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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates $12 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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

AN ACT appropriating $12,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture Development Committee for planning incentive grants to counties for farmland preservation purposes.

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

1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of $12,000,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund," established pursuant to section 8 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

b. The following applicants are eligible for funding with the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section for eligible projects located in an agricultural development area approved pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-18):

Applicant (County)	**Municipality**	**Amount of Grant**
Burlington County	Bass River Twp Bordentown Twp Chesterfield Twp Cinnaminson Twp Eastampton Twp Evesham Twp Florence Twp Hainesport Twp Lumberton Twp Mansfield Twp Medford Twp Moorestown Twp Mount Laurel Twp New Hanover Twp North Hanover Twp Pemberton Boro Pemberton Twp Shamong Twp Southampton Twp Springfield Twp Tabernacle Twp Washington Twp Westampton Twp Woodland Twp Wrightstown Boro	$2,000,000

Cumberland County	Commercial Twp	2,000,000
	Deerfield Twp	
	Downe Twp	
	Fairfield Twp	
	Greenwich Twp	
	Hopewell Twp	
	Lawrence Twp	
	Maurice River Twp	
	Millville City	
	Shiloh Boro	
	Stow Creek Twp	
	Upper Deerfield Twp	
	Vineland City	
Gloucester County	Clayton Boro	2,000,000
	East Greenwich Twp	
	Elk Twp	
	Franklin Twp	
	Glassboro Boro	
	Greenwich Twp	
	Harrison Twp	
	Logan Twp	
	Mantua Twp	
	Monroe Twp	
	Newfield Boro	
	South Harrison Twp	
	Swedesboro Boro	
	Washington Twp	
	West Deptford Twp	
	Woolwich Twp	
Hunterdon County	Alexandria Twp	1,000,000
	Bethlehem Twp	
	Califon Boro	
	Clinton Twp	
	Delaware Twp	
	East Amwell Twp	
	Franklin Twp	
	Glen Gardner Boro	
	Hampton Boro	
	Holland Twp	
	Kingwood Twp	
	Lebanon Boro	
	Lebanon Twp	
	Raritan Twp	
	Readington Twp	
	Stockton Boro	
	Tewksbury Twp	
	Union Twp	
	West Amwell Twp	
Monmouth County	Colts Neck Twp	2,000,000
	Farmingdale Boro	
	Freehold Twp	
	Holmdel Twp	
	Howell Twp	
	Manalapan Twp	

	Marlboro Twp	
	Middletown Twp	
	Millstone Twp	
	Roosevelt Boro	
	Tinton Falls Boro	
	Upper Freehold Twp	
	Wall Twp	
Morris County	Boonton Twp	1,000,000
	Chester Boro	
	Chester Twp	
	Denville Twp	
	Harding Twp	
	Kinnelon Boro	
	Lincoln Park Boro	
	Long Hill Twp	
	Mendham Boro	
	Mendham Twp	
	Mine Hill Twp	
	Montville Twp	
	Morris Twp	
	Mount Olive Twp	
	Pequannock Twp	
	Randolph Twp	
	Rockaway Twp	
	Roxbury Twp	
	Washington Twp	
Salem County	Alloway Twp	2,000,000
	Carneys Point Twp	
	Elmer Boro	
	Elsinboro Twp	
	Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
	Mannington Twp	
	Oldmans Twp	
	Pilesgrove Twp	
	Pittsgrove Twp	
	Quinton Twp	
	Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
	Woodstown Boro	
TOTAL		**$12,000,000**

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the "Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund," established pursuant to section 8 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of $12,000,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

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

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates $12 million to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland for farmland preservation purposes. Under the bill, seven counties will each receive a "base grant" of either $1 million or $2 million, as specified in the bill.

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

The bill appropriates to the "Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund" moneys from the General Fund already constitutionally dedicated to the "Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund" for the purpose of making the appropriations required by this bill.

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