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Christie Administration awards $5 million in grants to support highway Safe Corridors and local infrastructure

Projects funded in 64 municipalities

(Trenton) – The Christie Administration today announced the award of $5 million in grants to 64 municipalities to promote safety along designated Safe Corridor highway segments and to advance local street rehabilitation projects.

A total of 56 municipalities will share $3 million in FY 13 Safe Corridors grants and eight municipalities will share $2.15 million in FY 13 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF) grants. The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development.

"The New Jersey Department of Transportation's top priority is safety, and these grants fund local enforcement and capital improvement projects that help make our roads safer," said NJDOT Commissioner James Simpson. "The funding helps local governments achieve their objectives without burdening local property taxpayers."

Safe Corridors

The Safe Corridor grant program dates to 2003 and targets resources to 14 ten-mile segments along highways that have a history of high crash rates. Grants are supported by fines, which are doubled in designated Safe Corridors for a variety of moving violations, including speeding.

FY 13 Safe Corridors funding is being allocated based on crash data, with higher amounts of funding going to areas demonstrating the greatest need for continued enhanced enforcement measures.

Segments of Route 1, Route 9, Route 22, Route 40, Route 46, Route 47, Route 73 and Route 206 are receiving FY 13 funding.

Grants can be used by municipalities to purchase enforcement equipment including police vehicles, radar equipment, computer hardware and software, and to pay salaries. Here is the complete list of grant recipients, amounts, and Safe Corridor segments for which grants are being awarded.

Local Aid Infrastructure Fund

The Local Aid Infrastructue Fund grants address emergencies and regional needs throughout the State. Grants are awarded to municipalities and counties based on a careful evaluation of the project importance and need. The FY 13 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grants are supporting projects in the Village of Loch Arbour (Monmouth County); Boonton, Mount Olive, and Morris Plains (Morris County); Union City (Hudson County); Lavallette and Lacey (Ocean County); and Little Ferry (Bergen County). Recipients are receiving grants ranging from $98,000 to $650,000.

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