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Murphy Administration announces \$30.1 million in FY2021 Local Freight Impact Fund grants Program funds improvements to heavy truck routes on local roads

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced \$30.1 million in Local Freight Impact Fund grants that help counties and municipalities provide for the safe movement of large truck traffic.

“Having safe truck routes to efficiently move goods to and from New Jersey’s seaports, airports, warehouses, and rail yards is integral to our state and regional economy,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “Our roads and bridges carry a tremendous amount of commercial truck traffic every day and we are making the investments necessary to ensure the safety of our customers and communities alike.”

The Local Freight Impact Fund (LFIF) is a competitive program which was created as part of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) reauthorization in October 2016. This is the fourth year that grants have been made under this program.

NJDOT received 41 applications requesting more than \$45 million for the FY2021 LFIF Program. Of the applications received, there are 33 grants being awarded. Those grants are being distributed to 29 municipalities and two counties, with each county receiving two grants. The \$30.1 million in state grants will leverage an additional \$21.4 million from project sponsors, bringing the total investment of these 33 projects to \$51.5 million. Of the 33 projects, there are two Truck Safety and Mobility projects, two Bridge Preservation projects, and 29 Pavement Preservation projects. Click here for a [full list of project awards](#).

The program helps New Jersey’s municipalities fund projects that emphasize and enhance the safe movement of large truck traffic, renew aging structures that carry large truck traffic, promote economic development, and support new transportation opportunities without the need for additional property taxes.

Under the program, projects that fall into four categories are eligible for funding: bridge preservation, new construction, pavement preservation, and truck safety and mobility. The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development. NJDOT staff evaluate projects using a variety of criteria including existing conditions, overall traffic volume, percentage of large truck traffic, crash frequency, and connectivity to freight nodes, among others.

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