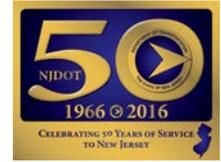




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Dear Mayor/Freeholder Director/County Executive:

On behalf of Governor Chris Christie I am pleased to announce that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) FY 2018 State Aid programs. As Commissioner of Transportation we are committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure by providing financial assistance to counties and municipalities for traditional and non-traditional transportation initiatives.

The following is a brief description of each program:

- **Municipal Aid** - This program has been a significant resource for municipalities in funding local transportation projects. All municipalities are eligible. The Department continues to encourage municipalities to consider using the Municipal Aid Program to fund projects that support walking and biking in their communities. NJDOT has set a goal to award up to 10% of the Municipal Aid Program funds to projects such as pedestrian safety improvements, bikeways and streetscapes.
- **Transit Village** - This program will award grants for traditional and non-traditional transportation projects that enhance walking, biking and/or transit ridership within 1/2 mile of the transit facility. Only New Jersey municipalities that have been designated as Transit Villages by the Commissioner of Transportation and the inter-agency Transit Village Task Force are eligible to apply. The eligible town list can be found at:

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

- **Bikeways** - This program is intended to fund bicycle projects which create new Bike Path Mileage. It is available to all counties and municipalities. The Department continues to work toward the goal of achieving 1,000 miles of dedicated bikeways in New Jersey. Special consideration will be given to bikeways that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier, but on-road bike lanes and other bike routes and facilities are also eligible for funding.

- **Safe Streets to Transit** - The intent of this program is to encourage counties and municipalities to construct safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities, in order to promote increased usage of transit by all segments of the population.

All projects funded through the Transportation Trust Fund must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA guidance, program descriptions and application guidance materials can be found on the NJDOT website at:

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

If you choose to apply, please consider the following in your applications. NJDOT requires grant projects to be awarded to construction within 24 months from the date of grant notification.

I encourage you to submit applications for these Local Aid programs. Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category.

The enclosed map provides contact information for each Local Aid District Office. Please keep in mind that a separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or before October 6, 2017 on-line through SAGE at:

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

We recommend that you consult with your Local Aid District Office to assist in preparing applications for funding. Thank you for your continued interest and support of NJDOT, and best wishes for success with your project applications.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Hammer
Commissioner

Enclosure

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Municipal Engineer
County Engineer