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Local Bridges Fund applications being accepted for \$44 million in FY25 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 FY25 Local Bridges Fund program is open, with applications being accepted through February 4, 2025.

"The Local Bridges Fund provides counties with the financial assistance needed to make critical improvements to bridges under their jurisdiction," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "This program improves local infrastructure, helping make Gov. Murphy's commitment to a safe, efficient, and equitable transportation system a reality for everyone who travels through New Jersey."

The Local Bridges Fund is a \$44 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 within 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 <u>www.njdotlocalaidrc.com</u>; email <u>DOT-LocalAID.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov</u> or call 609.649.9395. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u>, the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>, or on Instagram <u>@NewJersey.DOT</u>.

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