

Applying for 2025 Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Funds



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Typical Grant Application Deadlines



AGENDA



Please Use Chat

- Overview of Federal Aid Programs
- Overview of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
- Review of the TA Set-Aside Application
- **Q&A**
- Grant Application Process
- Grant Resources, Tips & Strategies
- **Q&A**

NJDOT Funding Opportunities

NJ Transportation Infrastructure Bank

SHORT-TERM LOAN PROGRAM

2.20% APR

11/01/2024 ☹ 11/30/2024

only on dollars drawn.

State Funding Programs



County Aid



Municipal Aid



Local Aid
Infrastructure Fund



Bikeways



Safe Streets
to Transit



Transit Village



Local Bridges Fund



Local Freight
Impact Fund

Federal Funds (NJDOT)



Local Concept
Development



Emergency Relief



Local Safety/ High
Risk Rural Roads



Safe Routes to School



Transportation
Alternatives

Federal Transportation Bills



Transportation
Equity Act for the
21st Century
(TEA-21)

Moving Ahead for
the 21st Century
(MAP-21)

Infrastructure
Investment and
Jobs Act (IIJA)

2005

2015

1998

2012

2021

Safe, Accountable,
Flexible, Efficient
Transportation
Equity Act

Fixing America's Surface
Transportation Act
(FAST Act)

Project Selection Partners

4 regional NJDOT
Local Aid offices

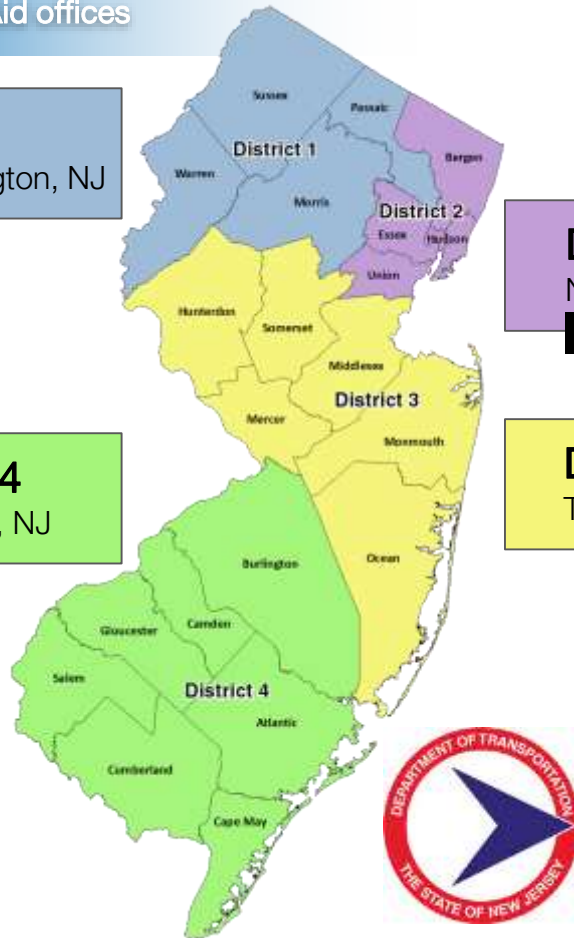
3 Metropolitan
Planning Organizations (MPO)

District 1
Mount Arlington, NJ

District 2
Newark, NJ

District 4
Cherry Hill, NJ

District 3
Trenton, NJ



TA Set-Aside Grant Rounds

Year	# of Applications Submitted	Requested Amount	# of Grants Awarded	Programmed Amount
2016	133	\$100.9 M	37	\$26.1 M
2018	120	\$99.8 M	25	\$14.4 M
2020	133	\$113.8 M	14	\$9.86 M
2023	104	\$122.3 M	47	\$25.2 M

TA Set-Aside Grant Application

2025 Programmed Amount
\$23.5 M

NJDOT Grant Solicitation

Opens: December 10, 2024

Due: May 22, 2025

What is TA Set-Aside?

- Community-based projects
- Transportation projects (land & water)
 - Expands travel choice
 - Strengthens local economy
 - Improve quality of life
 - Protect the environment



Who is eligible to apply?

- Local Governments
- Regional Transportation Authorities
- Transit Agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- Tribal Governments
- A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or fewer (MPOs representing areas over 200,000 population are not eligible)
- Nonprofits partnered with any eligible entity on an eligible project.

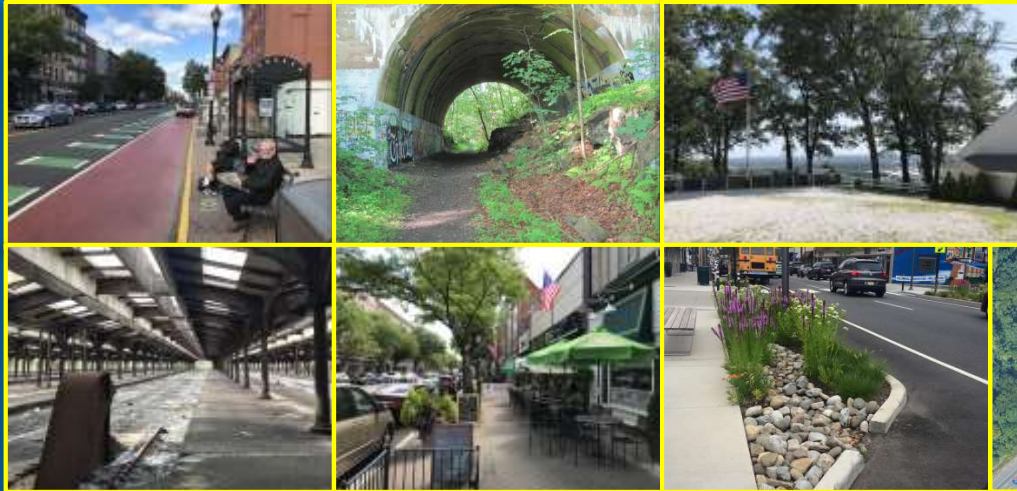


What is an eligible project?

- Must relate to surface transportation
- Must be for a complete, identifiable and usable facility or activity (no partial projects that cannot usefully function on their own)
- Must meet the criteria for as least one out of 7 categories



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7 Eligible Categories



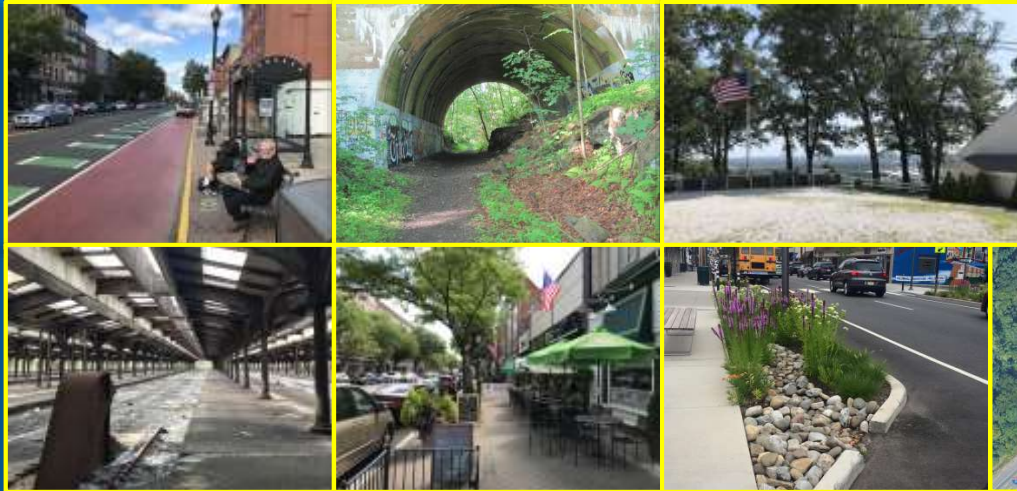
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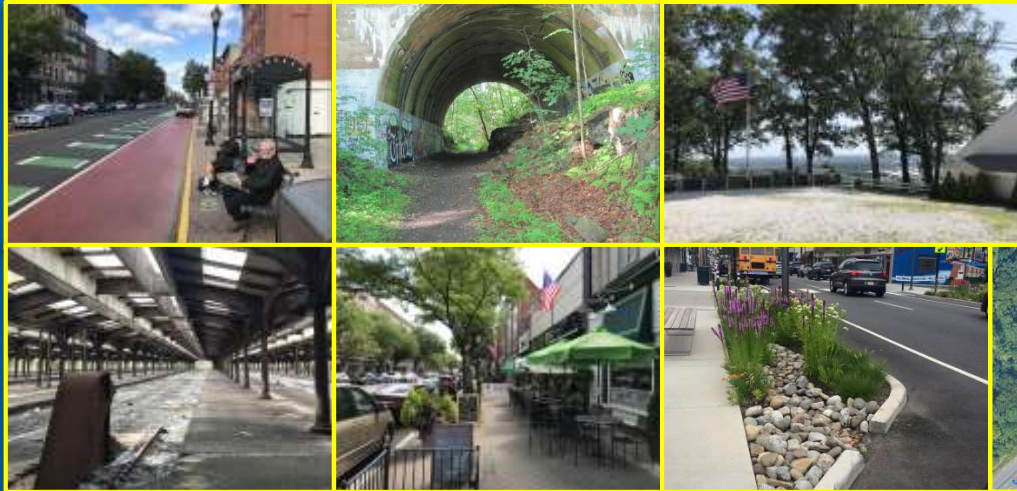
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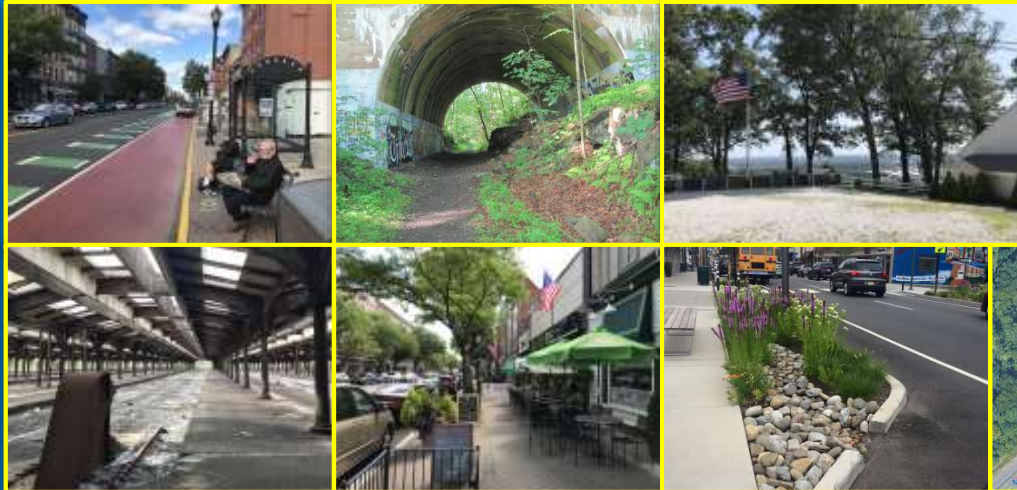
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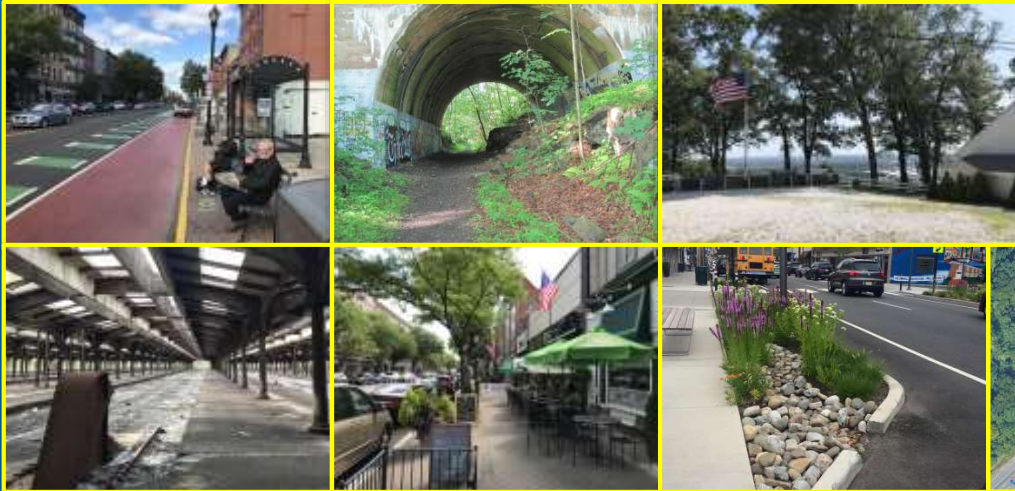
5. Community improvement activities e.g. streetscaping and corridor landscaping



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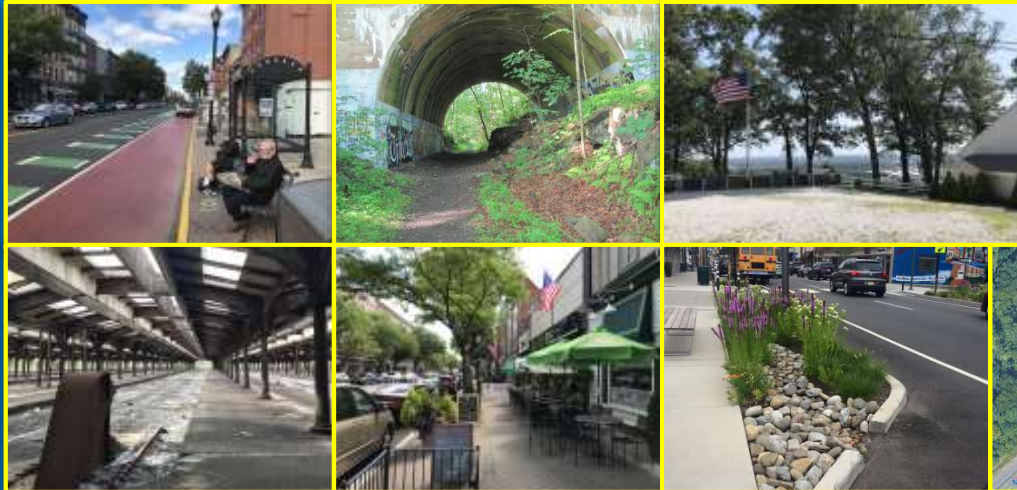
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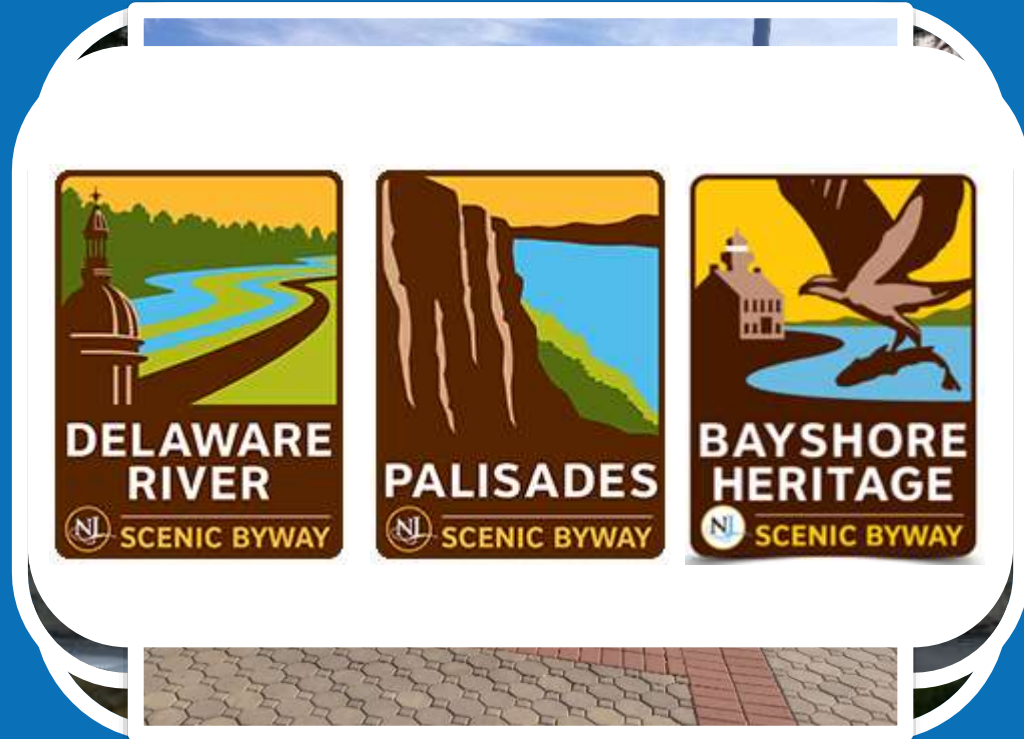
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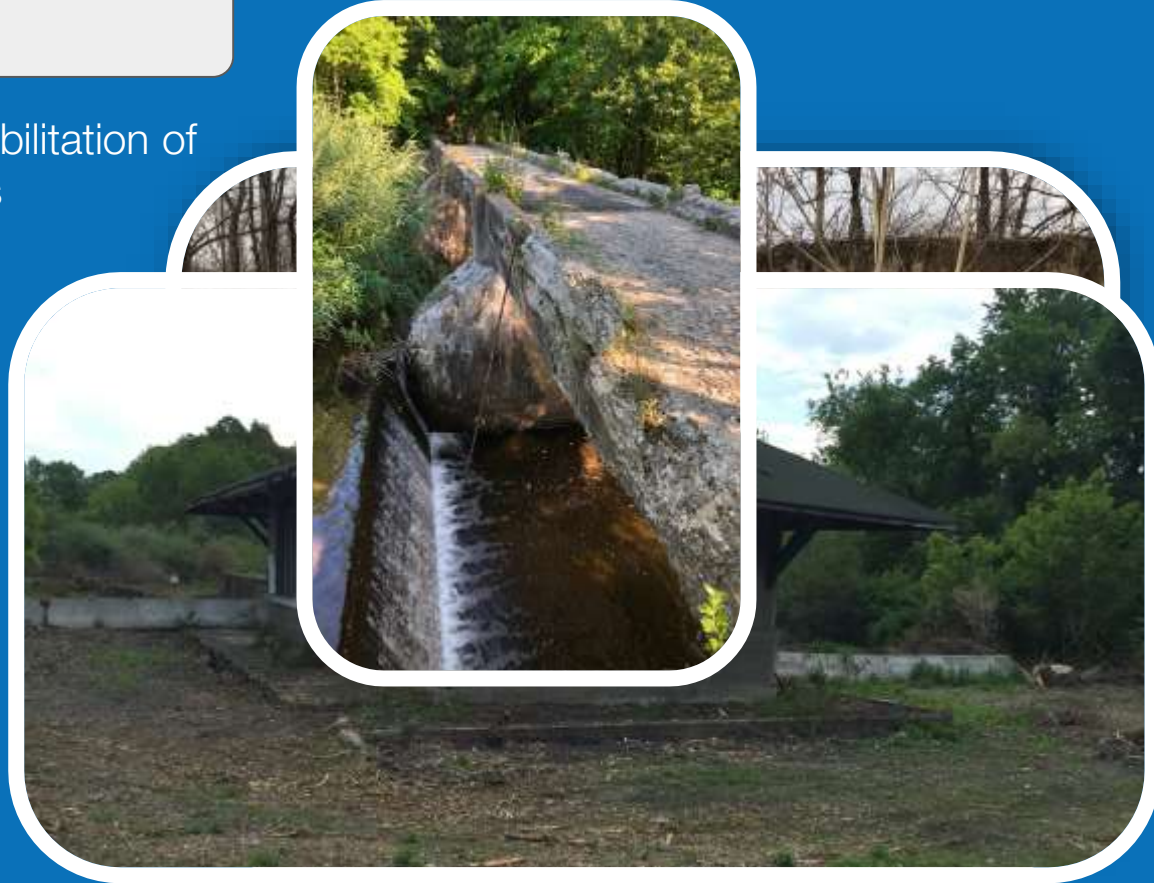
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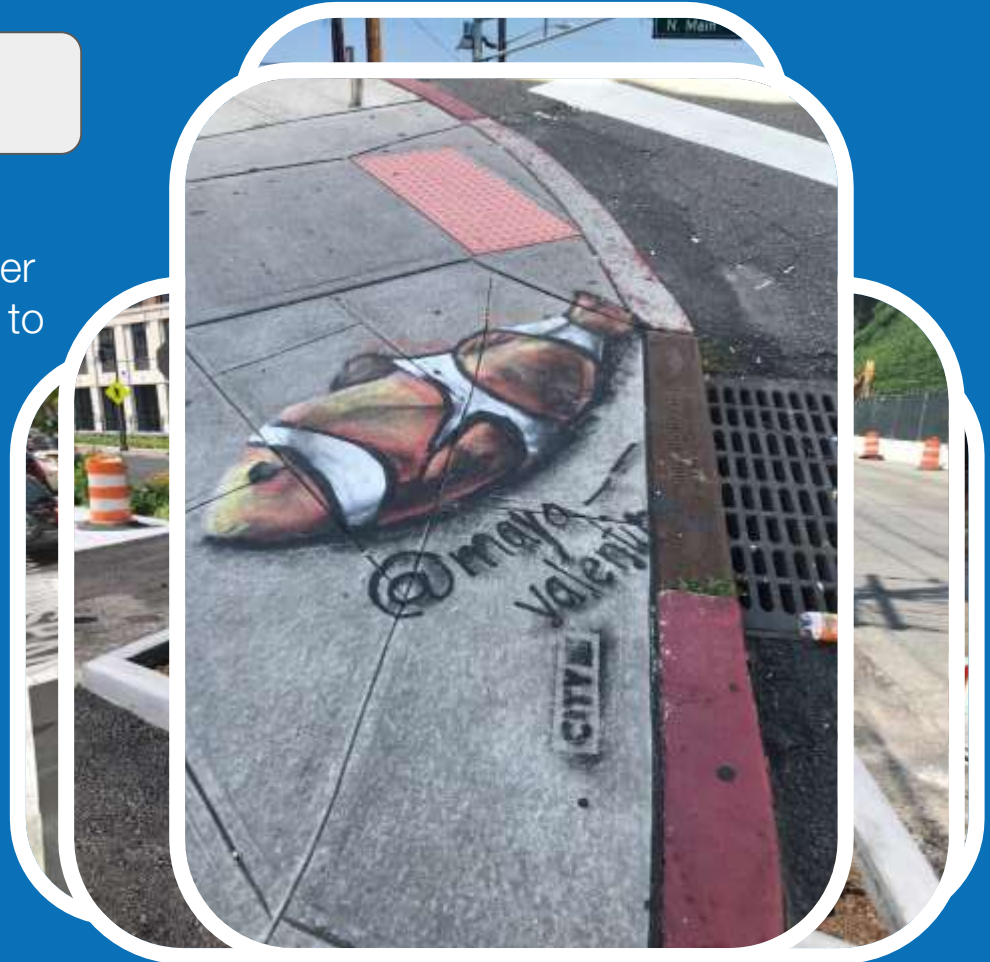
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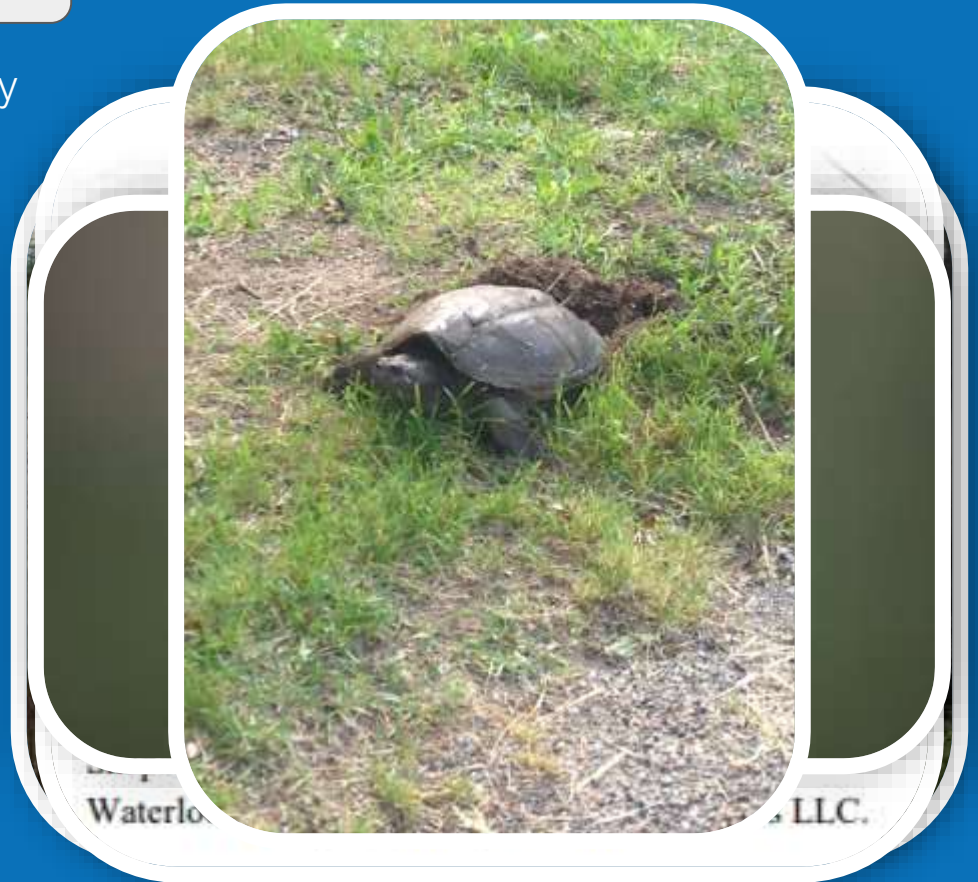
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What are eligible costs?

- Design
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Construction

Identify Construction Inspection Services

Project costs NOT eligible for Funding

- Administrative costs
- Miscellaneous “contingencies”
- Utility facility relocation costs
- Uniformed traffic directors unless required by design



What is NOT included in TA Set-Aside?

NOT eligible:

1. Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education programs
2. Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
3. Scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers
4. Establishment of transportation museums



Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program is NOT included in TA Set-Aside

Recreational Trails Program applications are accepted and managed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)



Selection Criteria

25 Point Rating System

Extra points

- Adopted Complete Streets (or Complete & Green Streets) Policy
- Designated Transit Village
- Opportunity Zone and/or Designated Targeted Urban Municipalities (TUMS)

Project Considerations

- Construction-ready
- Addresses equity



Equity Considerations

- Title VI of The Civil Rights Act
- Environmental Justice
- Limited English Proficiency
- Individuals with Disabilities

Census data

- Percent low-income
- Percent minority
- Less than high school education
- Linguistic isolation
- Individuals under ages 5 & Individuals under age 18
- Individuals over age 64
- Individuals with disabilities



NJ Department of Community Affairs Community Asset Map

The screenshot displays the NJ Community Asset Map interface. The main map area shows a map of New Jersey with various layers overlaid. The left sidebar contains a list of layers with checkboxes and expand/collapse icons. The top bar includes the DCA logo, the title 'NJ Community Asset Map', and the NJ Department of Community Affairs name. The right sidebar contains a 'Map Help' section with a search bar, zoom controls, and a list of tools.

Layers:

- ☐ Opportunity Zones
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- ☐ Colleges and Universities
- ☐ Medical Facilities
- ☐ Entertainment and Sporting Venues
- ☐ Arts Venues
- ☐ Collaborative Work Spaces and Incubators
- ☐ Libraries
- ☐ Major Power Plants
- ☐ Marinas
- ☐ Ports
- ☐ Ferry Terminals
- ☐ Airports
- ☐ Intermodal Facilities
- ☐ Transit Parking
- ☐ Bus Terminals

Map Help:

- Find address or place
- Enter an address or location.
- Zoom in and out.
- Zoom to the State of NJ.
- Zoom to your current location.
- Run a query.
- Turn layers on and off. Scroll down using the slide rule to see all the available layers.
- Search for layers and turn all layers on or off.
- Click on the map for a pop-up with detailed information about each layer.
- More options for each layer.
- Open Attribute Table.

In addition, the following tools are also available:

- Show a legend for the map.
- Create a report of features in an area of the map you define (by address, drawing, or selecting Opportunity Zones).
- Select features on the map.
- Print the map.

www.nj.gov/dca/communityassetmap

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The screenshot displays the NJ Community Asset Map web application. The interface includes a central map of New Jersey with various colored overlays representing different community assets. On the left, a 'Layers' panel lists 25 categories, each with a checkbox and a 'More' (three dots) link. The 'Open Venues' layer is currently selected. On the right, a 'Map Help' panel provides instructions on how to use the map, including zooming, searching, and running queries. At the bottom, a toolbar contains icons for map navigation and a numbered list of 8 additional tools.

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- ☐ Transit Villages Half Mile Buffer
- ☐ Improvement Districts

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Selection Criteria

- Promotes & increases the use of non-motorized (active) transportation
- Enhances safety
- Benefits quality of life, public health, and the environment



Selection Criteria

- Part of a larger transportation, land use or economic development plan
- Provides economic and/or tourism benefits
- Enhances, preserves, or protects historical resources
- Urgency. Is it possible the resource could be lost?

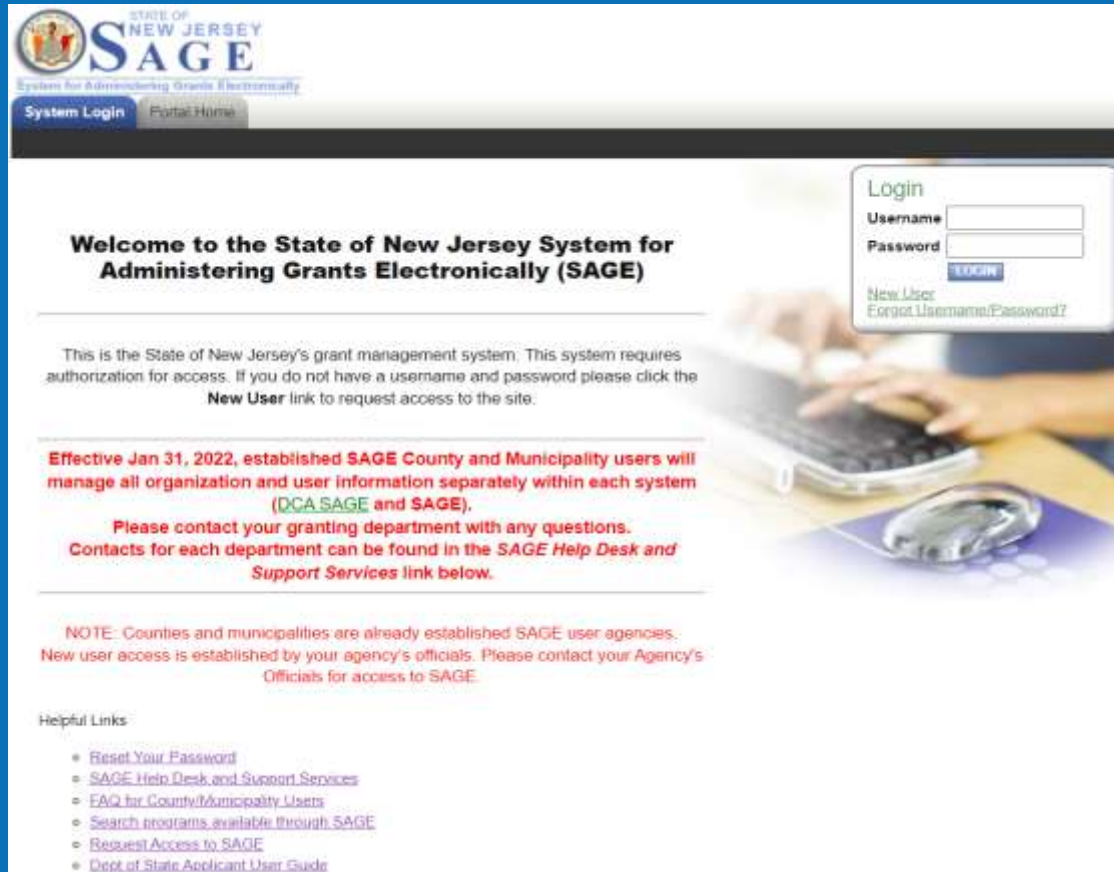


After



Before

System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE)



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
SAGE
System for Administering Grants Electronically

[System Login](#) [Portal Home](#)

Welcome to the State of New Jersey System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE)

This is the State of New Jersey's grant management system. This system requires authorization for access. If you do not have a username and password please click the **New User** link to request access to the site.

Effective Jan 31, 2022, established SAGE County and Municipality users will manage all organization and user information separately within each system (DCA SAGE and SAGE).

Please contact your granting department with any questions. Contacts for each department can be found in the SAGE Help Desk and Support Services link below.

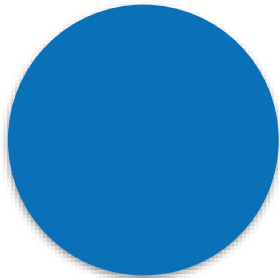
NOTE: Counties and municipalities are already established SAGE user agencies. New user access is established by your agency's officials. Please contact your Agency's Officials for access to SAGE.

Helpful Links:

- [Reset Your Password](#)
- [SAGE Help Desk and Support Services](#)
- [FAQ for County/Municipality Users](#)
- [Search programs available through SAGE](#)
- [Request Access to SAGE](#)
- [Dept of State Applicant User Guide](#)

TA Set-Aside Grant Application

If any of the following six requirements are **NOT** included, projects will be considered ineligible.



SIX Program Requirements

1. Resolutions/Letters of Support
2. Maintenance Commitment
3. Responsible Charge
4. Projects must relate to surface transportation
5. Pick one of the 7 eligible activities
6. Mandatory One-on-One Grant Application Meetings

6 Program Requirements

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1. Resolutions/Letters of Support

- Resolutions must be signed and passed within **ONE** year prior to the solicitation date.
- Must refer to the project
- Include letters of support or approved resolution from owner of public right-of-way (e.g. county).
- If the project is located on or along a county road, a resolution or letter of support is needed.
- If project is on a state road, contact the NJDOT Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs at ***BIKEPED@dot.nj.gov***

6 Program Requirements

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2. Maintenance Commitment

- Applicant must certify continual ownership and maintenance of the project.
- If applicant does not have jurisdiction over the ROW, then signed letter/resolution must be provided from that party (including county roads).
- Letter/resolution must be dated within ONE year prior to the solicitation date and signed.
- Letter must be addressed to the applicant.

Sample Grant Resolution and Maintenance Commitment



[Municipality of New Jersey]

Resolution #123-45678

April 1, 2014

**"Support Submission of Application for New Jersey
Department of Transportation [Safe Routes to
School or Transportation Alternatives] Program"**

WHEREAS, [municipality] is applying for funding to conduct [type of project] along the school route for [name of school] and [name of school, etc.] [or type of transportation alternatives project] within [municipality]; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for [school children, residents, commercial district, etc.] ; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by [municipality] with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of [municipality] that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the [Safe Routes to School Program or Transportation Alternatives Program] within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Manager and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

6 Program Requirements

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3. Responsible Charge

- Provide name, title and employer of the person who will be in charge of the project
- Must be a full-time employee
- Cannot be a consultant
- Is responsible for following federal requirements and day-to-day operations

6 Program Requirements

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4. Project must relate to surface transportation

- Surface transportation includes both by land and water.
- Transport by water encompasses features such as canals, docks, piers, connecting to ferry operations, etc.

6 Program Requirements

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5. Project must be one of the 7 eligible activities

1. Design and construction of on-road and off-road trails facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized transportation users:
 - i. What group is facility meant to service -- pedestrians or bicyclists
 - ii. What is the length of the proposed facility in miles
2. Conversion and use of abandoned RR corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized transportation users
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TA Set-Aside Grant Application

Pick one of the 7 eligible activities - However, include other applicable categories in project narrative.

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6. Mandatory One-on-One Grant Application Meetings

Have you or the applicant you represent scheduled and attended a One-on-One Pre-Application meeting?

Please provide the date of the One-on-One Pre-Application meeting.

The screenshot shows a web interface for scheduling a "Transportation Alternatives Pre-App Meeting (NJTPA)". The page includes a header with the title and a "1 hr" duration indicator. Below the header, there is a "Select a Date & Time" section with a calendar view. The calendar shows dates from Sunday to Saturday, with the 1st through 31st visible. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st are all highlighted in blue. Below the calendar, there is a "Earlier Time - US & Canada (D-4300)" link. At the bottom, there is a list of counties: Bergen County, Essex County, Hudson County, Hunterdon County, Middlesex County, Monmouth County, Morris County, Ocean County, Passaic County, and Somerset County.

TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Type of improvement:

Infrastructure/Engineering		Popular Project Types
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bikeway	New bikeways, off-road bike paths, bike lanes, bike compatible roadways
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pedestrian Safety	Enhance pedestrian safety (new sidewalks, ADA curb ramps, traffic calming, pedestrian overpass)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quality of Life	Beautification, environmental mitigation, economic development, historic preservation

Project Information:

- Project Title (100 Characters)
- County
- Municipalities



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Applicant (Local Public Agency) Information:

- Name, address, zip, phone, email address, Federal Tax ID,
- Contact Information for: Mayor, Clerk, Municipal Engineer, County Engineer, County Executive/Freeholder, Non-profit, Government Organization

Project Proposal (character limit includes spaces):

- Provide detailed description of project (up to 4,500 characters)
- Attach maps/plans/images of the location of the project (up to 10 files)
- Project Location (from/to)

Will the project affect user modes of transportation?(Y/N)

- ✓ If yes, explain how it connects community or regional activity centers such as business, schools, employment, shopping, recreations, etc. and utilizes existing infrastructure to promote the use of non-automotive modes through new facilities or improvement of existing ones (up to 1000 characters).



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Project Proposal (continued):

- Explain how the project supports community or regional benefits (quality of life, environment, links to other transportation modes, increases access to community centers) and visibility or impact on surrounding locations (1,500 characters)
- Explain if the project addresses safety and public health benefits (1,000 characters)
- Explain if the project is part of a state, regional or municipal transportation, land use or economic development plan (1,000 characters):
- Explain if the project is located in one of the following designated areas: Complete Streets, Transit Villages, Targeted Urban Municipalities (TUMS) and/or Opportunity Zones? (1,000 characters).



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Project Proposal (continued):

- Explain if the project provides value as a Environmental Mitigation or Enhancement (1,000 characters)
- Explain if the project will be taking any ROW or easements from environmentally sensitive parcels (1,000 characters)
- Explain if the project requires environmental permits or approvals (1,000 characters):
- Explain if the project has any supplemental funds (1,000 characters).



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Schedule:

Attach a project schedule from start to finish in a table or list.

- Indicate progress milestones:
 - Easement acquisitions
 - ROW permits
 - Utility relocation
 - Environmental and historical preservation approvals
 - Bid
 - Advertise
 - Award
 - Start of construction
- Indicate by number of months from written authorization through project completion and evaluation of results



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Schedule:

- Indicate who will maintain the facility.
- Does the project require utility relocation? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Are permits required? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Is the purchase of right-of-way required for construction? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Does the project intersect a state highway? (Y/N)
 - ✓ If yes, indicate which highway(s)
 - ✓ If yes, is the intersection signalized? (Y/N)

TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Schedule (continued):

- Is there a railroad crossing or highway ramp within the project limits? (Y/N)
✓ If yes, please explain (500 characters)
- Will the construction impact traffic at a railroad crossing outside of the project limits? (Y/N)



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Cost Estimate:

- Identify the phase of work for the project (*check all that apply*):
 - ✓ Design
 - ✓ Right of Way
 - ✓ Construction
- If **Construction**, attach detailed cost estimate:
 - ✓ Materials costs
 - ✓ Tasks needed to complete project
 - ✓ Include **FULL-TIME** construction inspection cost
- If **Design**, provide design engineering cost.
- If **Right of Way**, provide cost.
- Total Project Cost
- Total Amount Requested



TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Accurate & comprehensive cost estimates

Typical Improvements Cost Guidance

Transportation Alternatives Design Treatment Typical Costs		Installed Cost	
Type of Treatment	Typical Size	Unit Cost (Labor + Material)	Product Cost (Labor + Material)
Designing for Pedestrians - Signs and Stripes/ Pavement Markings			
Pavement Markings - Words or Symbols (*School Bldg), (*ONEP) or 2 arrows)			
Material + Paint	30 LF	\$ 7.00 /LF	\$120
Material + Long life, thermoplastic	30 LF	\$ 12.50 /LF	\$250
Crosswalks			
Standard style - Paint (Two Lines Crosswalk, 40' long)	80 LF	\$ 8.00 /LF	\$200
Conventional style (1.5' wide, 40' long, 1' lines every 2')			
Material + Paint	115 LF	\$ 3.50 /LF	\$800
Material + Long life, thermoplastic	115 LF	\$ 6.50 /LF	\$1,425
Impressed Crosswalks (1.5' wide, 40' long)	400 SF (100 SF)	\$2.25 /SF	\$9,000
Signs			
Regulatory and Warning Signs (ex. "Stop for Pedestrian", "End School Zone")	8 SF - 9 SF (18"x24" to 36"x48")	\$ 58.00 /SF	\$150 - \$400
Driver Speed Feedback Sign - Portable (also called a Radar Speed Sign)	Sign (2' x 3')	\$7,000	\$7,000
Driver Speed Feedback Sign - Fixed on pole (also called a Radar Speed Sign)	Sign (2' x 3')	\$5,500	\$5,500
Portable Solar Powered Traffic Speed Reader	Sign (3x6ft)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Dynamic Message Sign - portable (Multiple Lines of Text)	Sign (6' x 8')	\$15,000	\$15,000

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Transportation Alternatives

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Competitive

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) program provides federal funds for community based "non traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

Follow Us for Program Updates

njdotlocalaidrc.com

TA Set-Aside Grant Application - Sections

Partnership and Public Outreach:

- Attach up to **5 letters** of support community organizations, citizens, resident groups, and any and all interested parties.

All letters of support must be addressed to the applicant, NOT the NJ Department of Transportation and signed and dated within one year of the grant solicitation date.



Q&A



Please Use Chat

Federal Grant Life Cycle

1

Pre-Award Stage

Submit Application
by deadline. No
exceptions.

2

Award Stage

Award Notification

Set up kick-off
meeting

Discuss Optional
Design Assistance

3

Authorization Stage

Receive written
authorization to
proceed & spend
funds

4

Implementation Stage

Perform Grant
Requirements &
Submit Reports

Request & receive
payments

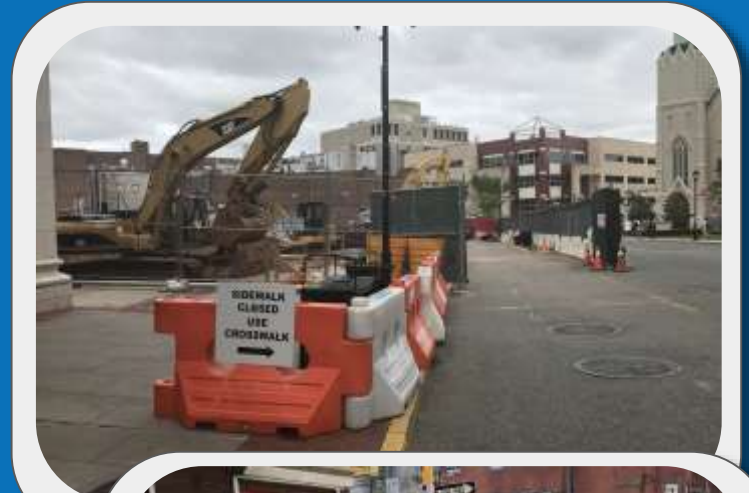
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Closeout Stage

Grant closeout
process

Authorization of Federal Aid Funds

- Costs incurred prior to agreement execution of funds are **NOT** eligible for reimbursement
- Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis
- NJDOT serves as the pass-through
 - Project must comply with applicable federal laws and regulations
 - Project must have adequate project delivery systems and internal financial controls to manage federal funds
 - NJDOT covers 20% match



Design Assistance Program

- Establishes pool of prequalified consultants
- Meets federal requirements
- Use of consultant pool is not mandatory, but encouraged

Benefits

- Shortens time and reduces costs
- Improves quality and performance
- Provides quicker review times
- Improves compliance with federal requirements



Mandatory One-on-One Pre-Application Meetings

Goal: Provide direct assistance to applicants to identify potential risks and discuss program requirements.

- Sign up online at *njdotlocalaidrc.com*
- One-on-one meeting with NDOT District Staff and MPO Representative
- Applicant must be a representative of the Local Public Agency NOT a consultant

Mandatory One-on-One Pre-Application Meetings

Meeting Prerequisites:

- Project map
 - if you don't have one, use Map maker Tool at njdotlocalaidrc.com/mapmaker/
- Brief project description
- Cost estimate in advance of the meeting
- Review pre-application questionnaire on NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center

NJDOT 2025 TA Set-Aside Handbook

New Jersey Department of Transportation

Division of Local Aid and
Economic Development

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Handbook



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NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Handbook 2023

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM 2023

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Grant Application Tips & Strategies

Include application requirements

- **Signed and dated resolutions** must be provided by ALL affected parties (town council AND school board AND county if applicable)
- Include your maintenance commitment in your resolution
- Support Letters addressed to the applicant NOT to NJDOT
- Responsible Charge must be a **full-time employee**. Can not be a consultant, even if they serve as the engineer of record.
- Schedule and attend a mandatory One-on-One Pre-Application Meeting with NJDOT Local Aid and your MPO.
- Show you are **serious** about safety for walking & bicycling
- Assess your organization's ability to administer a federal-aid project and prepare accordingly.

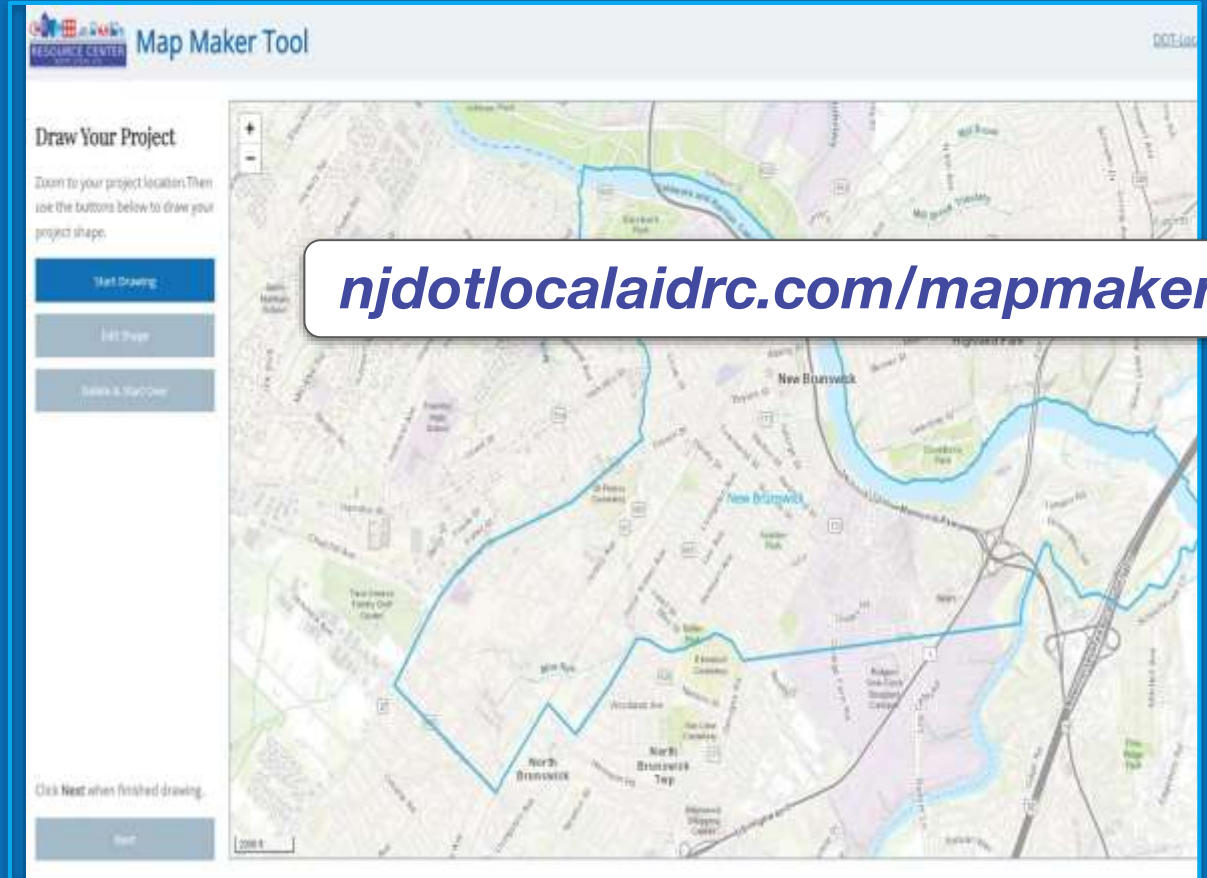
Grant Application Tips & Strategies

- Be thorough. Ratings are based on application content.
- Don't assume raters know the project. Application must stand on its own.
- Provide clear project limits on map. NJDOT field checks locations.
- Indicate construction readiness - status of permits, right-of-way, & utility relocations.
- Requested project funding should be between **\$350,000** and **\$1.5 million**.
- Include all costs of the project, including construction inspection, and indicate any additional funding sources.



Grant Application Maps

Use the Map Maker Tool to draw your project



Grant Application Photos

Include up to **10 photos** identifying issues

Photos should add scale & context

Do not take close up photos

Use photos to tell your story



Grant Application Tips & Strategies

Don'ts

- Don't submit a completed project
- Don't propose a project on a county road without consulting the county
- Don't propose something that goes against design standards. Project MUST comply with ADA
- Don't propose a sidewalk without accompanying safe street crossings
- Don't propose a project where residents have protested against it



State Funding Opportunities

Extra point given to towns with a Complete Street policy

State Funding Programs



County Aid



Municipal Aid



Local Aid
Infrastructure Fund



Bikeways



Safe Streets
to Transit



Transit Village



Local Bridges Fund



Local Freight
Impact Fund

Additional State Funding

Transit Village



FY 2022 – \$2.818 Million
FY 2023 – \$1.946 Million
FY 2024 – \$3.235 Million

Safe Street to Transit



FY 2022 – \$7.605 Million
FY 2023 – \$12.432 Million
FY 2024 – \$13.629 Million

Bikeways



FY 2022 – \$4.877 Million
FY 2023 – \$7.422 Million
FY 2024 – \$7.936 Million

USDOT Direct Federal Funds (BIL/IIJA)



U.S. Department of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

- \$1.2 trillion for the nation's surface transportation and drinking water and wastewater legislation
- Additional \$550 billion in funding for new programs in transportation, energy transmission, resilience, and others, approximately half of which goes to the USDOT over the next five years.
- 20% Match required



- Equity
- Sustainability
- Resilience
- Climate Change
- Safety



- Biking and walking
- Better transit systems
- Complete streets
- Increased local control over transportation projects.



- People-centric Policies
- Focus transportation planning on what is best for people, not automobiles.

USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard & New Jersey Infrastructure Investment Tracker

DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard

The DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with rural and Tribal set-asides or match waivers available. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to [rural communities](#). An updated *Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit* will soon be published to help rural communities harness the Dashboard. The Dashboard is updated weekly.

The [DOT Navigator](#) is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.

 [Download CSV](#)

Eligible Activities	Eligible Applicants		
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Agency/Office	Transportation Type		
<input type="text" value="USDOT"/>	<input type="text" value="Bike/Ped"/>		
Match Waiver	Rural Set-Aside	Tribal Set-Aside	Status
<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>
Keywords			
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us.planengage.com/newjersey_iija/page/home

www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard

Funding Opportunities

NJ Transportation Infrastructure Bank

A graphic with an orange background featuring a faint image of a bridge. The text is centered and reads: "SHORT-TERM LOAN PROGRAM" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below it is "2.20% APR" in large white font, with "APR" in smaller font. Underneath is the date range "11/01/2024 ☹ 11/30/2024" in white. At the bottom, in smaller white text, it says "only on dollars drawn."

SHORT-TERM LOAN PROGRAM

2.20% APR

11/01/2024 ☹ 11/30/2024

only on dollars drawn.

njib.gov/njtib

NJDOT Planning Assistance

NJDOT Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Master Plan has a vision for New Jersey as a place where people choose to walk or bicycle with confidence and a sense of security. To make this happen, New Jersey needs infrastructure improvements that address the safety, mobility, and access needs to non-motorized transportation modes.

NJDOT's Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program (LBPPAP) connects consultants with expertise in local bicycle and pedestrian planning to counties and municipalities at no cost. Counties and municipalities simply need to submit an application explaining the desire to grow non-motorized transportation networks. Municipalities or counties that are interested should work on an application (see below) and submit to william.riviere@dot.nj.gov.

For more information, see the **NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program Guidelines**.

With each municipality and county, we can make New Jersey more bike and pedestrian friendly!



njbikeped.org/njdot-local-bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning-assistance-program

MPO Planning Assistance

NJTPA Complete Streets
Technical Assistance

DVRPC Transportation and
Community Development Initiative

SJTPO Complete Streets
Technical Assistance



New Opportunity
**FREE COMPLETE STREETS
OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

A new program for municipalities located in the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization region of Salem, Cumberland, Cape May and Atlantic Counties to provide:

- ✓ A new grant opportunity to receive free technical assistance, with an informational webinar on **December 5, 2024**.
- ✓ Free training on Complete Streets, covering policies, implementation, and funding, on **December 9, 2024**.

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FOR FREE TRAINING
& INFORMATIONAL
WEBINAR**



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Transportation
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NJDOT Design Guides

1. Complete Streets Design Guide
2. Complete & Green Streets for All: Model Complete Streets Policy & Guide
3. School Zone Design Guide
4. School Bike Parking Guide
5. Planning for Greenways Guidebook



www.nj.gov/transportation/eng/completestreets/resources

FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures

safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures



ROADWAY DEPARTURE



Wider Edge Lines



SafetyEdge™



Enhanced Reallocation for Horizontal Curves



Roadside Design Improvements at Curves



Longitudinal Flexible Grotes and Grotes



Median Barriers

INTERSECTIONS



Reducelines with Reflective Borders



Reduced Left-Turn Conflict



Yellow/Change Interval



Corridor Access Management



Roundabouts



Left and Right-Turn Lanes at Two-Way Stop-Controlled Intersections



Systemic Application of Multiple Low-Cost Safety Countermeasures at Stop-Controlled Intersections

PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST



Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements



Leading Pedestrian Interval



Road Users (Roadway Reconfiguration)



Bicycle Lanes



Medians and Pedestrian Refuges



Walkways



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons



Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons



Federal Aid
Programs



State Aid
Programs



Major
Access
Permitting



Outdoor
Advertising
Services



SAGE



E-Permitting



WELCOME TO THE NJDOT LOCAL AID RESOURCE CENTER

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The Local Aid Resource Center is NJDOT's promise to help you! We are ready to serve 21 counties and 564 municipalities as NJDOT strives to help improve New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure.

The Resource Center is the place to share ideas and successes, facilitate collaboration, and introduce new tools and innovations. Our team's goal is to carry out the mission of the Department by assisting each community with project planning, grant applications, project delivery, guidance through the federal process, and much more.

Our website and multiple social media platforms make Local Aid information very accessible. Information when you need it wherever you are. A dedicated telephone hotline provides yet another communication option to get information and seek help.

The center will fulfill the vision of Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti to assist the local government community by guiding grant applications and the project delivery process while enhancing collaboration with the common goal of a connected and efficient transportation network. Since the launch of the Commissioner's Commitment to Communities initiative, the NJDOT has been building a team of experts and a place where our local government community can easily find the information, tools, and resources they will need for success.

A Local Aid Resource Center flyer is also available in [English](#) and in [Spanish/Español](#).

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Local Aid and Economic Development

Overview

Grant Announcement : Local Bridge Fund FY 2024

Murphy Administration announces \$47.3 million in FY 2024 Local Bridge Fund Grants

[Grant Recipients for FY 2024 Local Bridge Fund](#)

Grant Announcement: Safe Routes to School 2024

Murphy Administration announces \$21.1 million in FY2024 Safe Routes to School grants

23 grants will advance local projects in 14 counties

[Grant Recipients for FY 2024 Safe Routes To School](#)

www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid

[Safe Street to Transit, Transit Village](#)

2024

NJDOT Announced the grant solicitation period for Fiscal Year 2025 State Aid programs is open. Starting **April 29, 2024**, applications will be accepted for Municipal Aid, Bikeways, Safe Street to Transit, and Transit Village programs through **July 1, 2024**.

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Local Aid and Economic Development

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Mount Arlington, NJ 07856
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FAX: 973.601.0049

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Route 70 West, 3rd floor
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
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FAX: 856.486.6771



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Newark, NJ 07102
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FAX: 973.648.4547

District 3

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609.963.2020
FAX: 609.530.8044

www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid

New Jersey Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

NJTPA

Newark, NJ

P: (973) 639-8400

F: (973) 639-1953



NJTPA

DVRPC

Philadelphia, PA

P: (215) 592-1800

F: (215) 592-9125



MPO Service Distribution in New Jersey



Counties served by NJTPA



Counties served by DVRPC



Counties served by SJTPO



South Jersey
Transportation
Planning Organization

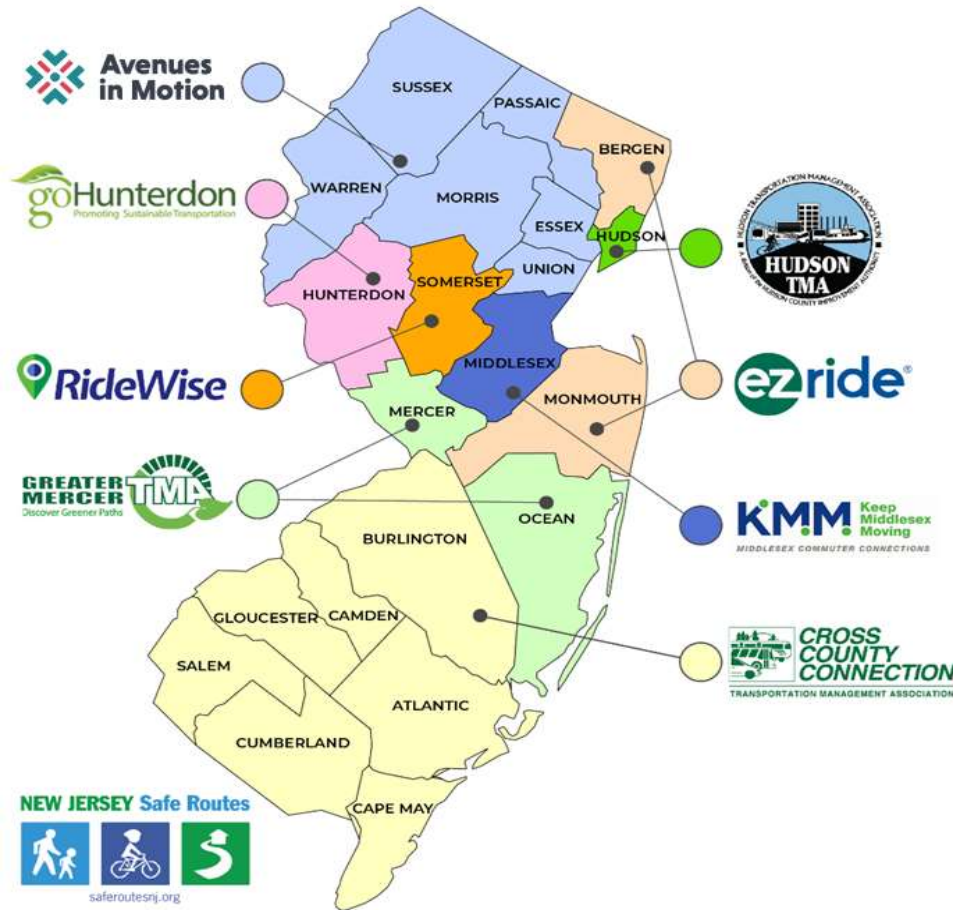
SJTPO

Vineland, NJ

P: (856) 794-1941

F: (856) 794-2549

NJ Transportation Management Associations



The counties below are serviced by multiple Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) based on the municipality:

Passaic County

EZ Ride	Clifton, Haledon, Hawthorne, North Haledon, Passaic, Paterson, Prospect Park
Avenues in Motion	Bloomington, Little Falls, Pompton Lakes, Ringwood, Totowa, Wanaque, Wayne, West Milford, Woodland Park

Essex County

EZ Ride	Belleville, Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Maplewood, Montclair, Newark, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, South Orange, Verona, West Orange
Avenues in Motion	Fairfield, Livingston, Millburn, Roseland, Short Hills, West Caldwell

Union County

EZ Ride	Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Union, Westfield, Winfield
Avenues in Motion	Berkeley Heights, Murray Hill, New Providence, Summit

Somerset County

Greater Mercer	Montgomery
RideWise	All other municipalities in Somerset County

NJ Safe Routes Resource Center



The New Jersey Safe Routes Program, supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, is a statewide initiative with a mission to partner with schools and communities to prioritize and implement opportunities for people to walk, bike, or travel by other wheeled devices. By focusing on improvements to support active travel by youth, we believe we can create conditions that are safe, healthy, equitable, and appealing for all.

Safe Routes for All provides safe and equitable access to active transportation for people of all ages and abilities from all backgrounds and neighborhoods in New Jersey.



****Class Full** NJLTAP - Public Sidewalk Curb Ramp Inspection (In-Person)**

📅 **November 14** ⌚ **10:00 am–3:00 pm**

This one-day workshop will cover the current curb ramp and sidewalk criteria in parts of Sections 5.6.4, 5.7.1, 5.7.3 and 5.7.4 of the current version of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Roadway Design Manual for public sidewalk curb ramps.

[See details](#)

cait.rutgers.edu/events



Training

NJLTAP - Federal-aid Responsible Charge Training (Webinar)

📅 **November 6–November 7** ⌚ **9:00 am–12:00 pm**

This Federal-Aid Responsible Charge Training for Directors, Program Managers, Financial Officers, and Persons of Responsible Charge is required for the person in Responsible Charge of Federally Funded Local Aid projects. This course will provide information and expectations for the first time Federal-aid recipient

[See details](#)

Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

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OUTREACH MATERIALS

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More and more, transportation agencies must pursue better, faster and smarter ways of doing business. Federal-aid Essentials offers a central online library of informational videos and resources, designed specifically for local public agencies. Each video addresses a single topic-condensing the complex regulations and requirements of the Federal-aid Highway Program into easy-to-understand concepts and illustrated examples.

To learn more, view the video to the left.

Continuing the Conversation

The FHWA launched Federal-aid Essentials on August 27, 2012 at the American Public Works Association (APWA) International Public Works Congress and Exposition. In a conversation with APWA host Emile Barta, FHWA Resource Center Director Bernetta Collins tells us more about this program. Federal-aid Essentials. View the video, [Continuing the Conversation](#).

I want to know more about...



www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials

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Q&A



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Applying for Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Programs Funds



Online
TRAINING EVENT

**THURSDAY 11/14/24 at 2 PM &
TUESDAY 12/3/24 at 9:30 AM**

**NJDOT Transportation
Alternatives Set-Aside
Program Grant solicitation
coming soon!**

Get a head start on your
application by attending a
webinar.

Today's Presentation Recording
and more info at

[saferoutesnj.org/transportation-
alternatives-set-aside-program](https://saferoutesnj.org/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-program)



Grant Application Deadlines



May 22, 2024

TA Set Aside Grant Application Due

Early January 2025

Mandatory One-on-One Meeting

Schedule your **mandatory** one-on-one appointment at njdotlocalaidrc.com

December 10, 2024

TA Set-Aside Solicitation Announced

November 14 &
December 3, 2024

Application Information Webinars

Thank you for attending!



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Safe Routes to School



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