

Municipal Planning Incentive Grant

**APPLICATION**

Municipality:

County:

**STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Farmland Preservation Program**

**Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program**

**2027 Planning Round**

For information regarding the Planning Incentive Grant Program please reference the following statutes and regulations:

* Agriculture Retention and Development Act – N.J.S.A 4:1C-11, et seq.
* Planning Incentive Grant Statute – N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1
* Farmland Preservation Program Regulations – N.J.A.C. 2:76
	+ Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Regulations – N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A

For additional questions please contact the SADC at (609) 984-2504.

# **Grant Eligibility Checklist**

All checklist items are required prerequisites for Municipal Planning Incentive Grant eligibility.

*See N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.3*

**[ ]  1. Establishment of an agricultural advisory committee.**

**[ ]  2. A Municipal Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan developed in accordance**

**with N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.4 and SADC Guidelines for Developing Municipal Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plans**

**[ ]  3. Establishment and maintenance of a dedicated source of funding for**

**farmland preservation, including but not limited to:**

 [ ]  A Dedicated Tax

[ ]  Repeated Annual Appropriations

[ ]  Repeated Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness

[ ]  Other (*Please describe)*

**[ ]  4. Adoption of a right-to-farm ordinance** *(attach copy)*

**Submission Requirement Checklist**

All checklist items are required for administrative completeness of this application.

Submissions must be received by the SADC by **December 15, 2025**.

**[ ]  1. Completed Municipal Planning Incentive Grant application**

**[ ]  2. If new or amended, a Municipal Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan,** that conforms to SADC Guidelines for Developing Municipal Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plans, submitted inboth hardcopy and electronic format.

**[ ]  3. A Project Area Inventory Form for each identified project area (if electronic spatial data files are not being provided).**

\* If there are proposed changes to this year’s target farm list, the new list must identify specifically the proposed target farm additions and deletions.

**[ ]  4. Electronic spatial data files of the following in an ArcGIS format or best available:**

* + - **Project areas**
		- **Targeted farms**
		- **Preserved Farmland**
		- **Farms with municipal, county and/or SADC final approval**
		- **Other land permanently restricted for agricultural use**
		- **Farms enrolled in a term preservation program**
		- **Other preserved open space compatible with agriculture**

*ArcGIS files are to be drawn in New Jersey State Plane Coordinate System coordinates (feet), projected in the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).*

**[ ]  5. Proof of notification to county.** *See N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.6 (b)*

**[ ]  6. Copies of minutes of the agricultural advisory committee meetings held in compliance with N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.3(a)1iv., including documentation of the agricultural advisory committee’s review of the proposed application**

**[ ]  7. Resolution of support from the governing body**

**[ ]  8. Current agriculture advisory committee member list and contact information.**

# **Application Information:**

Municipal PIG Administrator (Primary Contact):

Address:

City:       State:       Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:       Fax:

**Project Areas:**

*For each project area please attach a completed Project Area Summary Form*.

*Add additional rows as needed.*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Acreage of Targeted Farms** | **Average Easement Price per Acre** | **Total Estimated Cost for Targeted Farm Easement Purchase** |
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# **Municipal Policy Information:**

***If the answer is YES to the following and the amendment has been made since last year’s submittal, please attach a copy of the adopted policy, resolution or ordinance of the Agriculture Advisory Committee or municipal governing body pertaining to the question. A NO answer is acknowledgement that the municipality relies upon SADC policy or regulation.***

***The word “policy” is intended broadly to include formal and informal policies, guidelines and rules established by the municipality.***

**Minimum Eligibility Criteria:**

Does the municipality have a minimum eligibility criteria or standards policy for solicitation and approval of applications for farmland preservation? *See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.20*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Municipal Ranking Criteria:**

Does the municipality have a ranking criteria policy to prioritize farms for preservation funding?

*See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.16 & SADC Policy P-14E*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Agricultural Labor Housing:**

Does the municipality have a policy on agricultural labor housing for preserved farms?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**House Replacement:**

Does the municipality have a policy for replacement of a residence on preserved farmland?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Residual Dwelling Site Opportunity Allocation:**

Does the municipality have a policy for the allocation of Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities?

*See SADC regulation N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.17 and Policy P-28*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Exceptions:**

Does the municipality have a policy for the granting of severable and non-severable exceptions?

*See SADC Policy P-29*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the policy been amended since last year’s submittal? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Other Policies:**

Does the municipality have other policies related to farmland preservation?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

*If Yes, please list and describe:*

# **Funding Information:**

**Municipal Funding:**

*Please check all that apply:*

[ ]  Municipal dedicated open space/farmland preservation tax: $0.      / $100

* + Annual revenue generated from dedicated tax: $
	+ Annual tax revenue dedicated to farmland preservation: $

[ ]  Repeated annual appropriations dedicated to farmland preservation:

*Please describe:*

[ ]  Repeated Issuance of Bonded Indebtedness:

*Please describe:*

[ ]  Other funding sources:

*Please describe:*

Total annual revenue dedicated to farmland preservation by the municipality: $

**Cost Projections Associated with One, Five- and Ten-Year Goals:** *(see page C for established goals)*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Acquisition Goal (Acres)** | **Total Projected Cost** | **Estimated Local Cost Share** | **Estimated County Cost Share** | **Estimated State Cost Share** | **Other Contributors** |
| 1 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
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