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Local Bridges Fund applications being accepted for \$47.3 million in FY22 grants Program provides millions to each county to improve local bridges

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the grant solicitation period for the FY22 Local Bridges Fund program is open with applications being accepted through November 19, 2021.

"The New Jersey Department of Transportation provides grants to counties through the Local Bridges Fund to make critical improvements to bridges under their jurisdiction without burdening local taxpayers," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "The Murphy Administration is committed to ensuring all roads and bridges in New Jersey are safe and reliable, whether they are maintained by the State or local government."

The Local Bridges Fund is a \$47.3 million program funded through the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), which provides funding for each of New Jersey's 21 counties for the improvement of county bridges. Every county receives \$1 million, and the additional funding is allotted based on a formula taking into account the total bridge deck area in the county and the amount of deck area in poor condition in the county. As part of the Department's Statewide Capital Investment Strategy, the grants are intended to help counties focus on the bridges under their jurisdiction with the greatest structural deficiencies.

The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development and evaluated by the Division of Bridge Engineering and Infrastructure Management. Each year, Local Aid grants represent a significant portion of Local System Support, which also includes local lead projects, regional planning and project development, and transportation alternative projects, such as Safe Routes to School.

For more information about the Local Bridges Fund program or other Local Aid programs go to www.njdotlocalaidrc.com; email DOT-LocalAID.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov or call 609.649.9395. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter NJDOT Facebook page.