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October 23, 2024

Dear Mayor/County Commissioner/County Executive:

On behalf of Governor Philip Murphy, I am pleased to announce that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2025 Local Freight Impact Fund. We are committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation system by providing financial assistance to counties and municipalities throughout the state. The Local Freight Impact Fund provides aid to counties and municipalities for transportation projects that address the impacts of freight travel in local communities and on local transportation infrastructure. Available funding for the Fiscal Year 2025 program is \$28.0 million.

The Local Freight Impact Fund is a competitive grant program. Projects submitted for consideration must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Projects must be within the jurisdiction of the applicant's municipality and/or county unless filed jointly with an adjacent municipality and/or county.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the project will provide access to a port, warehouse distribution center or any other freight node by providing a narrative and a map supporting their request.
- Projects must have a **minimum 10% large truck volume within the project limits**. A traffic study must be submitted to support this information.

Applicants of eligible projects can select from **six** project categories:

- **Roadway Preservation** - to improve pavement conditions in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **Truck Safety and Mobility** - to improve large truck access, routing and mobility along the municipal/county roadway system.
- **Bridge Preservation** - to improve bridge ratings/conditions in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **New Construction** - to promote new construction in support of freight travel on municipal/county transportation infrastructure.
- **Pedestrian Safety** - to improve pedestrian access to freight nodes, address pedestrian safety, and promote equity for those without the option to drive.

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- **Pavement Preservation** - *New this year* - to renew the road surface and correct irregularities while preserving and protecting the underlying pavement structure

Starting in Fiscal Year 2023, following federal and state guidance, equity was incorporated into all State Aid programs to promote an equitable delivery of government benefits. Additional points will be added to projects in areas where vulnerable populations exist. Current census data and the applicants proposed improvements will be used to determine if a project meets the equity criteria. Equity information is available on NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center website at: NJ DOT - Local Aid Resource Center (njdotlocalaidrc.com)

The enclosed map provides contact information for each Local Aid District Office. I recommend that you consult with your Local Aid District Office to assist in preparing applications for funding. Please be advised that a separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or **before January 8, 2025** online through the Department's electronic grants administration system, known by its acronym SAGE, at:

<https://njsage.intelligrants.com/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=NJSAGE>

Training and instructions on how to apply through SAGE can also be found online at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/sage.shtm>.

Additionally, an electronic resolution must be completed through the Local Aid Agreement Execution (LAAE) process in the Project Management and Reporting System (PMRS) within 30 days of application submission as required for all State Aid grant programs.

Please consider the following if you choose to apply: **NJDOT requires grant recipients to award their projects to construction within 36 months from the date of grant notification.**

Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category. A maximum of two applications are allowed for each Local Public Agency.

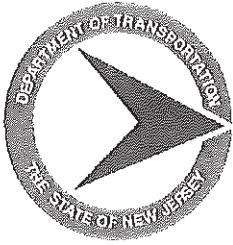
Thank you for your continued interest and support of NJDOT, and best wishes for success with your project applications.

Sincerely,



Francis K. O'Connor
Commissioner

Enclosure



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