration projects, and public or private partnerships, as well as approaches to develop, evaluate, and demonstrate non-regulatory strategies and technologies.

## Exploratory Research to Anticipate Future Environmental Issues

**Planning**

USEPA

PPE

Roger Cortesi      (202) 564-6852      [es.epa.gov/ncerga/rfa/futures.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncerga/rfa/futures.html)

The purpose of this program is to support innovative research that defines and understands significant emerging environmental problems. Research conducted under this program promotes a sound scientific foundation for environmental protection.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Farmland Protection Program

**Implementation**

USDA      NRCS

PPE

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

This program provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, USDA joins with state, tribal, or local governments to acquire conservation easements or other interests from landowners. Contact: NRCS, the Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, or local conservation district for more information.

## Fee Simple

**Implementation**

NJDA      State Agriculture Development Committee

PPE

(609) 984-2504

Must be in an Agricultural Development Area

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) purchases farms outright from willing sellers. The SADC then deed-restricts the farms to permanently preserve them for agricultural use and resells them at auction to the highest bidders.

## FEMA Assistance

**Planning**

LAW      Division of State Police

PPE

Mr. Dennis delFava (609) 538-6051

Local emergency management

Preparation of emergency management plans with local emergency management offices, training programs and preparedness drills and exercises that deal with hazardous materials and disaster situations, educational programs and emergency responses to various weather and environmental incidents are activities accomplished within this grant program.

## Five-Star Restoration Program

**Implementation**

USEPA

PPE

John Pai (202) 566-1350 <http://www.epa.gov/owow/>

This program provides challenge grants for restoration projects that involve multiple and diverse partners, including local government agencies, elected officials, community groups, businesses, schools, and environmental organizations. Its objective is to engage five or more partners in each project to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support or other in-kind services that match the program's funding assistance.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Flood Hazard Mitigation /Ecosystem Restoration

**Planning**

ACOE Planning Division

PPE

(202) 761-0115 <http://www.usace.army.mil>

Informally known as Challenge 21, this watershed-based program focuses on identifying sustainable solutions to flooding problems by examining nonstructural solutions in flood-prone areas, while retaining traditional measures where appropriate. The program will create a framework for more effective federal coordination of flood programs and will create partnerships with communities to develop solutions to flooding problems. Eligible projects will meet the dual purpose of flood hazard mitigation and riverine ecosystem restoration.

## Geographic Information System and Cartography

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth

PPE

(609) 292-3160 [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Anyone. Reproduction fees may apply

Develops and maintains mapping data using GIS and various maps; responsible for the State Plan Map and updates; provides maps and GIS assistance. GIS rapidly and accurately analyzes geographic data or combinations of data.

## Grants for Local Environmental Agencies

**Planning**

DEP Environmental Services Program

PPE

Joseph Rodgers (609) 984-0828 [joseph.rogers@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:joseph.rogers@dep.state.nj.us)

Environmental Commissions

To assist local environmental commissions and soil conservation districts with funding for a variety of community education projects and environmental resource inventories; beach monitoring and management projects; environmental trail design; lake rehabilitation studies; stream and water quality testing; well head delineation; GIS mapping projects; NEPPS indicator projects; and surveys of threatened and endangered species.

## Growth Management in Metropolitan Areas and Family and Community Devel.

**Planning**

Other Hewlett Foundation

PPE

Yvonne Yazzie (650) 329-1070 [www.hewlett.org](http://www.hewlett.org)

The Foundation supports organizations that address the population growth of the West through improved land use and transportation management in metropolitan areas and strategies that take account of economic drivers, the linkage of inner-city decay to suburban sprawl, natural resource protection, and carrying capacity.

## Haz-mat Material Emergency Prep Grants

**Planning**

LAW Division of State Police, OEM

PPE

Sgt. L. Oram

Local Emergency Planning Committees

Pass-through grants for local emergency planning primarily related to hazardous materials preparedness.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance



## Inter & Cross-connection Abatement grants

**Planning**

DEP Municipal Finance & Construction Element  PPE

(609) 292-8961 [www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/)

The Sewage Infrastructure Improvement Act is designed to address point and nonpoint sources of pollution that discharge from stormwater sewer systems and impact the coastal environment. The I/C planning and design grants will assist municipalities with addressing improper connections of sanitary and stormwater systems.

## Intergovernmental Affairs

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth  PPE

(609) 292-8539 [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Coordinates and aligns state agency activities in the implementation of Smart Growth principles and the State Plan. These agencies include the Departments of Community Affairs, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Commerce and Agriculture, as well as the Governor's Smart Growth Policy Council. Also provides guidance in the facilitation of Smart Growth implementation to counties, municipalities and non-governmental organizations.

## Local Coastal Planning Grants

**Planning**

DEP Coastal Planning and Coordination  PPE

(609) 292-2662 [dorina.frizzera@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:dorina.frizzera@dep.state.nj.us)

To provide local coastal zone governments with 100% funding to implement projects that further the objectives of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program. Check funding availability with DEP.

## Local Government Ethics Law

**Planning**

DCA Local Government Services  PPE

(609) 292-0479 [www.state.nj.us/dca/lgs/ethics/etcm](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/lgs/ethics/etcm)

To administer the provisions of Local Government Ethics Law. This requires a wide range of local government officials to file Board promulgated Financial Disclosure Statements with the board and their local governments; sets a minimum ethical standard for local government employees; empowers the Board to investigate complaints and issue advisory opinions; and serves as the ethics board where no local board has been established.

## Low-Interest Loans for Recycling Business

**Implementation**

DEP Bureau of Recycling & Planning  PPE

(609) 984-3438 [www.state.nj.us/dep](http://www.state.nj.us/dep)

To provide loans to recycling businesses that collect, separate, process or convert post-consumer waste material into new products. Check with DEP regarding funding availability.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Market Mechanism and Incentives

**Planning**

USEPA      NCERQA

PPE

Dr. Matthew Clark (202) 564-6842 <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/>

ORD offers extramural grants that support research in the area of market-based mechanisms and other incentives for environmental management. The objective of this program is to encourage research that will contribute to the development of practical, credible approaches for designing environmental programs that will meet the Nation's environmental goals cost-effectively.

## Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Program

**Implementation**

DEP      Bureau of Recycling and Planning

PPE

Joseph Davis (609) 984-3438 [joseph.davis@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:joseph.davis@dep.state.nj.us)

To provide an incentive to counties and municipalities to increase their recycling activities and reduce their overall percentage of disposal. Check with DEP for availability of funding.

## National Center for Environmental Research Grants

**Planning**

USEPA      NCER

PPE

<http://es.epa.gov/ncer/>

NCER runs competitions for STAR grants, graduate and undergraduate fellowships, research contracts under the Small Business Innovative Research Program, and other research assistance programs.

## Nonpoint Source Pollution Control and Management Implementation Grants

**Implementation**

DEP      Division of Watershed Management

PPE

Helen Rancan (609) 633-1441 [www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/)

Specified in RFP

To provide grants to implement nonpoint source controls in the 20 watershed management areas in New Jersey.

## NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Mini-Grant Program

**Implementation**

DEP      Division of Watershed Management

PPE

Kerry Kirk-Pflugh (609) 633-7020 [kerry.pflugh@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:kerry.pflugh@dep.state.nj.us)

Non-profits, counties in estuary.

To provide funding for projects that foster awareness of the goals of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program and that encourage the involvement of the general public and local governments. Check with DEP regarding funding availability.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Partners for Wildlife Habitat

**Planning**

USDO1 US Fish and Wildlife Service

PPE

(703) 358-2201 <http://www.fws.gov/cep/>

This program, through partnerships with conservation groups and federal/state/tribal/local government agencies, provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in voluntarily restoring or otherwise improving native habitats for fish and wildlife on their lands. In addition, the program focuses on restoring former and degraded wetlands, native grasslands, stream and riparian areas, and other habitats to their natural conditions.

## Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Financing Program

**Implementation**

DEP Municipal Finance & Construction Element

PPE

Nicholas Binder (609) 292-8961 [www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/)

Pinelands communities

To provide funding for wastewater treatment within 23 designated Pinelands regional growth areas. Funding is available for the construction of new collection systems, interceptors and the expansion and/or upgrading of wastewater treatment facilities.

## Planning Assistance Unit

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth

PPE

(609) 292-3171 [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Municipalities, counties

Field representatives assist local and county government efforts to implement the State Plan. Support the State Planning Commission and the Plan Endorsement process. Also provides field support to locals and the general public on many planning issues, including master plans, design standards and resource protection.

## Planning Incentive Grants

**Implementation**

NJDAg State Ag. Development Committee

PPE

Tim Brill (609) 984-2504 [www.state.nj.us/agriculture](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture)

Municipalities

Funding to support farmland preservation efforts. Community must have an approved farmland preservation plan, master plan element that supports agriculture as an industry and plans for preservation of land from other sources. Call for details on the priority schedule for farmland acquisition.

## Police Community Partnership Program

**Implementation**

LAW Division of Criminal Justice

PPE

[www.state.nj.us/lps/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/index.html)

Municipalities

A comprehensive, urban strategy intended to reduce crime, the perception of crime, social disorder and physical decay in a designated target area. The Program is designed to establish partnerships between the police and the community that ultimately enhance the quality of life for residents in urban areas.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Recreation and Park Departments Assistance

**Planning**

DCA      Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 984-6654    www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

Any local government, recreation agency or private citizen

assists community recreation and park departments with the initiation, development, administration and management of recreational sites, resources and programming. Staff monitors and assesses the impact of proposed revisions to the various state and federal recreation and park funding programs, standards, laws, rules, and regulations.

## Recycling Education Grants

**Planning**

DEP      Bureau of Recycling & Planning

PPE

Guy Watson, Chief    (609) 984-3438    www.state.nj.us/dep

County, non-profits, state colleges

To provide community education and promotional programs on recycling. Check with DEP regarding funding availability.

## Recycling Program Grants

**Implementation**

DEP      Bureau of Recycling & Planning

PPE

Guy Watson, Chief    (609) 984-3438    www.state.nj.us/dep

County governments

To improve, expand or establish a recycling program. Check with DEP regarding funding availability.

## River Network Partner Grants

**Planning**

Other      River Network

PPE

Pat Munoz    (202) 364-2550    http://www.rivernetwork.org

To assist conservation groups to increase their membership or build their volunteer base. Call to check on funding availability.

## School Construction and Financing Act

**Implementation**

NJEDA

PPE

Mark Lohbauer    (609) 292-9783    www.njeda.com

Municipalities

Refer to the website for information on this program, which administers school construction bond money throughout the State.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Shore Protection Grants & Loans

**Implementation**

DEP Bureau of Coastal Engineering

PPE

(732) 255-0767 [george.caporale@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:george.caporale@dep.state.nj.us)

To protect existing development from sea-level rise and shoreline migration through dune creation and maintenance, beach fill projects and repair of existing shore protection structures.

## Smart Future Planning Grants

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth

PPE

(609) 292-9648 [www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Provides funds for planning initiatives that meet Smart Growth objectives, including more livable and sustainable communities. Encouraged proposals include: those consistent with established statewide and regional planning precepts; multiple municipality or county partnerships, so as to effectively address issues that transcend local municipal boundaries. Matching funds are not required, but applicants are encouraged to seek multiple sources of funding, including offerings of in-house staff time.

## Smart Growth Research

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth

PPE

[www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/)

Provides planning research for policy determination, planning data and policy analysis, support to implementation outreach; and reviews alternative practices and results

## Solid Waste Services Grants

**Planning**

DEP Bureau of Recycling and Planning

PPE

(609) 984-3438 [www.state.nj.us/dep](http://www.state.nj.us/dep)

To prepare, revise and implement district solid waste management plans, including implementation of the State Recycling Plan.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Sustainable Agricultural Research

**Planning**

USDA Ag Cooperative Extension Service

PPE

(202) 720-5203 [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

The purpose of this program is to: (1) facilitate and increase scientific investigation and education to reduce the use of chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and toxic materials in agricultural production; (2) to improve management of on-farm resources to enhance productivity, profitability, and competitiveness; (3) to promote crop, livestock, and enterprise diversification; (4) to study farms that have been and continue to be managed using farm practices that optimize the use of on-farm resources and conservation practices; and (5) to promote partnerships among farmers, nonprofit organizations, agribusiness, and public and private research and extension institutions.

## Sustainable Development Challenge Grant

**Planning**

USEPA SDCG Program

PPE

Dr. Lynn Disputes (202) 260-6812 [desautels.lynn@epa.gov](mailto:desautels.lynn@epa.gov)

The USEPA solicits proposals for these grants that challenges communities to link environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being. It encourages a mix of partners in the community. Two levels of funding between \$30,000 and \$100,000 and \$100,000 to \$250,000. Project examples include sustainable growth, educational ecology, green businesses, community design and redevelopment and sustainable energy use. Check website for future funding of this grant at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

## Water and Waste Disposal Programs

**Implementation**

USDA Rural Development

PPE

Business Programs (609) 265-3640 [www.rurdev.usda.gov/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/)

To develop water and wastewater systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage in rural areas with a population of less than 10,000. Provides project grants, direct loans and loan guarantees.

## Water Protection and Conservation Grants

**Implementation**

Turner Foundation

PPE

Programs Dept. (404) 681-9900 <http://www.turnerfoundation.org>

The purpose of this program is to protect rivers, lakes, wetlands, aquifers, oceans, and other water systems from contamination, degradation, and other abuses. The Foundation will consider programs that are national in scope and will consider state and local programs, giving priority consideration to programs in New Mexico, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Water Quality Special Research Grants

**Planning**

USDA Ag Cooperative Extension Service

PPE

(202) 401-5971 [www.reeusda.gov](http://www.reeusda.gov)

This purpose of this program is to identify and resolve agriculture-related degradation of water quality. Eligible proposals will provide watershed-based information that can be used to assess sources of water quality impairment in targeted watersheds; develop and/or recommend options for continued improvement of water quality in targeted watersheds; and evaluate the relative costs and benefits associated with cleanup to all responsible sectors (e.g., farming, processing, urban runoff, municipal waste treatments).

## Watershed Assistance Grants

**Planning**

USEPA

PPE

Pat Munoz (202) 364-2550 [www.rivernet.org](http://www.rivernet.org)

EPA selected the River Network to coordinate and administer the Watershed Assistance Grants Program. The purpose of this program is to provide small grants to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long-term effectiveness.

## Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention

**Implementation**

NRCS

PPE

(202) 720-3534 <http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov>

This program provides technical and financial assistance to address resource and related economic problems on a watershed basis. Projects related to watershed protection, flood prevention, water supply, water quality, erosion and sediment control, wetland creation and restoration, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, and public recreation are eligible for assistance. Also contact: state NRCS office.

## Wetlands Reserve Program

**Implementation**

NRCS

PPE

(202) 690-0848 [www.wl.fb-net.org](http://www.wl.fb-net.org)

This voluntary program provides landowners with financial incentives to restore and protect wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.

# Parks, Recreation, Historic

## 1996 Bond Act/Lakes Restoration Program

**Implementation**

DEP Land Use Management

PPE

Budd Cann (609) 633-3958 [budd.cann@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:budd.cann@dep.state.nj.us)

Municipal, county, private lakes

To improve the water quality of New Jersey lakes. Check with DEP regarding funding availability.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

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## Aid for Urban Environmental Concerns

**Implementation**

DEP Office of Business & External Affairs

PPE

(609) 984-0828 joseph.rogers@dep.state.nj.us

The Aid for Urban Environmental Concerns (AUEC) Grant is designed to provide funding for the State's urban communities to enhance the environment in the urban settings. Eligible projects may include: urban environmental redevelopment planning projects, urban environmental inventories (UEIs), street scaping art work in public places, etc.

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## Athletics for Individuals with Disabilities

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Development

PPE

(609) 984-6654 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

To provide grants to increase the availability of athletic events for individuals with disabilities by assisting and encouraging statewide nonprofit organizations in sponsoring sports training and athletic competitions for people with disabilities.

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## Clean Lakes Program

**Implementation**

DEP Land Use Management

PPE

(609) 633-3958 budd.cann@dep.state.nj.us

To improve the recreational water quality at public lakes. Lake must meet the definition of public and provide equal access. Check with DEP to see if funds are available.

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## Coastal Blue Acres Grants & Loans

**Implementation**

DEP Bureau of Green Trust Management

PPE

(609) 984-0570 grice@dep.state.nj.us

To acquire storm-damaged property for storm protection and recreation and conservation purposes.

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## Community Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 341-3474 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

To provide in-service training and education to community and state agency personnel to develop, implement or improve recreation services for individuals with disabilities.

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Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)



## Eastman Kodak American Greenways Grants

**Planning**

Other      The Conservation Fund       PPE  
 (703) 525-6300 www.conservationfund.org     

Through a unique partnership, funding is available for small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America.

## Emergency Grant and Loan Fund

**Implementation**

DCA      New Jersey Historic Trust       PPE  
 (609) 984-0473 www.njht.org       County, municipal, non-profit

Provides emergency funding for capital preservation projects for historic properties.

## Garden State Historic Preservation Trust

**Planning**

DCA      New Jersey Historic Trust       PPE  
 (609) 984-0457 www.njht.org       County, municipal, non-profit

Provides two categories of matching grants to encourage the careful preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties: Capital Preservation Grants and Historic Site Management Grants.

## Grants to support NJ History

**Planning**

State      NJ Historical Commission       PPE  
 Mary Murrin      (609) 292-6062 mmurrin@admin.sos.state.nj.us       NJ history promotion

Four separate grant funds are available: a) general operating support grants b) research, publication, and media grants c) special projects grants d) mini-grants. These programs are aimed at the promotion of NJ history.

## Green Acres Grants & Loans

**Implementation**

DEP      Bureau of Green Trust Management       PPE  
 Gary Rice, Chief      (609) 984-0570 grice@dep.state.nj.us       Municipalities and counties

To acquire and/or develop municipal or county land for public recreation and conservation purposes.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Green Acres Nonprofit Acquisition Grants

**Implementation**

DEP Bureau of Green Trust Management  PPE

(609) 984-0570 grice@dep.state.nj.us

To acquire open space for recreation and conservation purposes that will be open to the public.

## Green Communities Challenge Grants

**Implementation**

DEP Community Forestry Program  PPE

(609) 292-2532 michael.d'errico@dep.state.nj.us

To assist municipalities in developing a community forestry program. This management plan helps local government agencies implement urban and community forestry projects. These projects are provided under four themes: Program Development, Implementation, Tree Maintenance and Research Projects.

## Highlands

**Planning**

DCA Office of Smart Growth  PPE

(609) 292-3170 www.state.nj.us/dca/osg/

Assists local governments and state agencies in implementing the state Plan designation of the Highlands as a Special Resource Area; provides an opportunity for local governments to have input into the decisions concerning the Highlands; meets with interest groups concerning actions that should and should not be taken in the Highlands.

## Highway & Clean Shore Program

**Implementation**

DOC Corrections  PPE

(609) 777-4985 www.state.nj.us/corrections/

Provides inmate labor details, supervised by Correction Officers, to clear litter and debris from public highways, seashore, beaches, and urban vacant lots, and mowing services at major highway interchanges throughout the state.

## Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Category 1

**Planning**

DEP Historic Preservation Office  PPE

(609) 984-6017 george.chidley@dep.state.nj.us

The Category 1 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funds will be used to provide newly formed historic preservation commissions or entrants into the CLG program, with professional services. The professional services will be provided over a 12 month period and focused on enhancing communication with applicants and residents as well as providing planning reports/guidance on applications.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Category 2

**Planning**

DEP NJ State Historic Trust

PPE

(609) 984-0473 www.state.nj.us/dep

County, municipal or tax-exempt non-profit

The Category 2 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funds will be used to assist in the identification, evaluation, registration and protection of historic and prehistoric resources in New Jersey.

## Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Planning**

USDOI DOI/National Park Service

PPE

Recreation Program (202) 354-6900 http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) uses offshore oil leasing revenues to support the creation of state and local park and recreation areas that guarantee perpetual public outdoor recreation opportunities. LWCF grant funds may be used for state planning and for the acquisition and development of state and local facilities that provide active and/or passive recreation opportunities.

## National Recreational Trails Program

**Implementation**

DEP Natural Lands Management

PPE

Larry Miller (609) 984-1339 larry.miller@dep.state.nj.us

Government and non-profit land owners

To provide financial assistance for developing and maintaining trails and trail facilities. Trails can be for non-motorized, multi-use and motorized purposes.

## New Jersey Tree Planting Grant

**Implementation**

DEP Community Forestry Program

PPE

Mike D'Errico (609) 292-2532 michael.d'errico@dep.state.nj.us

To positively impact local areas by planting trees on land owned or controlled by state, county or local governments. This is achieved by supporting and encouraging the development of Community Forestry Programs that will raise awareness of the benefits of trees and tree cover in the local community or county. Check with DEP to see if funds are available.

## Our Town Award and Grant

**Planning**

Other Jostens Our Town Foundation

PPE

Nancy Tellet-Royce (800) 888-7828 www.search-institute.org/ourtown

The purpose of this program is to encourage communities involved in initiatives helping young people grow up to be confident, caring, and responsible adults. The Jostens Our Town Award and Grant program provides funding and resources of \$50,000 over two years. Call to check availability for funding.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Paying Communities Back Program

**Implementation**

DOC Corrections

PPE

(609) 984-7414 [www.state.nj.us/corrections/index.h](http://www.state.nj.us/corrections/index.h)

Provides inmate labor details in a wide variety of supervised projects. These may include building of children's playgrounds, park cleanup, park restoration, and other related activities.

## Preservation Easement Program

**Implementation**

DCA New Jersey Historic Trust

PPE

(609) 984-0473 [www.njht.org](http://www.njht.org)

Offers permanent legal protection to a wide range of historic properties, including residences, commercial structures, farmsteads and historic landscapes. Easement donors may realize significant tax benefits for their charitable donation.

## Recreation and Park Department Assistance

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 984-6654 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

To assist community recreation and park departments with the initiation, development, administration and management of recreation sites, resources and programming. Operates as a clearinghouse for service requests for technical assistance to local governments.

## Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

**Planning**

DCA Housing and Community Resources

PPE

(609) 341-3698 [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr)

To provide funding assistance to local units of government for both short-term and special events and continuous recreational services for individuals with disabilities.

## Revolving Loan Fund

**Implementation**

DCA New Jersey Historic Trust

PPE

(609) 984-0473 [www.njht.org](http://www.njht.org)

Provides financing for the preservation, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation and acquisition of historic properties and certain ancillary non-construction activities.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Southern State Industries Program

**Implementation**

DOC Southern State Correctional Facility

PPE

(856) 785-1300 [www.state.nj.us/corrections/index.h](http://www.state.nj.us/corrections/index.h)

Provides at minimal cost, recreational products to interested cities and towns such items as park benches, picnic tables, bird baths, storage sheds, and other standard items normally associated with public recreational facilities. The items are manufactured by the correctional facility, providing both training skills and work to inmates, while providing low cost products to government agencies for community use. A catalog and price list is available upon request. Mr. Lore's extension is 313. Also call DEPTCOR Sales at 292-1399. Ask for Dick Wolf or John Tandy

# Transportation

## Alternative Fuel Rebate Program

**Implementation**

NJBPU Division of Energy

PPE

(609) 984-3058

The incremental cost of purchasing an AFV, instead of a gasoline or diesel powered vehicle, or converting a vehicle to operate using alternative fuel, are eligible for a rebate. Recipients are encouraged to join New Jersey's Clean Cities Program, a voluntary initiative to expand the use of AFVs statewide.

## Bikeways

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

(609) 530-3640 [www.state.nj.us/dot](http://www.state.nj.us/dot)

This program includes addressing bicycle travel needs through the development of bicycle improvements on state and county systems.

## Clean Air Transportation Communities

**Implementation**

USEPA

PPE

(734) 214-4205 [www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/traqnew](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/traqnew)

This program provides funding for state, local, multi-state, and tribal agencies involved with climate change and transportation/air quality issues, for pilot projects that have a high potential to spur innovations in the reduction of transportation-related emissions and vehicle miles traveled at the local level and throughout the United States. EPA is particularly interested in projects that incorporate smart growth efforts that reduce transportation-related emissions.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Climate Change and Transp/AQ

**Planning**

USEPA

PPE

(734) 214-4205 [www.epa.gov/otaq/](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/)

This program provides assistance to tribal, state, local, and multi-state agencies to develop innovative proposals for demonstration projects that will yield measurable reductions in vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gases, and/or criteria air pollutants in a coordinated fashion at the community level.

## County Aid Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

(609) 530-4640 [www.state.nj.us/dot](http://www.state.nj.us/dot)

Funds are appropriated by the Legislature annually for the improvement of public roads and bridges under county jurisdiction. Public transportation and other transportation projects also are included.

## Discretionary Aid Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

(609) 530-3640 [www.state.nj.us/dot](http://www.state.nj.us/dot)

Subject to funding appropriation, a Discretionary Fund is established to address emergencies and regional needs throughout the State. Any county or municipality may apply at any time. These projects are approved at the discretion of the Commissioner of Transportation.

## Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

**Implementation**

LAW Division of Highway Traffic Safety

PPE

(609) 633-9014

The funds are used for overtime enforcement related to drunk driving enforcement activities and for enhancements such as equipment for use in drunk driving activities.

## Emergency Relief Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

[www.state.nj.us/dot](http://www.state.nj.us/dot)

The Emergency Relief program which is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is intended to supplement the commitment of resources by State, county, and cities to help pay for unusually heavy expenses resulting from extraordinary conditions. Funds are available for the repair of Federal-aid highways or roads on Federal lands that have been seriously damaged by natural disasters over a wide area or by catastrophic failures from an external cause. Federal assistance for the repair of public roads not covered by the FHWA's Emergency Relief program is available through the disaster relief program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Stafford Act.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Highway Occupancy Permits

**Planning**

DOT Regional Maintenance Office

PPE

Permits Section (973) 770-5140

This program provides municipalities and others a permit to occupy state highway right-of-way. This allows for the use of the state right-of-way for the construction of sidewalks, curbs and curb cuts, driveways, buildings, telephone booths, municipal bus shelters, benches, guide rail, landscaping, etc., or for temporary uses such as banners or detours. Application must be made at the time the work is identified. Central Permits Section # (732) 308-4106; South Permits Section # (856)795-4725.

## Livable Communities Pilot

**Planning**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot

This pilot program will be used for planning, design and implementation of municipal projects to further investments in our transportation infrastructure and to support non-traditional transportation projects developed at the local level to advance community-based needs and goals.

## Local Aid for Centers of Place

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

(609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot/

Centers designated by the SPC

Local Aid for Centers of Place is designed to assist municipalities that have formally participated in the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP) or municipalities identified by the Pinelands Commission. This program provides an opportunity to apply for funds to support non-traditional transportation improvements that advance municipal growth management objectives as outlined in the Planning and Implementation Agenda (PIA) of the municipality.

## Local Bridge Bond Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot

Municipalities, counties

Funds are available for the repair or replacement of bridges on the local transportation system and the related roadway work.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Local Law Enforcement B.G.

**Implementation**

LAW Division of Criminal Justice

PPE

Heddy Levine-Sabol (609) 292-5939 Levine-Sabol@njdcj.org

Municipalities

Funding can be used for hiring, training, and employing law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel; overtime; enhancing security measures in and around schools; establishing drug courts; enhancing adjudication of cases involving violent offenders, including juvenile offenders. Funds can also be used for establishing multi-jurisdictional task forces, particularly in rural areas; establishing crime prevention programs; and defraying the cost of indemnification; and insurance for law enforcement officers.

## Local Lead Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot

Municipalities, Counties.

This program provides an opportunity for the sub regions to apply for federal funding for the advancement of projects through final design, right-of-way and/or construction.

## Local Planning Assistance-Bicycle and Pedestrian

**Planning**

DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs

PPE

Sheree Davis (609) 530-6551 www.state.nj.us/dot

To provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities that desire to undertake various planning activities for non-motorized modes. Studies undertaken are to be locally-driven planning studies and require a partnership agreement to commit staff and financial resources. This is an extremely competitive program.

## Local Scoping Program

**Planning**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot

Counties.

This program provides federal funds directly to member sub regions for the advancement of projects through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and preliminary engineering, thereby developing a solution to a defined problem and making the project eligible for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

## Local Technical Assistance

**Planning**

DOT Bureau of Technical Analysis

PPE

Judith Parrish (609) 530-5934 www.state.nj.us/dot

Municipalities

To provide technical transportation assistance in partnership with local governments, focusing on local systems and facilities under local (municipal) control, including developing local circulation plans, access management plans, and Transportation Development Districts.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance



## Municipal Aid Program

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 Municipalities

Municipal aid funds are appropriated by the Legislature for municipalities in each county based on a formula considering population and road mileage. Additionally, \$5 million is allotted for those municipalities that qualify for Urban Aid, which is based on a formula computed by the Department of Community Affairs..

## Park and Ride - Proposed

**Planning**

DOT Intermodal Planning and Coordination

PPE

Noreen Cardinali (609) 530-5950 www.state.nj.us/dot

Provision of assistance to identify park and ride opportunities, as well as maintaining database of approved sites.

## Park and Rides -Existing

**Planning**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot Municipalities, counties

Provision of funding assistance and implementation strategies for Park and Ride sites approved by Bureau of Intermodal Planning and Coordination, maintenance of existing leases and monitoring of existing sites for use and maintenance.

## Pedestrian Safety

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

James Snyder (609) 530-3640 www.state.nj.us/dot Municipalities

This program includes addressing pedestrian travel needs through the development of pedestrian improvements on state and county systems.

## Ridematching Programs

**Planning**

DOT

PPE

1-800-245-POOL www.state.nj.us/dot All

This is a free program to help employers and employees find people with whom to share a ride to work. It may also aid municipalities seeking relief from downtown congestion for private businesses located within their borders.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Transit Village Initiative

**Both P & I**

DOT

PPE

(609) 530-5957 [monica.etz@dot.state.nj.us](mailto:monica.etz@dot.state.nj.us)

The Transit Village Initiative helps to redevelop and revitalize communities around transit facilities to make them an appealing choice for people to live, work and play, thereby reducing reliance on the automobile.

## Transportation and Community Preservation Pilot

**Planning**

USFHWA Intermodal and Statewide Programs

PPE

(202) 366-3407 <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>

This program provides funding for planning grants, implementation grants, and research to investigate and address the relationship between transportation and community and system preservation. States, local governments, and metropolitan planning organizations are eligible for discretionary grants to plan and implement strategies that improve the efficiency of the transportation system, reduce environmental impacts of transportation, reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments, ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade, and examine development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals.

## Transportation Enhancements

**Implementation**

DOT Local Aid and Economic Development

PPE

[www.state.nj.us/dot/](http://www.state.nj.us/dot/)

This is funded through a 10 percent set aside of the Surface Transportation Program category of federal funds for projects which are transportation related. Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects are designed to foster more livable communities, preserve and protect environmental and cultural resources and to promote alternative modes of transportation. Funds are available for design, right of way acquisition and construction.

## Transportation Innovation Fund

**Implementation**

NJT Local Program Support

PPE

(973) 491-7376

Limited to providing requisite match for Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute program. Supports development of new or expanded transit projects designed to improve access to work sites and related activities.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

## Transportation Management Associations (TMA) Program

**Planning**

DOT Interposal Planning and Coordination

PPE

Paul Thomas (609) 530-8039 [www.state.nj.us/dot](http://www.state.nj.us/dot)

All

TMA's are non-profit membership associations that are supported by and work directly with area employers, developers and the public sector to solve transportation and commuting problems. Services include information on park and rides, ridesharing and transit, advice on local and corridor traffic, telecommuting advice, guaranteed rides home, and rideshare matching in conjunction with NJDOT Ridematching Programs.

## www.Other Funding Sources

### Center for Sustainable Development

USDOE

PPE

[www.sustainable.doe.gov](http://www.sustainable.doe.gov)

This web site lists a wide variety of funding sources for all aspects of sustainable development. Equally informational are the funding resources listed in the archives section.

### CSREES Funding Opportunities

**Planning**

USDA USDA

PPE

[www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/our](http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/our)

This website contains a host of grant options from the USDA.

### Energy Resources

NJBPU

PPE

[www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.ht](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.ht)

The Seattle Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy compiled the following funding opportunities. The NJBPU is pleased to provide these to interested constituents.  
[www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html)

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Federal Domestic Assistance

**Planning**

US

PPE

www.cfda.gov

This a government-wide compendium of federal programs, projects, services, and activities, which provide assistance or benefits to the American public. It contains financial and nonfinancial assistance programs administered by departments and establishments of the federal government.

## Federal Funding for Watershed Protection

USEPA

PPE

www.epa.gov/owow

This catalog provides information about federal monies that are available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects. It contains a one-page fact sheet for each of 69 funding sources that indicates to the reader the type of projects funded and eligibility requirements. Contacts and Internet sites are provided so the reader can obtain further information. This catalog lists federal sources that provide monetary assistance (grants, loans, cost sharing) and does not present sources that offer only technical assistance.

## Foundation Center

**Planning**

Other

PPE

www.fdncenter.org

The purpose of the Foundation Center is to facilitate connections between grant makers and grant seekers and offers a variety of resources and tools to accomplish this goal. Their mission is to support and improve institutional philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grant seekers succeed. To achieve their mission, they: (1) collect, organize, and communicate information on U.S. philanthropy; (2) conduct and facilitate research on trends in the field; (3) provide education and training on the grant seeking process; and (4) Ensure public access to information and services through their web, print and electronic publications, five library/learning centers, and a national network of cooperating collections. Founded in 1956, the Center is the nation's leading authority on institutional philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public.

## Funders Network for Smart Growth

**Planning**

Other

PPE

www.fundersnetwork.org

This web site offers a searchable database of approximately 52 private foundations that support various elements of smart growth, including, but not limited to: infill development, infrastructure investments, land use planning, Brownfield redevelopment, historic preservation, habitat protection, environmental education, supporting neighborhoods, transportation, and promoting regional collaboration.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance

## Funding Sources for Watershed Groups

PPE

www.rivernetwork.org.

This directory profiles of foundations, corporations, state and federal agencies and other non-profits that support small, nonprofit watershed groups, as well as a few sources that support Tribes. Only multi-state funders are included in this directory. The directory includes contact information, grant sizes and a brief description of each source's particular interests as well as sections on grant proposal writing, indexes, and additional resources.

## Guide to Federal Resources

PPE

www.ncced.org

This is published by the National Council for Urban Economic Development. It identifies state and federal programs supporting economic development activities and provides in-depth case studies on 60 successful state programs, emphasizing goals, operation and potential adaptability in other states.

## NJ Dept of Education Grants

**Implementation**

DOE Grants Management and Development

PPE

www.state.nj.us/njded/grants

 Municipalities and school boards and others

The website for the New Jersey Department of Education lists numerous grants that are available for many educational initiatives.

## Office of Research and Policy Development

**Planning**

DCA Office of Research and Policy Develop.

PPE

(609) 633-6303 www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr

This office is responsible for identifying and pursuing federal and foundation grant funds to supplement the division's initiatives. This office may be able to provide possible grants that are not readily known. They also compile information on all municipalities and counties.

## Transportation & WQ Funding

PPE

www.epa.gov/region09/water

The purpose of this guidebook is to provide public agencies, private industry, and nonprofit environmental groups with information on the opportunities that exist under TEA-21 in order to secure funding for transportation-related environmental programs. In particular, the guidebook focuses on monies that are available to preserve or restore wetlands or other habitat; preserve or restore habitat connections that allow for wildlife migration; or address problems of water quality due to storm water or dry-season runoff.

Potential Priority for Plan Endorsement (PPE)

Primary recipients of assistance