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Governor Murphy Announces \$3.3 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Bikeway Grants to Fund Projects that Improve Quality of Life Funding Will Advance Five Local Projects

(Trenton) – Governor Phil Murphy today announced <u>five Bikeway Grants totaling nearly \$3.3 million</u> to help advance local Bikeway projects in four counties.

"Strengthening our transportation infrastructure requires more than investing in roads and bridges," Governor Phil Murphy said. "We remain committed to active transportation alternatives that reduce our reliance on cars, increase safety, and benefit our communities. These bikeway grants will create more walkable and bikeable options for New Jerseyans while bringing us a step closer to increasing pedestrian and bicyclist safety while reducing emissions."

"Governor Murphy and the Legislature have continued to invest additional funds in the Bikeway Grant Program, allowing us to support more projects that benefit cyclists and pedestrians and improve the quality-of-life in New Jersey," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "Bikeway Grants provide safe transportation options and encourage residents to live a healthy lifestyle."

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 \$8 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 \$8 million, nearly \$2.3 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 equity criteria to benefit low-income and minority populations. Click here to see a list of the four municipalities and one county receiving FY2026 Bikeway Grants totaling nearly \$3.3 million.

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

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Watch NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor's <u>message</u> about making roadway safety a way of life.