



NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COALITION

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Grants Offered by the Highlands Council

A Guide for Municipalities Considering Plan Conformance

The Highlands Council has an active grants program to support projects that promote both the goals of the Highlands Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

Grants are available in support of:

- Initial Assessment
- COAH Planning
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Transfer of Development Rights Feasibility
- Municipal Partnership Pilot Projects
- County Planning and Analysis

Initial Assessment

The Initial Assessment Grant program will fund preliminary municipal and county Plan Conformance activities within both the Preservation and Planning Areas. The grants allow these planning jurisdictions to engage professionals to assess the requirements and benefits of Plan Conformance.

COAH Grants

COAH grants assist municipalities in developing local master plan housing elements for submission to COAH to obtain substantive certification and complete third round COAH submissions. For municipalities which have not yet received COAH substantive certification, grants are available to assist them in planning to meet their affordable housing obligations. Municipalities that have already received a COAH grant from the Highlands Council are ineligible to apply at this time.

Sustainable Agriculture

The Sustainable Agriculture program is designed to promote sustainable agriculture while protecting the Highland's Region's valuable and limited water supply.

Agricultural grants will fund programs within three areas: (1) integrated crop management, (2) market development, and (3) farmland preservation.

TDR

The TDR Receiving Zone Feasibility Grant Program provides both financial and technical assistance to municipalities that wish to explore designating a TDR receiving zone in their community. Participation does not obligate the municipality to establish a receiving zone.

Municipal Partnership Pilot Projects

Most Municipal Partnership Grants were selected because funded programs resulted in model programs applicable throughout the region. Funded studies have addressed issues such as: redevelopment, town center and transit village development, lake management strategies, alternative wastewater treatment technologies, water management plans, growth management strategies, eco-tourism, open space preservation, and historic preservation.

Not accepting applications at this time.

County Planning and Analysis Grants

The Highlands Council made grants available to the seven Highlands counties to utilize their planning tools, statistics and data to aid the development of the Regional Master Plan. Funded activities included digital parcel mapping, infrastructure mapping, wastewater capacity analysis, and prior land use approval inventorying.

Not accepting applications at this time.

For More Information

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