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**OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
CAPITAL PROJECTS IN NEW JERSEY**

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About the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center

The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU-EFC) facilitates the development of sustainable and resilient communities across US EPA Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and eight tribal nations).

The SU-EFC enhances the administrative and financial capacities of state and local government officials, nonprofit organizations, and private sectors to make change toward improved environmental infrastructure and quality of life.

About This Guide

This reference tool was created by the SU-EFC, with support from US EPA, to help guide local governments and non-profits in New Jersey in search of federal, state, and third party financing for sustainable capital projects.

With this guide, we hope to take some of the guesswork out of grant research. Each funding resource is identified by the name of the funding program, the source agency or organization, and the source agency's contact information, as well as eligible applicants, funding cycles, program description and other relevant information.

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CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Description

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, you can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.

Eligible Recipients

To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a farmer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior the previous CRP sign-up period. Exceptions to this rule include:

- Land acquired by the new owner due to the previous owner's death;
- Change in ownership due to foreclosure; or
- Land that was purchased by the new owner without the sole intention of placing it in CRP.

Eligible Land

To be eligible for placement in CRP, land must be either:

- Cropland (including field margins) that is planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the previous 6 crop years from 2008 to 2013, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or
- Certain marginal pastureland that is suitable for use as a riparian buffer or for similar water quality purposes.

Additional Cropland Requirement

Also, the land must be eligible and suitable for any of the following conservation practices: Buffers for wildlife habitat, wetlands buffer, riparian buffer, wetland restoration, filter strips, grass waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerant vegetation, and shallow water areas for wildlife.

More Information

www.fsa.usda.gov/crp

Funding Source:

USDA FSA

Funding Amount:

Varies

Matching Requirement:

None

Deadlines:

Recurring

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CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Description

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a voluntary land retirement program that helps agricultural producers protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. CREP is an offshoot of the country's largest private-lands environmental improvement program—the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Eligible Recipients

A specific CREP project begins when a state, Indian Tribe, local government, or local non-governmental entity identifies an agriculture related environmental issue of state or national significance. The parties and FSA then develop a project proposal to address particular environmental issues and goals.

Eligible Projects

Like CRP, CREP contracts require a 10 to 15-year commitment to keep lands out of agricultural production. CREP provides payments to participants who offer eligible land.

More Information

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-enhancement/index>

Funding Source:

USDA FSA

Funding Amount:

Varies

Matching Requirement:

None

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Description

The Organic Initiative provides financial assistance to implement a broad set of conservation practice to assist organic producers in addressing resource concerns. This assistance helps producers plan and implement conservation practices to support the environmental sustainability of their organic operations.

Eligible Recipients

Applicants must demonstrate control of eligible land in agricultural production. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, and other farm or ranch lands.

Eligible Projects

Financial assistance is provided for a broad set of conservation practices including, but not limited to assistance with:

- Developing a conservation plan
- Establishing buffer zones
- Planning and installing pollinator habitat
- Improving soil quality and organic matter while minimizing erosion
- Developing a grazing plan and supportive livestock practices
- Improving irrigation efficiency
- Enhancing cropping rotations
- Nutrient management

More Information

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/?cid=nrcs143_008224

Funding Source:

US Department of Agriculture

Funding Amount:

Up to \$20,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS (RBEG)

Description

The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses, help fund business incubators, and help fund employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.

Eligible Recipients

Rural public entities including, but not limited to: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit Corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Federally-recognized Tribes, and Rural Cooperatives

Eligible Projects

The RBEG program is a broad based program that reaches to the core of rural development in a number of ways. Enterprise type grant funds must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application.

Uses may include:

- Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling/training, market research, feasibility studies, professional/technical reports, or product/service improvements
- Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way;
- Construction, conversion, renovation of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities
- Pollution control and abatement
- Feasibility studies and business plans
- Capitalization of revolving loan funds including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital
- Distance adult learning for job training and advancement
- Rural transportation improvement
- Community economic development
- Technology-based economic development
- Leadership and entrepreneur training
- Rural business incubators
- Long-term business strategic planning

Funding Source:

USDA RD

Funding Amount:

\$10,000 to \$500,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG), Continued...

Opportunity type grant funding must be used for projects in rural areas and they can be used for:

- Community economic development
- Technology-based economic development
- Feasibility studies and business plans
- Leadership and entrepreneur training
- Rural business incubators
- Long-term business strategic planning

Any project funded under the RBEG program should benefit small and emerging private businesses in rural areas. Small and emerging businesses are those that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues.

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

Description

The REDLG program provides funding to rural projects through local utility organizations. Under the REDLoan program, USDA provides zero interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. Under the REDGrant program, USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds for projects that will create or retain rural jobs.

Eligible Recipients

To receive funding under the REDLG program (which will be forwarded to selected eligible projects) an entity must be described as:

- Any former Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrower who borrowed, repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan;
- Nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs; or
- Current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs Borrowers.

Eligible Projects

REDLG intermediaries pass the funding to ultimate recipients on to eligible projects.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Business incubators & business expansion
- Community development assistance to nonprofits and public bodies (particularly job creation or enhancement)
- Facilities and equipment for education and training for rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care to rural residents
- Start-up venture costs, including, but not limited to financing fixed assets like real estate, buildings (new or existing), equipment, or working capital
- Technical assistance

Intermediaries may use REDLG funds to lend for projects in rural areas or towns with a population of 50,000 or less.

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-program>

Funding Source:

USDA RD

Funding Amount:

\$10,000 to \$500,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOANS

Description

The purpose of this is to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved by bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans which will provide lasting community benefits.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients are lenders with legal authority, sufficient experience, and financial strength to operate a successful lending program:

- Federal or State chartered banks
- Savings and loans
- Farm credit banks
- Credit unions

The lenders are able to request a guarantee for the following kind of borrower: For-profit businesses, nonprofits and cooperatives, federally-recognized Tribes, public bodies, and individuals.

Eligible Projects

Eligible uses include but are not limited to:

- Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development;
- Purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities;
- Purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, supplies, or inventory;
- Debt refinancing when new jobs will be created and other conditions are met;
- Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing and/or save or create jobs.

Eligible areas include:

- Any area other than a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town.
- The borrower's headquarters may be based within a larger city as long as the project is located in an eligible rural area.
- The lender may be located anywhere.
- Projects may be funded in rural and urban areas under the Local and Regional Food System Initiative.

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

Funding Source:
USDA RD

Funding Amount:
Varies

Deadlines:
Recurring

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INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM (IRP)

Description

The purpose of the IRP program is to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities. Under the IRP program, loans are provided to local organizations (intermediaries) for the establishment of revolving loan funds. These revolving loan funds are used to assist with financing business and economic development activity to create or retain jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities. Intermediaries are encouraged to work in concert with State and regional strategies, and in partnership with other public and private organizations that can provide complimentary resources.

Eligible Recipients

The following are eligible to be an intermediary lender:

- Nonprofits and cooperatives
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Public agencies

Ultimate recipients may be individuals, public or private organizations, or other legal entities, given that:

- Majority ownership is held by US citizens or permanent residents
- The applicant owes no delinquent debt to the Federal Government
- The applicant is unable to obtain affordable commercial financing for the project elsewhere
- Are located in an eligible rural area
- The applicant has no legal or financial interest

Eligible Projects

Some examples of eligible projects are:

- The acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, or repair of a business or business facility, particularly when jobs will be created or retained
- The purchase or development of land (easements, rights of way, buildings, facilities, leases, materials)
- The purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, or supplies
- Start-up costs and working capital
- Pollution control and abatement

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/intermediary-relending-program>

Funding Source:
USDA RD

Funding Amount:
\$10,000 to \$500,000

Deadlines:
Recurring

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FUNDING GUIDANCE FOR STATE AND TRIBAL RESPONSE

Description

The primary goal of this funding is to ensure that state and tribal response programs include, or are taking reasonable steps to include, certain elements and establish a public record. This funding is not intended to supplant current state or tribal funding for their response programs. Indeed, it is to supplement their funding to increase their response program's capacity.

Eligible Recipients

To be eligible for funding under CERCLA section 128(a), a state or tribe must:

- Demonstrate that its response program includes, or is taking reasonable steps to include, the four elements of a response program described in Section IV of this guidance; OR be a party to a voluntary response program Memorandum of Agreement (VRP MOA) with EPA; and
- Maintain and make available to the public a record of sites at which response actions have been completed in the previous year and are planned to be addressed in the upcoming year, see CERCLA section 128(b)(1)(C).

Eligible Projects

Eligible uses of funds include, but are not limited to, site-specific activities such as:

- Developing legislation, regulations, procedures, ordinances, guidance, etc. that establish or enhance the administrative and legal structure of a response program;
- Operation, maintenance and long-term monitoring of institutional controls and engineering controls; and
- Conducting assessment or cleanups at brownfield sites.

More Information

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/fy16_128a_guidance_final_10.17.15_0.pdf

Funding Source:
US EPA

Funding Amount:
Up to \$1 million

Deadlines:
Recurring

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ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING GRANTS

Description

The objective of the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant is to develop job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. The training focuses on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training.

Eligible Recipients

Government entities as defined in CERCLA Section 104(k)(1) or eligible nonprofit organizations as defined in Public Law 106-107, the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act.

Eligible Projects

- Solid Waste Management or Cleanup training;
- Superfund site cleanup and innovative and alternative treatment technologies training;
- Wastewater treatment training;
- Emergency planning, preparedness, and response training;
- Enhanced environmental health and safety training; and
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training.

More Information

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy16-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-grants>

Funding Source:
US EPA

Funding Amount:
Grants average \$200,000

Deadlines:
Recurring

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Description

The purpose of this funding is to provide grants to public entities for the costs of the investigation and assessment and a portion of the costs of the cleanup of contaminated sites identified as areas specifically in need of redevelopment. It also provides various grants and loans to private entities for the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites.

Eligible Recipients

Grants: Public entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of the local redevelopment and housing law (C.40A:12A-4) that either hold a tax sale certificate for a property, have acquired a property through foreclosure or other similar means, or have passed an ordinance or resolution indicating their intent to acquire a property by voluntary conveyance, and pass a redevelopment plan or demonstrate that a realistic opportunity exists that the site will be redeveloped are eligible for 100% of the costs to complete Preliminary Assessment (PA), Site Investigation (SI), and Remedial Investigation (RI) activities. Public entities are eligible for an additional 75% of the costs of the Remedial Action (RA) if the property is located in a designated BDA. Public entities that own the contaminated property are eligible for 25% of the costs to complete an RA by using an approved innovative technology or by achieving a limited restricted use or unrestricted use No Further Action (NFA) or Response Action Outcome (RAO) designation. Public entities that plan a recreation/conservation use or renewable energy use for a property are eligible for 75% of the costs of the RA and for affordable housing are eligible for 50% of the costs of the RA. Private entities that meet the criteria of an “innocent party” as defined in N.J.S.A 58:10B-6 are eligible for 50% of the costs to complete PA, SI, RI, and RA activities. Private entities with a net worth of less than \$2 million are eligible for 25% of the costs to complete an RA by using an approved innovative technology or by achieving a limited restricted use or unrestricted use No Further Action (NFA) or RAO designation.

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund, Continued...

Non-profits (501c3) that acquire a contaminated site and demonstrate that a realistic opportunity exists that the site will be redeveloped are eligible for 100% of the costs to complete PA, SI, and RI activities.

Loans: Public entities that elect to complete an RA at a property that they own are eligible for loan funding. Private entities that perform a voluntary cleanup and can not obtain funding from a conventional lending institution are eligible for 100% of the costs to complete PA, SI, RI, and RA activities.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible use of funds includes, but is not limited to:

- Grants for Assessment, Investigation and a percentage of the cleanup of contaminated sites identified as areas specifically in need of redevelopment;
- Grants for a percentage of the cleanup of contaminated sites specifically located in a designated Brownfield Development Area (BDA);
- Grants and Loans to Private Entities who perform assessment, investigation, and cleanup of contaminated sites; and
- Grants for Assessment and Investigation of contaminated sites owned by a 501c3 non-profit.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/sr_hdsrf.htm

COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOANS AND GRANTS

Description

Community Facilities Programs provide loans, grant and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas. Priority is given to health care, education and public safety projects.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible borrowers include public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally-recognized Tribes.

Eligible Projects

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities;
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements;
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing;
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment;
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools;
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment; and
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses.

Funding Source:

USDA RD

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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This program funds the development of essential community facilities in rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Description

This program provides financial assistance for developing and maintaining trails and trail facilities.

Eligible Recipients

Government Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations.

Eligible Projects

Projects that focus on developing and maintaining trail and trail facilities. Trails can be for non-motorized, multi-use and motorized purposes.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_nrtpt.htm

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection, United States Federal Highway Administration

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

Description

The Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant assists local governments in the implementation of a State Forest Service approved Community Forestry Management Plan.

Eligible Recipients

Refer to the current year's Request for Proposals for eligibility requirements.

Eligible Projects

Implementation of a State Forest Service approved Community Forestry Management Plan.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_csip.htm

Funding Source:

NJ Department of
Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT — COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Description

The Green Communities Grant assists local governments in the development of a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). A CFMP is a document for action, guiding communities to establish and maintain healthy, safe and sustainable urban and community forests.

Eligible Recipients

Local governments and Shade Tree Commissions.

Eligible Projects

The development of a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP)

More Information

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

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Match Requirements:

100% match in cash or in-kind services

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Description

The State administers the Small Cities CDBG Program. This program provides grants and loans for community development activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, and meet urgent community development needs for which no other resources are available. All projects and each activity must meet one of the above objectives.

Eligible Recipients

Any county or town that does not receive a direct CSBG from the federal government is eligible to apply through the state. The table that lists the eligible local governments is updated annually and can be found on the program's website, listed below. The list of eligible activities, evaluation criteria, including the application threshold requirements and the rated criteria that are used to rank applications, can be found in the Final Plan for Administration of the Small Cities CDBG Program also available on the Program's website. The HUD Secretary will establish criteria to expedite the use of funds, and recipients of the funding should give priority to projects that can award contracts within 120 days of when funds are made available. HUD may waive certain requirements to expedite the use of funds.

Eligible Projects

Funds may be used for public facilities, community revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and innovative development leveraging private investments.

More Information

<http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/cdbg.html>

Funding Source:

State of New Jersey
Department of
Community Affairs

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Description

The Forest Legacy Program is a partnership between States and the USDA Forest Service to identify and help conserve environmentally important forests from conversion to nonforest uses. The main tool used for protecting these important forests is conservation easements.

Eligible Recipients

Landowners with property, which lies partially or entirely within a designated Forest Legacy Area.

Eligible Projects

Participation in the program is entirely voluntary. The primary method of protection is with conservation easements in which landowners sell a portion of the property rights and retain ownership of the land. The use of conservation easements allows the land to remain in private ownership and ensures that important public values such as wildlife habitat, natural areas, forest resources, and outdoor recreation opportunities are protected. Participating landowners may prefer to sell the property outright in which case the land would be owned by the State and managed as State Forest land.

More Information

<https://www.na.fs.fed.us/legacy/>

Funding Source:

USDA Forest Service, NJDEP, local and private sources

Funding Amount:

Varies

Match Requirements:

Federal Funding: 75%. State, Local or Private Funding: 25%

Deadlines:

Recurring

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANTS

Description

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) provides grants to eligible landowners to fund up to 50 percent of the costs of approved soil and water conservation projects. Landowners apply to local Soil Conservation Districts, which assist in developing farm conservation plans and ensure projects are necessary and feasible. Applications are forwarded to the N.J. State Soil Conservation Committee, which recommends projects to the SADC for funding approvals.

Eligible Recipients

Farms must be permanently preserved or enrolled in an eight-year preservation program.

Eligible Projects

Soil and water conservation projects include projects designed to control and prevent soil erosion and sediment damages; control pollution on farmland; impound, store and manage water for agricultural purposes; or improve management of land and soils to achieve maximum agricultural productivity.

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Terrace systems;
- Diversions;
- Stream protection;
- Water Impoundment reservoirs;
- Irrigation systems;
- Sediment retention;
- Erosion or water control systems;
- Drainage systems;
- Animal waste control facilities;
- Agri-chemical handling facilities; and
- Land shaping or grading.

More Information

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/grants/>

Funding Source:

State of NJ Department of Agriculture, State Agriculture Development Committee

Funding Amount:

Up to 50% of the costs of approved soil and water conservation projects.

Deadlines:

Recurring

Contact:

Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, or the State Agriculture Development Committee
Phone: (609) 984-2504

FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

Description

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters. The EFRP does this by authorizing payments to owners of private forests to restore disaster damaged forests. Forests provide shelter for wildlife, help provide nutrients for soil, and help protect water supplies. By restoring forests and forest health the EFRP works to protect natural resources and wildlife habitats.

Eligible Recipients

Only owners of nonindustrial private forests with tree cover existing before the natural disaster occurred are eligible to apply. The land must be owned by a private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has decision making authority on the land and doesn't use the land for business purposes. The FSA County Committee inspects the damage to determine if forest land is eligible for EFRP.

Eligible Projects

For land to qualify for EFRP funds, the damage from the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that if not dealt with would:

- Harm the natural resources on the land
- Significantly affect future land use

More Information

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-forest-restoration/index>

Funding Source:

USDA FSA

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Description

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. Decisions related to how a crop is produced affect the environment, and vice-versa. The EQIP program provides payments for implementing conservation practices that have a positive environmental impact, while protecting long term agricultural production and sustainability. NRCS professionals work with producers to develop a conservation plan for their operation, design conservation practices, and provide guidance to help implement the plan.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible applicants must:

- Have current crop and producer records on file with USDA's Farm Service Agency;
- Comply with the adjusted gross income limitation (AGI) provisions;
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements;
- Own or control the land for the term of the proposed contract;
- Agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices according to the contract schedule;
- Have an interest in an agricultural operation; and
- Have an existing resource concern that can be addressed through an NRCS conservation practice.

In order for land to be eligible for an irrigation-related practice in EQIP, including irrigation engines, that land must have been irrigated in two out of the last five years. In addition, Irrigation Water Management must be implemented on all land contracted for an irrigation-related practice for three consecutive years following the practice implementation.

Land is not eligible for EQIP if it is currently enrolled in another USDA Farm Bill conservation program such as the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) or the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for the same practice on the same land. Land is also ineligible if it is used for mitigation purposes, or if it is publicly owned, unless the publicly owned land is part on an eligible operation.

Funding Source:

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Continued...

Eligible Projects

With input from the State Technical Committee, NRCS determines the eligible conservation practices used to improve environmental quality both on and off the farm. The resource concerns addressed through EQIP include soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, and animal and plant species of concern.

The State Technical Committee has identified the top 4 priority resource concerns:

- Water Quality Degradation (nutrients, pesticides, pathogens, temperature, sediment)
- Soil Erosion (sheet, rill, concentrated flow)
- Soil Quality Degradation (subsidence, compaction, organic matter depletion)
- Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife (habitat degradation)

NRCS has identified the following national priorities, consistent with statutory resource concerns that include soil, water, wildlife, air quality, and related natural resource concerns, may be used in EQIP implementation:

- Reductions of nonpoint source pollution
- Conservation of ground and surface water resources
- Reduction of emissions
- Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation
- Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation

More Information

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nj/programs/financial/eqip/>

GREEN ACRES NONPROFIT ACQUISITION GRANTS

Description

The purpose of the Green Acres Nonprofit Acquisition Grants is to acquire open space for recreation and conservation purposes statewide and to develop outdoor recreational facilities in certain urban or densely populated municipalities and counties.

Eligible Recipients

Any tax-exempt, non-profit organization that qualifies as a "charitable conservancy" as defined in N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq.

More Information

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

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Match Requirement:

50%

Deadlines:

Recurring

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WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Description

The Weatherize Assistance Program (WAP) enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Funds are used to improve the energy performance of dwelling of needy families using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provides funding to states, U.S. overseas territories, and Indian tribal governments, which manage the day-to-day details of the program. These governments, in turn, fund a networking of local community action agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local governments that provide these weatherization services in every state, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and among Native American tribes.

Eligible Recipients

Only local weatherization agencies that are eligible to receive WAP funding are eligible to receive grants under this proposed FOA. Local agency applicants for the grants must be certified by their state's Weatherization Program as having the capacity to conduct the proposed project and the state must exercise financial oversight over the grants to any of their agencies.

Eligible Projects

Cost-effective energy efficiency measures for existing residential and multifamily housing with low-income residents. Under this definition, it includes a wide variety of energy efficiency measures that encompass the building envelope, its heating and cooling systems, its electrical system, and electricity consuming appliances.

More Information

<http://energy.gov/eere/wipo/weatherization-assistance-program>

Funding Source:

US Department of Energy

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

Description

This program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.

Eligible Recipients

- Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations.
- Small businesses must be in an area other than a city or town with a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area of that city or town.
- Agricultural producers may be in rural or non-rural areas.

Additionally, agricultural producers and small businesses must have no outstanding delinquent federal taxes, debt, judgment or debarment.

Eligible Projects

Funds may be used for renewable energy systems, such as:

- Biomass (for example: biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels)
- Geothermal for electric generation or direct use
- Hydropower below 30 megawatts
- Hydrogen
- Small and large wind or solar generation
- Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation

Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as:

- High efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC)
- Insulation
- Lighting
- Cooling or refrigeration units
- Doors and windows
- Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots
- Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor
- Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

Funding Source:

USDA Rural Development

Funding Amount:

Varies:

Deadlines:

Recurring

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NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM — ENERGY BENCHMARKING

Description

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program is a statewide program that offers financial incentives, programs and services for New Jersey residents, business owners and local governments to help them save energy, money and the environment. Benchmarking is a free service that assesses the energy performance of your facilities compared to similar buildings.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients include buildings from the following sectors:

- Commercial (i.e. supermarket, retail),
- Industrial buildings (i.e. warehouses, automobile-assembly),
- Institutional buildings (i.e. schools, municipalities),
- Higher education buildings (i.e. dormitories, office buildings),
- Hospitals,
- Multifamily buildings, and
- Hospitality (i.e. hotels, restaurants).

Eligible Projects

Representatives from NJ's Clean Energy Program will track and score your actual energy usage based on your industry type and provide a detailed report along with valuable information on implementing energy-efficient technologies, including available financial incentives to lower project costs.

More Information

<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/benchmarking>

Funding Source:

New Jersey Board of
Public Utilities

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM — LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY AUDIT

Description

All across New Jersey, residents and business owners are looking for ways to save energy and the environment. In order to understand how they can save, the Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) Program allows local government agencies, state contracting agencies, public agencies, state colleges and state universities, and select non-profit agencies, to examine their facilities and see how they can improve their energy use. The program can help you identify cost-justified energy-efficiency measures - as well as subsidize the full cost of the audit.

Eligible Recipients

The LGEA Program targets buildings owned by local governments, New Jersey State Colleges and State Universities, and 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to: offices, courtrooms, town halls, police and fire stations, sanitation buildings, transportation structures, schools, and community centers.

Eligible Projects

The Local Government Energy Audit (LGEA) Program allows local government agencies, state contracting agencies, public agencies, state colleges and state universities, and select non-profit agencies, to examine their facilities and see how they can improve their energy use.

More Information

<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/commercial-industrial/programs/local-government-energy-audit/local-government-energy-audit>

Funding Source:

New Jersey Board of
Public Utilities

Funding Amount:

100%

Deadlines:

Recurring

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG) PROGRAM

Description

The EPA's Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program provides money to community groups so they can pay for technical reports, site conditions, and EPA's proposed cleanup proposals and decisions.

Eligible Recipients

Types of community groups that can apply for a TAG include, but are not limited to:

- A community group or citizens' association which was formed because of issues and concerns it had about the sites.
- A group that has been actively involved at the site and that includes all the affected individuals and groups who joined in applying for the TAG.
- A group made up of several groups (like those described above) that came together to deal with community concerns about the site and its effects on the surrounding area.

Eligible Projects

Here are some examples of what groups might pay a technical advisor to do:

- Review site-related documents from EPA or others.
- Meet with group and other community members to explain site information.
- Make site visits, when appropriate and necessary, to learn more about site activities.
- Travel to meetings and hearings about the site.
- Evaluate plans for reusing the site after it is cleaned up.
- Interpret and explain health-related information.

More Information

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program>

Funding Source:
US Environmental Protection Agency

Funding Amount:
Up to \$50,000

Matching Requirements:
20% of total project costs

Deadlines:
Recurring

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NJ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Description

Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) provide funding to nonprofit community groups to employ independent Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs) to perform activities designed to help improve the community's understanding of the environmental conditions at, and remediation of, a contaminated site.

Eligible Recipients

Non-Profit Community Groups. One or more members of the community group must live in the neighborhood in which the site is located.

The community group must be incorporated or in the process of incorporating. The community group can be either a non-profit or in the process of obtaining 501(c)3 status. However, the community group can also affiliate with a local organization that has obtained 501(c)3 status as a non-profit organization for the specific purpose of representing the community. The community group must be able to demonstrate that it has reliable procedures for record-keeping and financial accounting in managing the TAG. The community group must have a commercial bank account.

The community group must not include, or be associated with, any person responsible for conducting the remediation of the site. The community group must not have been established by, or presently maintained by, any person responsible for conducting the remediation of the site. The community group must not be affiliated with a national organization that has direct or indirect control over the community group. The community group must not be an academic institution. The community group must not be a political subdivision.

Eligible Projects

The bulk of the TAG funds must be used to hire an independent LSRP as a technical advisor to help interpret and comment on site related documents.

More Information

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program>

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Up to \$10,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Description

This program provides a source of funding to assist in the design and implementation of training and technical assistance projects and other support services tailored to meet the needs of transit operators in non-urbanized areas.

Eligible Recipients

States, local governments, and providers of rural transit services.

Eligible Projects

Recipients may use RTAP funds to support nonurbanized transit activities in four categories: training, technical assistance, research, and related support services. Recipients should develop State RTAP activities through a process that provides maximum opportunity for the participation of rural transit operators, both public and private, in identifying and establishing priority areas of need for transportation research, technical assistance, training, and related support services in other than urbanized areas.

More Information

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/rural-transportation-assistance-program-5311b3>

Funding Source:

US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration

Funding Amount:

Up to \$50,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM (TTP)

Description

Tribal Transit Program funds are to be allocated for grants to support planning, capital, and operating assistance for Tribal public transit services.

Eligible Recipients

Federally recognized tribes may use the funding for capital, operating, planning, and administrative expenses for public transit projects that meet the growing needs of rural tribal communities.

Examples of eligible activities include:

- Capital projects;
- Operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation; and
- The acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.

A description of eligible activities can also be found in the May 9, 2013 Notice of Funding Availability: Solicitation of Grant Applications for FY 2013 Tribal Transit Program Funds; and Responses to the November 9, 2012 Solicitation of Comments Federal Register Notice.

More Information

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/tribal-transit-program>

Funding Source:

US Department of Transportation

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Description

The Revolving Fund (RFP) Grant Program assists communities with water and wastewater systems. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. This grant program is to serve a rural area with a population not in excess of 10,000.

Eligible Recipients

Nonprofits that have:

- Legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund
- Financial, technical and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations

Eligible Projects

The grant recipients will use the grant funds to establish a revolving loan fund. The loans will be made to eligible entities to finance pre-development costs of water and wastewater projects or short-term small capital improvement projects not part of the regular operations and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems. The amount of financing to an eligible entity shall not exceed \$100,000 and shall be repaid in a term not to exceed 10 years. The rate shall be determined in the approved grant work plan.

More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-revolving-loan-funds>

Funding Source:

USDA Rural Development

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM

Description

The Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of a variety of water quality protection measures, including wastewater treatment facilities and stormwater and nonpoint source management facilities. The Financing Program also provides loans for activities such as open space land purchase and conservation, remedial action activities (including brownfields) and well sealing.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible Recipients include:

- Municipalities
- Counties
- Sewerage or utility authorities
- Joint meetings
- Improvement authorities
- Local government units constructing new or improving existing wastewater, stormwater or nonpoint source management facilities
- Private Water Utilities

Eligible Projects

Financial assistance is provided for a variety of water quality protection measures including, but not limited to:

- Wastewater treatment facilities,
- Stormwater facilities, and
- Nonpoint source management facilities.

Assistance is also provided for activities including, but not limited to:

- Open space land purchase and conservation,
- Remedial action activities, and
- Well sealing.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/er_eifp.htm

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

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DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM

Description

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans to finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements and to protect the public health in conformance with the objectives of the SDWA.

Eligible Recipients

Any publicly or privately owned community water systems and nonprofit non-community water systems in New Jersey may receive funds.

Eligible Projects

Financing is proposed to be available for a variety of construction projects, including, but not limited to:

- Water treatment facilities, to address the correction of a system's non-compliance with Surface Water Treatment requirements;
- To address acute violations, maximum contaminant levels, lead and copper rule exceedances or secondary drinking water regulation exceedances for consolidation of water systems to comply with the SDWA;
- Rehabilitation of existing water treatment facilities, water mains, pump stations or water storage facilities, or for new water storage facilities to maintain compliance with the SDWA and wells; and
- Allowances for planning and design are also available.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/lu_dwsrf.htm

Funding Source:

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL GRANTS

Description

Provide grants to reduce water quality impairment through implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control projects.

Eligible Recipients

Entities that are eligible include:

- Municipal planning departments or boards, health departments;
- County planning departments or boards, health departments;
- Designated water quality management planning agencies;
- State, regional and local government units entirely within New Jersey;
- State government agencies, universities and colleges;
- Interstate agencies of which New Jersey is a member; and
- Watershed and water resource associations and other local nonprofit organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Eligible Projects

Past eligible projects have included:

- Approved watershed based plans or total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) in the Barnegat Bay and the non-tidal Raritan River Watersheds;
- Stormwater facilities;
- Green infrastructure projects within drainage areas that are hydraulically connected to areas with documented CSOs and environmental education initiatives that advance these goals;
- Natural solutions, such as the creation of living shorelines, to address erosion and water quality issues as an alternative that adds diversity to other shore protection measures in tidally influenced areas; or
- Natural solutions, such as the creation of living shorelines, at a coastal lake that discharges directly into the Atlantic Ocean and estuarine waterbody in Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth or Ocean Counties.

More Information

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

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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CLEAN VESSEL — PUMP OUT FACILITIES

Description

To provide funds to states for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pumpout stations and dump stations and for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage.

Eligible Recipients

Local Governments and Public/Private Marinas

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_pumpout.html

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANTS

Description

This grant provides an incentive to counties and municipalities to increase their recycling activities and reduce their overall percentage of disposal.

Eligible Recipients

New Jersey municipalities and counties

More Information

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/tonnage/index.htm>

Funding Source:

NJ Department of
Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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Description

This grant helps fund preparing, revising and implementing district solid waste management plans, including implementation of the State Recycling Plan.

Eligible Recipients

The only eligible applicants are county governments.

Eligible Projects

Funds may be used for preparing, revising and implementing district solid waste management plans, including implementation of the State Recycling Plan.

More Information

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

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

Description

To provide financial assistance for the implementation of litter abatement programs in eligible municipalities and counties within the State.

Eligible Recipients

All 21 New Jersey counties and 558 of the 565 New Jersey municipalities receive funding.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/lga_ccpg.htm

Funding Source:

NJ Department of
Environmental Protection,
Clean Communities
Program Fund

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Recurring

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EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Description

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and to help put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought. The ECP does this by giving ranchers and farmers funding and assistance to repair the damaged farmland or to install methods for water conservation.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients are farms that were affected by a disaster or severe drought. The FSA County Committee inspects the damage to determine if land is eligible for ECP. Conservation problems that existed before the disaster or severe drought are ineligible for ECP assistance.

Eligible Projects

For land to qualify for ECP funds, the damage from the natural disaster or severe drought must create new conservation problems that if not dealt with would:

- Further damage the land;
- Significantly affect the land's productive capacity;
- Represent damage from a natural disaster unusual for the area (an exception to this is damage from wind erosion); and
- Be too costly to repair without Federal assistance in order to return the land to agricultural production.

Technical assistance to fix the conservation problem may also be provided by the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

More Information

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/emergency-conservation/index>

Funding Source:
USDA FSA

Funding Amount:
Varies

Deadlines:
Recurring

Contact:
Contact your local FSA office

SHORE PROTECTION GRANTS AND LOANS

Description

The purpose of this grant is to protect existing development from sea-level rise and shoreline mitigation.

Eligible Recipients

Municipalities and counties

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Dune creation and maintenance,
- Beach fill projects; and
- Repair of existing shore protection structures.

More Information

http://www.nj.gov/dep/grantandloanprograms/nhr_spgl.htm

Funding Source:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Beaches and Harbor Fund and Shore Protection Fund

Funding Amount:

Varies

Match Requirement:

Grantee must match 25%

Deadlines:

Recurring

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COMMUNITY FIREWISE GRANTS

Description

The Community Firewise Grant provides municipalities and other qualifying organizations a cost-share incentive to create mitigation plans against fires.

Eligible Recipients

NJ counties, municipalities, and homeowner associations located in documented wildfire risk areas that have met the criteria for Firewise Communities/USA designation.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include:

- Developing and implementing Community Wildfire Protection Plans;
- Obtaining Firewise Community/USA designation;
- Implementing hazard mitigation activities; and
- Training community Firewise liasons.

More Information

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

Funding Source:

USDA Forest Service,
National Fire Plan

Funding Amount:

Up to \$5,000

Deadlines:

Recurring

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PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMEDiation, UPGRADE AND CLOSURE (UST) FUND

Description

The UST Fund provides financial assistance in the form of loans and/ or grants to eligible owners and/ or operators for the closure and remediation of a discharge of residential and other unregulated Petroleum Underground Storage Tanks (UST), and for the closure, and remediation of regulated Petroleum USTs.

Statutory Citation
C.58:10A-37.1

Eligible Recipients

A public entity applying for financial assistance from the UST Fund may only be awarded financial assistance in the form of an interest free loan. Eligibility for independent institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, volunteer fire, ambulance, first aid, emergency or Rescue Company or squad, is defined in the statute.

For owners and/or operators of Regulated Petroleum USTs to be considered for financial assistance, the applicant must own and/or operate less than ten (10) Petroleum USTs in New Jersey and must demonstrate the inability to qualify for and obtain a commercial loan for all or part of the eligible costs. The applicant must provide proof of filing an insurance claim and listing the "UST Fund State of NJ" as beneficiary of the claim, to the extent an award is made by the fund. In order to qualify for a conditional hardship grant, the applicant must have a taxable income not exceeding \$250,000.00, and a net worth not exceeding \$500,000.00, excluding their primary residence and pension. In order for an applicant to be eligible for closure and remedial costs, the applicant must submit their application to the NJDEP prior to incurring any remedial costs. All awards of grants or loans are conditioned upon the applicant agreeing to a five (5) year lien being placed on the property, where the property cannot be sold and must continue to operate in the same substantial manner in which the property

Funding Source:

State of NJ
Corporate Business Tax
Appropriation to the
Department of Environmental
Protection

Funding Amount:

Varies

Deadlines:

Regulated Tank Applications:
July 1, 2010 (Only newly
discovered Regulated tanks
currently eligible)
Unregulated Tank Applications:
No current deadline

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was operating at the time of award. Effective July 1, 2010, the UST Fund discontinued accepting new Regulated UST Fund applications. However if a regulated tank is newly discovered, the UST Fund will accept an application if the owner/operator files their application for a newly discovered and previously unregistered regulated tank within 18 months from the date of discovery.

For owners and/or operators of Unregulated Petroleum USTs to be considered for financial assistance, the applicant must own or operate the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank at the time it is closed. The applicant must provide proof of filing an insurance claim and listing the "UST Fund State of NJ" as beneficiary of the claim, to the extent an award is made by the fund. If the property is a secondary residence, then in order for remedial costs to be eligible, the applicant must submit their application to the NJDEP prior to incurring any remedial costs. In order to qualify for a conditional hardship grant, the applicant must have a taxable income not exceeding \$250,000.00, and a net worth not exceeding \$500,000.00, excluding their primary residence and pension.

Grant recipients are eligible to receive up to \$500,000.00 per site, and up to \$1,000,000.00 per site if the project site is located in Planning Area 1 or 2, a designated center as designated pursuant to the "State Planning Act", sections 1-12 of P.L. 1985, c.398 (C.52:18A-196 et seq.) or the Highlands Region. Loan recipients are eligible for loans not exceeding \$2 million, or not exceeding \$3 million if the project site is located in Planning Area 1 or 2, a designated center as designated pursuant to the "State Planning Act", sections 1-12 of P.L. 1985, c.398 (C.52:18A-196 et seq.) or the Highlands Region.

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