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Murphy Administration announces \$7.9 million in FY 2024 Bikeway Grants to fund projects that improve quality of life 14 grants will advance local projects in eight counties

(Trenton) – The Murphy Administration today announced 14 Bikeway Grants totaling \$7.9 million to help advance local Bikeway projects in eight counties.

"I'm committed to promoting active transportation alternatives that help achieve our climate change goals by reducing our reliance on cars, while encouraging residents to live a healthy lifestyle," Governor Phil Murphy said. "Investing in bikeways is a tangible step to create more walkable and bikeable options for our most vulnerable road users."

"The New Jersey Department of Transportation appreciates Governor Murphy and the legislature's continued support for creating a safe and equitable transportation system for all roadway users, whether they walk, roll, or ride," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "The additional funds for Grants-in-Aid programs, including Bikeway Grants means we can support more projects that benefit cyclists and pedestrians to improve the quality-of-life in New Jersey."

Traditionally, the <u>Bikeway Grant Program</u> provides \$1 million in grants annually to counties and municipalities in order to promote bikeways as an alternate mode of transportation that support the State's efforts to add new miles of dedicated bikeways in New Jersey. This year, an additional \$20 million was appropriated for Grants-in-Aid programs, specifically for the Transit Village Program, the Safe Streets to Transit Program, and for Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities/Accommodations. Of the \$20 million, \$6.9 million was provided for the Bikeway Grant Program.

Each municipality and each county may submit one application. Projects are awarded on a competitive basis taking into consideration new bike miles created, safety, connectivity, service to public, Complete Streets Policy and equity criteria to benefit low-income and minority populations. Click here to see a list of the 11 municipalities and three counties receiving <u>FY 2024 Bikeway Grants</u> totaling \$7.9 million.

The <u>Bikeway Grant Program</u>, as well as other Local Aid state-funded grant programs, benefits residents by enabling local governments to complete necessary projects on roads under their jurisdiction without burdening local taxpayers. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

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