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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$11.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2020)

1 AN ACT appropriating \$11,500,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture
3 Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants
4 for farmland preservation purposes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture
10 Development Committee the sum of \$11,500,000 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section
14 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),
15 for the purpose of providing municipal planning incentive grants
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) and
17 approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

18 b. The following municipalities are eligible for funding, in
19 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
20 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
21 incentive grant program, with the monies appropriated pursuant to
22 subsection a. of this section:

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Municipality	County	Amount of Grant
Upper Deerfield Twp	Cumberland	\$500,000
Franklin Twp	Gloucester	\$500,000
Woolwich Twp	Gloucester	\$1,000,000
Alexandria Twp	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Pilesgrove Twp	Salem	\$1,000,000
Pittsgrove Twp	Salem	\$500,000
Upper Pittsgrove Twp	Salem	\$1,000,000
Blairstown Twp	Warren	\$500,000
Frelinghuysen Twp	Warren	\$500,000
Knowlton Twp	Warren	\$500,000
TOTAL		6,500,000

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25 c. (1) The following municipalities are eligible for funding, in
26 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
27 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
28 incentive grant program competitive grant fund, with the monies
29 appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Municipality	County
Hopewell Twp	Cumberland
Upper Deerfield Twp	
Franklin Twp	Gloucester
Woolwich Twp	
Alexandria Twp	Hunterdon
Delaware Twp	
East Amwell Twp	
Franklin Twp	
Holland Twp	
Kingwood Twp	
Readington Twp	
Tewksbury Twp	
Union Twp	
West Amwell Twp	
Hopewell Twp	Mercer
Colts Neck Twp	
Holmdel Twp	Monmouth
Howell Twp	
Manalapan Twp	
Marlboro Twp	
Millstone Twp	
Upper Freehold Twp	
Alloway Twp	Salem
Mannington Twp	
Pilesgrove Twp	
Pittsgrove Twp	
Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
Bedminster Twp	Somerset
Franklin Twp	
Hillsborough Twp	
Montgomery Twp	
Peapack - Gladstone Boro	
Frankford Twp	Sussex
Green Twp	
Blairstown Twp	Warren
Franklin Twp	
Frelinghuysen Twp	
Greenwich Twp	
Harmony Twp	
Hope Twp	
Knowlton Twp	
White Twp	

1 (2) The maximum grant award a municipality identified in this
2 subsection may receive pursuant to this section is \$500,000.
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4 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established
6 pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016,

1 c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$11,500,000 to implement the
2 provisions of this act.

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4 3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is
5 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-
6 43 et seq.), P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1999, c.152
7 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), as
8 appropriate.

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10 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill would appropriate \$11.5 million to the State Agriculture
16 Development Committee (SADC) for municipal planning incentive
17 grants pursuant to a program established by P.L.1999, c.180
18 (C.4:1C-43.1) for farmland preservation purposes.

19 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
20 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
21 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
22 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
23 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.),
24 implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open
25 space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New
26 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to
27 section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.

28 Under the bill, 10 municipalities will each receive a “base grant”
29 of either \$500,000 or \$1 million, as specified in the bill. In
30 addition, those municipalities and 35 additional municipalities
31 identified in subsection c. of section 1 of the bill would also be
32 eligible to compete to receive an additional grant from the
33 “competitive grant fund” pursuant to subsection c. of section 1 of
34 the bill, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. A total of 42
35 municipalities would be eligible for funding under this bill.

36 The bill appropriates to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
37 Preservation Fund” moneys from the General Fund already
38 constitutionally dedicated to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
39 Preservation Fund” for the purpose of making the appropriations
40 required by this bill.

41 The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved
42 by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.