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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriation of \$17 million for grants for certain lake management activities for recreation and conservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations act,
2 P.L. , c. .
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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:
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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L. , c. ,
8 the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2024, there is
9 appropriated the following sum for the purposes specified:
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42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
40 Community Development and Environmental Management
43 Science and Technical Programs

GRANTS-IN-AID

06-4850	Water Monitoring.....	\$17,000,000
	Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation,	
	Stormwater Management Grants	\$17,000,000

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06 Stormwater Management Grants
..... (\$17,000,000)

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12 The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing
13 grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the management and
14 maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes
15 pursuant to section 2 of this act.
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17 2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be
18 used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the
19 management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
20 conservation purposes pursuant to the provisions of this section.

21 b. The department shall establish a program for the purpose of
22 providing grants with the moneys allocated pursuant to section 1 of
23 this act to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated
24 with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
25 conservation purposes.

26 c. (1) In establishing the program required pursuant to this
27 section, the department shall develop criteria for the evaluation and
28 ranking of applications to provide priority to projects:

29 (a) submitted by qualified entities responsible for a lake with
30 public access; and

31 (b) to improve water quality and increase recreational access
32 and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in
33 lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

34 (2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for
35 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities
36 that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance,

1 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation
2 purposes.

3 (3) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
4 develop an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a
5 grant pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the
6 applications received by the department. The commissioner shall
7 provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and
8 make the application available on the department's Internet website.

9 d. As used in this section:

10 "Greenwood Lake Commission" means the commission created
11 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3).

12 "Lake Hopatcong Commission" means the commission created
13 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.54:4B-3).

14 "Qualified entity" means: the Greenwood Lake Commission; the
15 Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government unit; an entity
16 established pursuant to law or an entity established pursuant to
17 ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-accessible
18 lake for the management of the lake, including, but not limited to,
19 the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park
20 Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
21 federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose
22 mission is the management or maintenance of a publicly-accessible
23 lake.

24 "Recreation and conservation purposes" means the same as that
25 term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill makes a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$17
33 million for Fiscal Year 2024 to the Department of Environmental
34 Protection (DEP) from the General Fund. The bill directs the DEP
35 to establish a program to use these funds for grants to assist
36 qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the
37 management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
38 conservation purposes.

39 The bill requires the DEP to develop criteria for the evaluation
40 and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects submitted
41 by qualified entities responsible for a lake with public access; and
42 projects to improve water quality and increase recreational access
43 and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in
44 lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms. The bill
45 provides that a grant issued pursuant to the bill may be used for
46 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities, if
47 the DEP determines that those activities would directly enhance,

1 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation
2 purposes.

3 The bill defines “qualified entity” to mean: the Greenwood Lake
4 Commission; the Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government
5 unit; an entity established pursuant to law or an entity established
6 pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-
7 accessible lake for the management of the lake, including, but not
8 limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park
9 Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
10 federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose
11 mission is the management or maintenance of a publicly-accessible
12 lake.

13 In the 2020-2021 legislative session \$10 million was
14 appropriated to the DEP for the same purpose.