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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) Fiscal Year 2018 Local Freight Impact Fund. As Commissioner of Transportation we are committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation system by providing financial assistance to counties and municipalities throughout the state.

NJDOT's Local Freight Impact Fund is a new grant program for Fiscal Year 2018 funded through the Transportation Trust Fund. 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 2018 program is \$30.1 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 as a minimum 5% large truck volume within the project limits. A traffic study must be submitted to support this information.

Applicants of eligible projects can select from four project categories:

- **Pavement 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.

Please visit the NJDOT Local Aid website for more information on this program including the program handbook. An applicant can submit up to two (2) applications for each fiscal year. A separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or before December 19, 2017 on-line through SAGE at:

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

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

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

Additionally, a completed Resolution-Agreement for each application shall be submitted by the municipality/county to the appropriate Local Aid District Office. Contact information for each office can be found on the enclosed map.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Richard T. Hammer
Commissioner

Enclosure

c Municipal Clerk
Municipal Engineer
County Clerk
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