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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates $18 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.

AN ACT appropriating $18,000,000 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 $18,000,000 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	
	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	2,000,000
	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	
Middlesex County	Cranbury Twp	2,000,000
	East Brunswick Twp	
	Monroe Twp	
	North Brunswick Twp	
	Old Bridge Twp	
	Plainsboro Twp	
	Sayreville Boro	

	South Brunswick Twp	
Monmouth County	Colts Neck Twp 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	2,000,000
Morris County	Boonton Twp Chester Boro Chester Twp Denville Twp Harding Twp Lincoln Park Boro Long Hill Twp Mendham Boro Mendham Twp Mine Hill Twp Montville Twp Mount Olive Twp Randolph Twp Rockaway Twp Roxbury Twp Washington Twp	1,000,000
Salem County	Alloway Twp 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	2,000,000
Somerset County	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Far Hills Boro Franklin Twp Hillsborough Twp Millstone Boro Montgomery Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Rocky Hill Boro	2,000,000

	Warren Twp	
Warren County	Allamuchy Twp	1,000,000
	Alpha Boro	
	Blairstown Twp	
	Franklin Twp	
	Frelinghuysen Twp	
	Greenwich Twp	
	Hardwick Twp	
	Harmony Twp	
	Hope Twp	
	Independence Twp	
	Knowlton Twp	
	Liberty Twp	
	Lopatcong Twp	
	Mansfield Twp	
	Oxford Twp	
	Pohatcong Twp	
	Washington Twp	
	White Twp	
TOTAL		**$18,000,000**

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 $18,000,000 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 $18 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, ten 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.