

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 165, *approved December 19, 2025*
Senate, No. 4524

1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$34,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture
3 Development Committee for planning incentive grants to
4 counties for farmland preservation purposes.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*
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9 1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture
10 Development Committee the sum of \$34,000,000 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section
14 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),
15 for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) for up to 80
17 percent of the cost of acquisition of development easements on
18 farmland for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant
19 to this section.
20 b. The following applicants are eligible for funding with the
21 monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section for
22 eligible projects located in an agricultural development area
23 approved pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-18):
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Applicant (County)	Municipality	Amount of Grant
Burlington County	Bass River Twp	1,000,000
	Bordentown Twp	
	Burlington Twp	
	Chesterfield Twp	
	Cinnaminson Twp	
	Eastampton Twp	
	Evesham Twp	
	Florence Twp	
	Hainesport Twp	
	Lumberton Twp	
	Mansfield Twp	
	Medford Twp	
	Moorestown Twp	
	Mount Laurel Twp	
	New Hanover Twp	
	North Hanover Twp	
	Pemberton Boro	
	Pemberton Twp	
	Shamong Twp	
	Southampton Twp	

	Springfield Twp	
	Tabernacle Twp	
	Washington Twp	
	Westampton Twp	
	Woodland Twp	
Cumberland County	Commercial Twp	500,000
	Deerfield Twp	
	Downe Twp	
	Fairfield Twp	
	Greenwich Twp	
	Hopewell Twp	
	Lawrence Twp	
	Maurice River Twp	
	Millville City	
	Shiloh Boro	
	Stow Creek Twp	
	Upper Deerfield Twp	
	Vineland City	
Gloucester County	Clayton Boro	1,000,000
	Deptford Twp	
	East Greenwich Twp	
	Elk Twp	
	Franklin Twp	
	Glassboro Boro	
	Greenwich Twp	
	Harrison Twp	
	Logan Twp	
	Mantua Twp	
	Monroe Twp	
	Newfield Boro	
	South Harrison Twp	
	Washington Twp	
	West Deptford Twp	
	Woolwich Twp	
Monmouth County	Allentown Boro	500,000
	Colts Neck Twp	
	Farmingdale Boro	
	Freehold Twp	
	Holmdel Twp	
	Howell Twp	
	Manalapan Twp	
	Marlboro Twp	
	Middletown Twp	
	Millstone Twp	
	Roosevelt Boro	
	Upper Freehold Twp	
	Wall Twp	
Somerset County	Bedminster Twp	1,000,000
	Bernards Twp	
	Bernardsville Boro	
	Branchburg Twp	
	Bridgewater Twp	
	Far Hills Boro	
	Franklin Twp	

Hillsborough Twp
Millstone Boro
Montgomery Twp
Peapack-Gladstone Boro
Warren Twp

TOTAL **\$4,000,000**

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2 c. (1) In addition to the funding provided pursuant to
3 subsection b. of this section, each applicant identified in subsection
4 b. of this section shall be eligible, in accordance with the rules and
5 regulations of the State Agriculture Development Committee
6 providing for a county planning incentive grant program
7 competitive grant fund, to receive a grant not to exceed \$7,500,000
8 from the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
9 section.
10 (2) The following applicants shall be eligible, in accordance
11 with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture Development
12 Committee providing for a county planning incentive grant program
13 competitive grant fund, to receive a grant not to exceed \$7,500,000
14 from the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
15 section for eligible projects located in an agricultural development
16 area approved pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-18):
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Applicant (County)	Municipality
Bergen County	Allendale Boro
	Closter Boro
	Emerson Boro
	Franklin Lakes Boro
	Hillsdale Boro
	Mahwah Twp
	Montvale Boro
	Norwood Boro
	Oakland Boro
	Old Tappan Boro
	Paramus Boro
	Saddle River Boro
	Woodcliff Lake Boro
	Wyckoff Twp
Camden County	Berlin Boro
	Berlin Twp
	Cherry Hill Twp
	Gloucester Twp
	Voorhees Twp
	Waterford Twp
	Winslow Twp
Cape May County	Dennis Twp
	Lower Twp
	Middle Twp
	Upper Twp
	West Cape May Boro
	Woodbine Boro

Hunterdon County	Alexandria Twp
	Bethlehem Twp
	Califon Boro
	Clinton Twp
	Delaware Twp
	East Amwell Twp
	Franklin Twp
	Glen Gardner Boro
	Hampton Boro
	Holland Twp
	Kingwood Twp
	Lebanon Boro
	Lebanon Twp
	Milford Boro
	Raritan Twp
	Readington Twp
	Stockton Boro
	Tewksbury Twp
	Union Twp
	West Amwell Twp
Mercer County	East Windsor Twp
	Hamilton Twp
	Hopewell Boro
	Hopewell Twp
	Lawrence Twp
	Princeton Boro
	Robbinsville Twp
	West Windsor Twp
Middlesex County	Cranbury Twp
	East Brunswick Twp
	Monroe Twp
	Old Bridge Twp
	Plainsboro Twp
	Sayreville Boro
	South Brunswick Twp
Morris County	Boonton Twp
	Chester Boro
	Chester Twp
	Denville Twp
	Harding Twp
	Lincoln Park Boro
	Long Hill Twp
	Mendham Boro
	Mendham Twp
	Montville Twp
	Mount Olive Twp
	Randolph Twp
	Rockaway Twp
	Washington Twp

Salem County	Alloway Twp
	Carneys Point Twp
	Elsinboro Twp
	Lower Alloways Creek Twp
	Mannington Twp
	Oldmans Twp
	Pilesgrove Twp
	Pittsgrove Twp
	Quinton Twp
	Upper Pittsgrove Twp
Sussex County	Andover Boro
	Andover Twp
	Byram Twp
	Frankford Twp
	Fredon Twp
	Green Twp
	Hampton Twp
	Hardyston Twp
	Lafayette Twp
	Montague Twp
	Sandyston Twp
	Sparta Twp
	Stillwater Twp
	Vernon Twp
	Wantage Twp
Warren County	Allamuchy Twp
	Alpha Boro
	Belvidere Town
	Blairstown Twp
	Franklin Twp
	Frelinghuysen Twp
	Greenwich Twp
	Hardwick Twp
	Harmony Twp
	Hope Twp
	Independence Twp
	Knowlton Twp
	Liberty Twp
	Lopatcong Twp
	Mansfield Twp
	Oxford Twp
	Phillipsburg Town
	Pohatcong Twp
	Washington Twp
	White Twp

(3) (a) The total expenditure by the State Agriculture Development Committee pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$30,000,000.

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- (b) The maximum grant award an applicant identified in subsection b. of this section may receive pursuant to the funding provided by subsection b. of this section and paragraph (1) of this subsection is \$8,500,000.

1 (c) The maximum grant award an applicant identified in
2 paragraph (2) of this subsection may receive pursuant to the funding
3 provided by this subsection is \$7,500,000.

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5 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6 “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established
7 pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016,
8 c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$34,000,000 to implement the
9 provisions of this act.

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11 3. The expenditure of the sum appropriated by this act is
12 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-
13 43 et seq.), P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-
14 11 et seq.), and P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), as appropriate.

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16 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill appropriates \$34 million to the State Agriculture
22 Development Committee (SADC) for the purpose of providing
23 planning incentive grants to counties for up to 80 percent of the cost
24 of acquisition of development easements on farmland for farmland
25 preservation purposes.

26 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
27 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
28 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
29 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
30 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),
31 implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open
32 space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New
33 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to
34 section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.

35 Under the bill, five counties will each receive a “base grant” of
36 either \$1 million or \$500,000, as specified in the bill. Those five
37 counties, plus 10 other counties identified in the bill, would also be
38 eligible to compete to receive an additional grant from the
39 “competitive grant fund” pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
40 the bill, in an amount not to exceed \$7.5 million. The maximum
41 grant award a county could receive under the bill is \$8.5 million
42 (i.e., the \$1 million base grant, if applicable, and a \$7.5 million
43 competitive grant).

44 The bill also appropriates to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
45 Preservation Fund” moneys from the General Fund already
46 constitutionally dedicated to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
47 Preservation Fund” for the purpose of making the appropriations
48 from that fund required by this bill.

1 The allocations and projects listed in this bill have been
2 approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

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7 Appropriates \$34 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT
8 revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county
9 planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.