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Murphy Administration announces \$5.9 million in FY 2022 Bikeway grants to fund projects that improve quality of life 11 grants will advance local projects in several counties

(Trenton) – The Murphy Administration today announced eleven Bikeway Grants totaling \$5.9 million to help advance local Bikeway projects in nine counties.

"Investing in bikeways helps promote alternate forms of transportation and reduces our reliance on cars," Governor Phil Murphy said. "Increased biking and walking are tangible steps we can take to achieve our climate change goals, while encouraging residents to live a healthy lifestyle."

"The Murphy administration recognizes transportation infrastructure is more than just roads and bridges," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "Projects funded by the Bikeway Grant Program provide safe transportation alternatives that benefit cyclists and pedestrians and improve the of quality-of-life in New Jersey."

Traditionally, the <u>Bikeway Grant Program</u> provides \$1 million in grants annually to counties and municipalities in order to promote bikeways as an alternate mode of transportation that support the State's efforts to add new miles of dedicated bikeways in New Jersey. This year, an additional \$13.5 million was appropriated for Grants-in-Aid programs, specifically for the Transit Village Program, the Safe Streets to Transit Program, and for Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities/Accommodations. Of the \$13.5 million, \$4.9 million was provided for the Bikeway Grant Program.

Each municipality and each county may submit one application. Projects are awarded on a competitive basis taking into consideration new bike miles created, safety, connectivity, service to public, Complete Streets Policy and an applicant's past performance using other Local Aid funds. Click here to see a list of the 11 municipalities receiving FY 2022 Bikeway grants totaling \$5.9 million.

The <u>Bikeway Grant Program</u>, as well as other Local Aid state-funded grant programs, benefit residents by enabling local governments to complete necessary projects on roads under their jurisdiction without burdening local taxpayers. For NJDOT news, follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.