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Murphy Administration Announces \$44 Million in FY2025 Local Bridges Fund grants

Each county to receive funding for local bridge improvements

(Trenton) – The Murphy Administration today announced <u>38 Local Bridges Fund grants</u> totaling \$44 million to help counties maintain local bridges in a state of good repair.

"To ensure New Jersey has a safe, modern, and efficient transportation system, we must continue to invest in local infrastructure," Governor Phil Murphy said. "The Local Bridges Fund provides counties with the necessary resources to make critical bridge improvements while taking the pressure off local property taxes."

"These critical local infrastructure investments improve the reliability of our statewide transportation network and are just one example of the Murphy Administration's commitment to improving the quality of life in New Jersey," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "By providing grants to improve county-owned bridges throughout the state, the Local Bridges Fund improves safety and reliability by ensuring that all bridges in New Jersey are maintained in good condition."

The Local Bridges Fund is a \$44 million program funded through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), which provides funding for each of New Jersey's 21 counties for the improvement of county bridges. Every county receives \$1 million, and the additional funding is allotted based on a formula that takes into account the total bridge deck area in the county and the amount of deck area in poor condition in the county.

The grants focus on the repair, reconstruction, and replacement of bridges with the greatest structural deficiencies. Since its creation in 2009, 590 bridges have been improved through Local Bridges Fund grants. <u>Click here</u> for a full list of FY25 county allotments and project awards.

The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development and evaluated by the Division of Bridge Engineering and Infrastructure Management. Each year, Local Aid grants represent a significant portion of Local System Support, which also includes local lead projects, regional planning and project development, and transportation alternative projects, such as Safe Routes to School.

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