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# FEDERAL AGENCIES

## U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. The Superfund division of the EPA manages New Jersey's sites on the National Priorities List, while the Brownfields section assists with all other contaminated property. They provide significant funding through their brownfield program for site assessment and cleanup, and also have a number of other programs through the Office of Sustainable Communities which can help with efforts to promote walkable neighborhoods.

### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Brownfields Assessment Grants – Provide up to \$200,000 per site to assess brownfield sites.
- Brownfields Cleanup Grants – Provide up to \$200,000 per site to cleanup brownfield sites.
- Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants – Provide up to \$1,000,000 in funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide sub grants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.
- Brownfields Area Wide Planning Grants (AWP) – Provide up to \$200,000 in funding to recipients to conduct research, technical assistance and training that will result in an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for key brownfield sites, which will help inform the assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization. Funding is directed to specific areas, such as a neighborhood, downtown district, local commercial corridor, or city block, affected by a single large or multiple brownfield sites.
- Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) – Free technical assistance from EPA-selected contractor to perform site assessment on brownfield sites.
- Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) – Under contract from the EPA, the Center for Creative Land Recycling, a nonprofit, provides free training and technical assistance to communities with brownfields problems.
- Environmental Workforce Development & Job Training Grants – Provide up to \$200,000 in funding to train low-income and underserved residents from brownfield communities in environmental cleanup.
- Smart Growth Implementation Assistance – Free technical assistance with planning and community outreach to promote smart growth and sustainable development.
- Urban Waters Program – see U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Brownfields Program – Terry Wesley, [wesley.terry@epa.gov](mailto:wesley.terry@epa.gov), 212-637-5027, [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)
- Superfund Program – Diane Salkie, [salkie.diane@epa.gov](mailto:salkie.diane@epa.gov), 212-637-4370
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- EPA Region 2 – [www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2](http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-2)

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

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HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. They provide funding for housing development, programs that strengthen businesses and jobs in communities, and planning for growth and development.

### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBGs are available directly for larger “entitlement” communities, or from the state for small and rural communities.
- Section 108 Loan Guarantee – Federally guaranteed loans that can be used for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects. As a portion of CDBG funds, they have similar requirements.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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[portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/communitydevelopment/programs](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs)

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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USDA Rural Development programs provide a number of funding sources targeted for rural communities. They are designed to support community and brownfield development by providing resources to support community facilities, utilities, business development, and housing. USDA's Rural Housing Service offers loans and grants for community facilities such as public buildings, emergency services, libraries, and hospitals. The Rural Utilities Service administers programs that support community infrastructure improvements like drinking water, storm water, and waste water treatment facilities. USDA-RD funds can support a variety of community assets essential for revitalization and economic growth.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Rural Housing Service: USDA's Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. USDA-RD offers loans, grants, and loan guarantees for single family housing purchases and repairs, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, community centers, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers, and much more.
- Rural Utilities Service: USDA's Rural Utilities Service administers programs that provide much-needed infrastructure or infrastructure improvements for rural communities. These include water, storm water, and waste treatment, electric power, and telecommunications/broadband services. All of these services play a critical role in helping to expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for rural residents.

- Rural Business-Cooperative Service: USDA’S Rural Business-Cooperative Service offers grant and loan guarantee programs to support business development and job training opportunities for rural residents.

All of the funding for USDA Rural Development’s programs contributes to the strategic goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity by providing financial and technical assistance to rural residents, businesses, and private and public entities for a broad range of purposes that bring prosperity and better living to Rural America. USDA Rural Development has a \$212 billion portfolio of loans. USDA-RD will administer \$38 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through its programs in FY 16.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Rural Development Website: [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)
- Program Eligibility: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>
- Program Matrix: [http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD\\_ProgramMatrix.pdf](http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD_ProgramMatrix.pdf)

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) & FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)

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The DOT works to ensure a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people. They are a great resource for any project involving roads, rail, ports, or cycling.

#### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- TIGER Grants – Competitive grants that provide funding for road, rail, transit, and port projects
- Federal Highway Administration Resource Center Planning Team – Provide technical assistance and expertise with GIS, planning, modeling and analysis

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- Transportation Capacity Building Peer Exchange – By application, provides assistance via peer exchanges, roundtables, workshops and webinars to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, transit operators, State Departments of Transportation, tribal governments, and other transportation decision makers. Details available at [https://www.planning.dot.gov/peer\\_app.asp](https://www.planning.dot.gov/peer_app.asp)

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Calvin Edghill, [calvin.edghill@dot.gov](mailto:calvin.edghill@dot.gov), 609-637-4230
- FHWA Resource Center Planning Team – [www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/planning](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/planning)

### U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

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The EDA partners with distressed communities throughout the United States to foster job creation, collaboration and regional innovation. Any projects building jobs or businesses will find strong support from the EDA.

## FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Economic Development Assistance Program – Provides Public Works Grants and Economic Adjustment Grants for construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments to leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.
- Planning & Local Technical Assistance Grants – Assists recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Edward Hummel, [Ehummel@eda.gov](mailto:Ehummel@eda.gov), 215-597-6767

## U.S. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION (FEMA)

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FEMA's Hazard Mitigation branch is a resource for communities that have been hit by disasters to recover and mitigate risks in ways that protect the environment, create long-term economic prosperity and enhance neighborhoods. FEMA's resources support integrating recovery planning and resiliency measures into redevelopment projects. FEMA and EPA also work together to help communities incorporate smart growth and climate adaptation strategies to improve quality of life and direct development away from vulnerable areas.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program: Provides assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. FEMA provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations. The PA Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM): The grant program aims to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses.
- Hurricane Sandy Recovery Funds – Various funding for localities impacted by Hurricane Sandy, most administered at the state level.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants – Provides funding to plan for floods and implement measures to prevent them.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

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The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation by connecting community groups, nonprofits, tribes and state governments with their network of conservation and recreation planning professionals. Through these partnerships the program aims to assist in the design of trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, and create recreational opportunities. RTCA is a resource to communities – both urban and rural – that seek to leverage redevelopment to improve quality of life by creating recreational infrastructure.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The NPS-RTCA program provides technical assistance, not grants. RTCA staff provide hands-on planning assistance, working in collaboration with community groups and local and state governments on locally-driven projects to conserve rivers, preserve open space, create new parks, and establish trails and greenways.
- The role of NPS-RTCA staff is tailored to local needs. Some typical forms of collaborative assistance have included:
  - Inventory and map community resources
  - Identify and analyze key issues and opportunities
  - Engage collaborative partners and stakeholders
  - Design community outreach and participation strategies
  - Develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
  - Set priorities and build consensus
  - Identify funding sources
  - Develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Assistance is provided on a year-by-year basis, according to the federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30), and is renewable for up to 3 years. Applications are due by August 1 of each year, for assistance during the following federal fiscal year (beginning October 1).

## U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

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The SBA supports efforts to start and grow small businesses in all sectors of the economy. They provide a variety of loan and grant programs for specific purposes, and can also serve as a great resource for questions about managing your business and complying with regulations.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Edward Haddock, [Edward.Haddock@sba.gov](mailto:Edward.Haddock@sba.gov), 973-645-3968, [www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants](http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants)

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

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The Army Corps of Engineers is the body charged with maintaining and protecting America's navigable waterways, and will be an important partner of any project near rivers or the ocean.

#### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Urban Waters Program – A multi-agency partnership provides grants and technical assistance for redeveloping brownfields near urban waterways, connecting communities to revitalize their water assets.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Stephen Ryba, [Stephan.A.Ryba@usace.army.mil](mailto:Stephan.A.Ryba@usace.army.mil), 917-790-8411
- Urban Waters Partnership – [www.urbanwaters.gov](http://www.urbanwaters.gov)

## NEW JERSEY STATE AGENCIES

### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE – OFFICE FOR PLANNING ADVOCACY (OPA)

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The office implements the goals of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan to achieve comprehensive, long-term planning; and integrates that planning with programmatic and regulatory land-use decisions at all levels of government and the private sector. The Redevelopment Unit within OPA focuses on the goal of economic development through the remediation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of underutilized or unused brownfields sites, grayfields properties, and designated Areas in Need of Redevelopment (ANRs). This strategy, to utilize existing infrastructure in already developed areas, allows municipalities to expand their ratable tax base and employment by returning underproductive properties into economic development opportunities benefiting those in the immediate vicinity of the property along with the people in the surrounding region. The Unit offers a variety of services to municipal and county governments; Community Development Corps; Metropolitan Planning Organizations and developers such as the State/Federal Brownfields InterAgency Work Group (IAWG), the State Brownfields Redevelopment Interagency Team (BRIT) and the Development Opportunities Interagency Team (DOIT).

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- OPA – Gerald Scharfenberger, Director, [gerald.scharfenberger@sos.nj.gov](mailto:gerald.scharfenberger@sos.nj.gov), 609-943-8301
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### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

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NJDEP's mission is the protection of the air, waters, land, and natural and historic resources of the State to ensure continued public benefit. They administer a number of programs that can assist with brownfield redevelopment.

#### OTHER FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Clean Marina Program - The program encourages marina owners, yacht clubs, boatyards and boaters to adopt practices that help prevent adverse impacts to water quality, sensitive habitats and living resources in proximity to marinas.
- Waterfront Development Planning



- Green Acres – Low interest (2%) loans and grants to municipal and county governments to acquire open space and develop outdoor recreation facilities
- Blue Acres – Acquisition program that targets the buyout of flood prone structures and the preservation of the floodplain. It is a subset of the Green Acres State Land Acquisition (SLA) Program.
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants (319h) - Provide grants to reduce water quality impairment through implementation of nonpoint source pollution control projects

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Division of Coastal and Land Use Planning – Elizabeth Semple, Elizabeth.Semple@dep.nj.gov
- Local Government and Nonprofit Assistance Program – Martha Sapp, Martha.Sapp@dep.nj.gov
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants – Jay Springer, Jay.Springer@dep.nj.gov
- All DEP Grant and Loan Programs – [www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/grantandloanprograms)

### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW PROGRAM

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The Combined Sewer Overflow Program works closely with CSO Permittees to assist them in meeting the conditions of the permit. The Program has established multidisciplinary teams to providing ongoing technical assistance, guidance, and training covering a range of topics including green infrastructure, public participation, and financing. On-site meetings, field visits, review of draft permit submittals, development of guidance documents, in person training, and training videos are some of the examples of the type of assistance provided.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM

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The site remediation program requires all remediation in the state to proceed under the supervision of a licensed site remediation professional (LSRP). The goal of this program is expedite remediation and promote redevelopment.

#### FUNDING PROGRAM:

- **Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund** – The Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF), administered through a partnership between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), is a grant and loan program available to public entities for the investigation and cleanup of a suspected/known discharge of a hazardous substance. The HDSRF is a valuable resource for municipalities and counties to evaluate and cleanup properties identified as areas in need of

redevelopment and to facilitate reuse of brownfield properties. The many types of grants and loans available to public entities as part of the remediation process are listed below. Municipalities, Counties, and Redevelopment Entities authorized to exercise redevelopment powers pursuant to section 4 of P.L. 1992, c. 79 (C.40A:12A-4) are eligible to apply.

- Grants for Brownfield Investigations - Grants are available to conduct Preliminary Assessment (PA), Site Investigation (SI), and Remedial Investigation (RI) activities and are provided at 100% of the eligible costs.
  - Grants for Brownfield Development Area (BDA) - Grants are available to conduct PA, SI, and RI activities at 100% of the eligible costs and 75% of eligible costs for Remedial Action (RA) activities.
  - Matching Grants for Remedial Action:
    - Open Space and Recreation - Grants for up to 75% of the costs of an RA if the property will be redeveloped for recreation and conservation purposes. Property to be preserved for recreation/conservation by easement permanently restricting development.
    - Renewable Energy - Grants for up to 75% of the costs of an RA for properties developed for renewable energy purposes.
    - Affordable Housing - Grants for up to 50% of the costs of an RA for properties developed for affordable housing.
    - Innovative Technology - Grants for up to 25% of the costs of an RA that uses an innovative technology. Typically approved following completion of the RI and are capped at \$250,000 per project.
    - No Further Action - Limited Restricted/Unrestricted Use - Grants for up to 25% of the costs of an RA that achieves a limited restricted use or unrestricted use final remediation document (No Further Action determination or Response Action Outcome). Typically approved following completion of the RI and are capped at \$250,000 per project.
  - Municipal Grants are capped at \$3 million per municipality per calendar year. Municipalities with a BDA are eligible for an additional \$2 million in grant funding per year.
  - Loans - Imminent and Significant Threat - Loans for up to 100% of the funding needed to remediate a contaminated site if there is an imminent and significant threat to public health and environment. Capped at \$3 million per year per site.
  - Loans - Remedial Action - Loans for up to 100% of the RA costs if a public entity owns the property and has completed the PA, SI, and RI phases of the project.
- Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Upgrade and Closure Fund ("Petroleum UST Fund" or "UST Fund")
  - Spill Compensation Fund ("Spill Fund") – Assists innocent individuals, businesses and local governments suffering direct or indirect damages from the discharge of hazardous substances.
  - NJ Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program – Provides funding to nonprofit community groups to employ independent Licensed Site Remediation Professionals as technical advisors to perform

activities to improve the public's understanding of environmental conditions and remediation of contaminated sites in their communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Office of Brownfield Reuse, Site Remediation Program – Tim Bartle, Timothy.Bartle@dep.nj.gov, 609-984-1790

## NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – OFFICE OF PERMIT COORDINATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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The mission of DEP's PCER is to coordinate all NEPA and State EO 215 reviews and to coordinate and facilitate the permitting of large complex projects across multiple Department programs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST & ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM (NJEIFP)

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The EIFP which is jointly administered by NJDEP and New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) provides and administers nine different low interest loans for water quality infrastructure projects. NJEIFP will finance a wide range of cleanup and remediation activities for brownfield redevelopment.

FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Long Term Traditional Loan Program – Low interest financing for the construction of environmental infrastructure projects
- Planning and Design Loan Program – Provides financing for early stage eligible engineering costs which are incurred in completing Environmental Planning, and Engineering Design work

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## NEW JERSEY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NJRA)

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The NJRA provides technical assistance to the 69 eligible urban municipalities and serves as a facilitator for municipalities, community groups and developers to access State resources and information.

FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Redevelopment Investment Fund – Offers direct loans, real estate equity, loan guarantees and other forms of credit enhancements for business and real estate ventures.

- Urban Site Acquisition Program – Provides funds for the acquisition, site assembly and redevelopment of properties that are part of urban redevelopment plans.
- Bond Program – Provides qualified small issue bonds for acquiring, constructing and renovating capital facilities.
- Environmental Equity Program – Will assist with site acquisition, remediation and demolition costs of brownfields redevelopment projects in NJRA eligible municipalities.
- NJRA Loan Guarantee Program – Provides credit enhancements through loan guarantees for projects unable to obtain conventional bank financing.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NJDOT supports projects that enhance safety, renew aging infrastructure, and support new transportation opportunities. NJDOT also administers a number of federally funded programs.

#### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Developers interested in brownfields redevelopment should contact their municipal governments to discuss funding for transportation-related projects.
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – Allocates state and federal transportation funding for the period of ten federal fiscal years (which begins October 1).
- Capital Program – The program allocates state and federal transportation funding for the period of one State fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) for NJDOT and NJTransit.
- Local Aid – Federal Programs Administered by NJDOT.
  - Transportation Enhancement Program – Used only for projects with a direct transportation relationship that enhance quality of life, and for the projects that protect the environment while providing a more aesthetic, pleasant and improved interface between the transportation system and communities.
  - Local Scoping – Provides federal funds directly to member sub-regions for the advancement of projects through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and preliminary engineering.
  - Local Lead – Provides an opportunity for the sub-region to apply for federal funding for the advancement of projects through final design, right-of-way and/or construction.
  - Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – A federally-funded program that provides highway funds to State Departments of Transportation. County and municipal governments, school districts, schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply to the program. The SRTS Program provides funding for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Infrastructure projects include the planning, design and construction or installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, signals, traffic-calming and bicycle facilities. Non-infrastructure projects include activities such as public awareness campaigns, walk and bike to school events and training, traffic education and enforcement, and student lessons on bicycle

and pedestrian safety, health and the environment. Federal regulations require that the state devotes at least 10% of SRTS funding to the non-infrastructure component of the program.

- Local Aid – State Programs
  - Municipal Aid – Funds are allocated to the county based on a formula considering population and road mileage. Municipalities submit applications for funding within each county. Additional funding is allotted for Urban Aid municipalities.
  - County Aid – Funds are allocated to the county based on a formula considering population and road mileage. Counties submit annual transportation plans to apply for funds.
  - Local Aid Infrastructure Fund – Subject to funding for appropriation, the program is established to address emergencies or regional needs throughout the State. Any county or municipality may apply at any time.
  - Bikeways Program – Provides funds to counties and municipalities to promote bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation in New Jersey.
  - Safe Streets to Transit Program – Provides funding to counties and municipalities in improving access to transit facilities and all modes of public transportation.
- Transit Village Initiative – A community revitalization partnership spearheaded by NJDOT and NJ Transit in partnership with nine other state agencies. It strives to help redevelop and revitalize communities around transit stations to make them an appealing choice for people to live, work and play, thereby reducing reliance on the automobile.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Andrew R. Swords, Director, Division of Statewide Planning, [andrew.swords@dot.nj.gov](mailto:andrew.swords@dot.nj.gov), 609-530-2866
- STIP & Capitol Program – Thomas Wospil, Director, Capital Investment Planning and Development, [Thomas.Wospil@dot.nj.gov](mailto:Thomas.Wospil@dot.nj.gov), 609-530-5322
- Local Aid – Federal & State Programs – Michael Russo, Director, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, [Mike.Russo@dot.nj.gov](mailto:Mike.Russo@dot.nj.gov), 609-530-3640
- Transit Village Initiative – LeRoy Gould, Bureau of Statewide Strategies, [leroy.gould@dot.nj.gov](mailto:leroy.gould@dot.nj.gov), 609-530-3864

## NEW JERSEY TRANSIT

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NJ TRANSIT is New Jersey's public transportation corporation. Its mission is to provide safe, reliable, convenient and cost-effective transit service with a skilled team of employees, dedicated to our customers' needs and committed to excellence. NJ TRANSIT's Transit-Friendly Planning, Land Use and Development Program (TFPLUD) encourages growth and development where public transportation already exists. Not only is community revitalization a benefit to the state, but transit-oriented development also reduces the growth of traffic congestion and improves air quality. In addition, communities benefit as their train stations and surrounding areas are revitalized, making them attractive places for people to live, work and socialize.

## FUNDING PROGRAMS

- NJ TRANSIT welcomes opportunities to facilitate Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Joint Development projects with both public and private entities. Such projects serve to support local and regional economic development goals, NJ TRANSIT's fiscal well-being, and sustainable land use practices.
- NJ TRANSIT also administers several publicly funded transit programs for people with disabilities, senior citizens and people living in the state's rural areas who have no other means of transportation.
- See also NJ DOT Transit Village Initiative

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

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The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for 6.6 million people in the 13-county northern New Jersey region. Each year, the NJTPA oversees more than \$2 billion in transportation improvement projects and provides a forum for interagency cooperation and public input. It also sponsors and conducts studies, assists county planning agencies and monitors compliance with national air quality goals. NJTPA also works with a host of agencies around the state in promoting improved mobility, environment protection and other goals. This includes support for county and local governments which operate shuttles and community bus systems.

## FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Local Capital Delivery Program (LCPD): Provides funding to NJTPA Subregions to prepare proposed transportation projects for eventual construction with federal funding. Sponsors will identify problems and needs within their respective subregions, and develop projects through the Local Concept Development and Local Preliminary Engineering phases of this program. This work enables a project to be considered for inclusion in the NJTPA's annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects must be included in the TIP to receive federal funding for final design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. Once federal funding through the TIP is obtained, subregions oversee these final phases of work to implement the project.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): Provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.
- Local Safety Program (LSP): Supports construction of quick-fix, high-impact safety improvements on county and local roadway facilities in the NJTPA region. Projects funded by this program have included new and upgraded traffic signals, signage, pedestrian indications, crosswalks, curb ramps, pavements markings and other improvements to increase the safety of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Projects on State, U.S. and Interstate highways are not eligible.
- High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP): Provides federal funds for construction improvements to address safety problems ONLY on roadways that are functionally classified as rural major

collector, rural minor collector or rural local roads and have a crash rate that exceeds the statewide average for those functional classes of roadways.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- LCPD: <http://www.njtpa.org/project-programs/project-development/local-capital-project-delivery-process.aspx>
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### NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)

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NJEDA finances small and mid-sized businesses, administers tax incentives to retain and grow jobs, revitalizes communities through redevelopment initiatives, and supports entrepreneurial development.

#### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- The New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) – Finances the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites through grants (for investigation) and low interest loans (for cleanup) to municipalities, businesses and responsible parties who discharge hazardous substances.
- The Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation Upgrade and Closure Program – A hardship fund specifically created to provide loans and grants to business owners, homeowners and municipalities for upgrades, closures and remediation of underground storage tanks.
- Revenue Allocation District (RAD) Funding – Available to municipalities to encourage revenue generating development projects in RADs as part of a locally approved redevelopment plan.
- Grow New Jersey Assistance Program – Provides grants of corporate business tax credits to businesses creating or retaining jobs in New Jersey.
- Economic Redevelopment and Growth (ERG) Program – Provides an incentive for developers and businesses to address revenue gaps in development projects.
- Redevelopment Area Bond Financing – Long-term, low-interest bonds are available for infrastructure improvements and other predevelopment costs, including demolition and remediation.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [CustomerCare@njeda.com](mailto:CustomerCare@njeda.com), 609-858-6700

### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)

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DCA provides administrative guidance, financial support and technical assistance to local governments, community development organizations, businesses and individual to respond to issues of public concern

including fire and building safety, housing production, community planning and development, and local government management and finance.

#### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Main Street New Jersey – Provides selected communities with technical assistance and training of proven value in revitalizing historic downtowns.
- Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – Provides funds for economic development, housing rehabilitation, community revitalization and public facilities designed to benefit people of low- and moderate-income or to address recent local needs for which no other source of funding is available.
- Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program – Provides funds for infrastructure improvements, brownfields planning and remediation, and other projects that support economic growth. This program’s goal is to revitalize local, regional and state economies.
- Local Planning Assistance Program – DCA staff offers general land use planning and special planning services at no cost to qualified local governments.
- CHOICE – Choices in Home Ownership Incentives Created for Everyone
- Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Hurricane Sandy Recovery
- Multifamily Housing Loans – New Construction
- Special Needs Housing Financing Programs

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- All funding and technical assistance programs from DCA – [www.nj.gov/dca/publications/pdf/dcagrantsandresourcesbook.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/publications/pdf/dcagrantsandresourcesbook.pdf)
- Main Street New Jersey – Jef Beuhler, [Jef.Buehler@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Jef.Buehler@dca.nj.gov) or [MSNJ@dca.nj.gov](mailto:MSNJ@dca.nj.gov), 609-633-9769 or 609-633-9648, [www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/msnj.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/msnj.html)
- Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – 609-633-6276
- Local Planning Assistance Program – [www.state.nj.us/dca/services/lps](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/services/lps)
- UEZ – Peter Lijoi, Executive Director, [peter.lijoi@dca.nj.gov](mailto:peter.lijoi@dca.nj.gov), 609-292-1912, [www.nj.gov/dca/affiliates/uez](http://www.nj.gov/dca/affiliates/uez)
- CHOICE – Robert Huether, Assistant Director, [rhuether@njhmfa.nj.gov](mailto:rhuether@njhmfa.nj.gov), 609-278-8838
- Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits – Bradley Harrington, [Bradley.Harrington@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Bradley.Harrington@dca.nj.gov), 609-633-6273, or Christopher Hibbs, [Christopher.Hibbs@dca.nj.gov](mailto:Christopher.Hibbs@dca.nj.gov), 609-633-6264
- Sandy Recovery – Jaime Saults, [sandy.recovery@dca.nj.gov](mailto:sandy.recovery@dca.nj.gov), 609-633-1328
- Multifamily Housing Loans – New Construction – Marisol Rodriguez, Director of Multifamily Programs and Lending, [mrodriguez@njhmfa.nj.gov](mailto:mrodriguez@njhmfa.nj.gov), 609-278-7526
- Special Needs Housing Financing Programs – Yirgu Wolde, Assistant Director, Division of Supported Housing and Special Needs, [ywolde@njhmfa.nj.gov](mailto:ywolde@njhmfa.nj.gov), 609-278-7521



## NEW JERSEY BUSINESS ACTION CENTER (BAC)

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The New Jersey Business Action Center (BAC) serves as a “one-stop” shop for businesses helping companies to stay and grow in New Jersey, as well as locate in our great state. The Center’s business advocates work to encourage entrepreneurship by supporting businesses of all sizes, advancing the global competitiveness of New Jersey companies, and promoting the State’s attractiveness as a vacation destination and business investment location nationally and internationally. The BAC promotes the State’s attractiveness as a vacation destination and business investment to grow New Jersey’s tourism. In addition, the BAC is an invaluable resource for communities seeking brownfield redevelopment assistance. They manage the Brownfields Redevelopment Interagency Team (BRIT) to provide the tools for interested parties to develop brownfields in an efficient and timely manner.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- OPA – Gerald Scharfenberger, Director, [gerald.scharfenberger@sos.nj.gov](mailto:gerald.scharfenberger@sos.nj.gov), 609-943-8301
- Office of Tourism – Anthony Minick, [Anthony.Minick@sos.nj.gov](mailto:Anthony.Minick@sos.nj.gov), 609-292-2497

## NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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Created as an agency of state government, the Arts Council operates as a division within the Department of State. Its purpose is to encourage and give financial support to artists, arts organizations and projects throughout New Jersey. In addition to direct funding to arts organizations and projects, the Arts Council supports activities and events carried out by nonprofit organizations and artists whose combined efforts move nearly a billion dollars through our state's economy every year. The Arts Council works closely with a growing array of partners involved in arts education, community cultural planning, urban revitalization, communications and broadcasting, transportation, travel and tourism, social services and economic development.

### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Local Arts Program: The Council awards multi-year Local Arts Program Grants to County Arts Agencies (CAAs) to support their local arts development programs, activities, planning, administration and professional development; and to regrant funds to community-based arts organizations and projects. Over 550 such grants are made annually under grant programs designed and administered by the respective CAA.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [http://nj.gov/state/njsca/dos\\_njsca\\_grants.html](http://nj.gov/state/njsca/dos_njsca_grants.html)

## NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

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The Mission of the Trust is to advance historic preservation in New Jersey for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship and financial investment programs that save our heritage and strengthen our communities. Millions of dollars have been invested and hundreds of buildings having been restored. But, in New Jersey, there are many additional historic preservation needs to be addressed. The preservation and revitalization of historic neighborhoods and communities have become as important as the preservation of individual sites. Sprawl development and demolition in urban areas are now the major forces eroding New Jersey's historic buildings, sites and countryside.

### FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Corporate Business Tax (CBT) Historic Preservation Fund: Provides grants for historic preservation projects. The program launched in the 2016 fiscal year with 54 applications requesting a total of \$6 million.
- Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grant Program: Provides grants for the repair, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of historic properties owned by organizations with a history or humanities mission.
- 1772 Foundation, in cooperation with the New Jersey Historic Trust, is offering matching grants up to \$15,000 for exterior preservation projects. Only nonprofit organizations are eligible. The 2016 grant deadline is December 16, 2015.
- Revolving Loan Fund provides low-interest, long-term financing for the preservation, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, and acquisition of historic properties. Applications are accepted year-round.
- Emergency Grant and Loan Fund provides small grants or loans for the stabilization of historic property.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- <http://www.njht.org/dca/njht/programs/>