Steps to Achieve Gold Star in Health

**STEP 1**
Assess Community Health Needs & Create Plan

**Complete LOCAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT & ACTION PLAN**

**STEP 2**
Implement Strategies

*TWO REQUIRED ACTIONS:*
1) Best Practices for Local Boards of Health
2) Integrating Health in Municipal Decision-Making

*At least TWO ‘HIGH IMPACT’ ACTIONS*

*At least TWO ADDITIONAL ACTIONS*

*Non-required actions must be drawn from at least 3 Health Gold categories
*Non-Sustainable Jersey actions may also be submitted as “Innovative Projects” for consideration.

**STEP 3**
Apply

**SUBMIT APPLICATION** for Gold Star in Health

**STEP 4**
Application Review

⭐️ **GOLD STAR IN HEALTH AWARDED** after successful implementation of strategies addressing the community's health needs

**RESUBMISSION** 3 Years Later

Updates to initially submitted actions & implementation of new actions will be required to maintain Gold Star

*Requirements still under development
Gold Star in Health Framework

**Environment Quality**

**Water Quality**
1. Enhanced Stormwater Management Control Ordinance
2. Green Infrastructure Implementation
3. Private Well Outreach & Testing
4. Removing Lead in Drinking Water
5. Green Infrastructure Planning
6. Household Hazardous Waste

**Air Quality**
1. Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program
2. Community Forestry Management Plan
3. Tobacco-Free Community

**Food Access**
1. Community Food Pantries
2. Expanded Supplemental Food Programs
3. Buy Fresh, Buy Local Programs
4. Community Gardens
5. Farmers Markets
6. Farmland Preservation Plans
7. Making Farmers Markets Accessible

**Wellness & Recreation**
1. Lead Blood Screening Campaign
2. Building Healthier Communities
3. Online Municipal Public Service Systems
4. Open Space Plans
5. Safe Routes to Schools

**Emergency & Public Safety**
1. Emergency Communication Planning
2. Extreme Temperature Event Plan
3. Heat Island Assessment
4. Vulnerable Populations Identification

**Economy & Arts**
1. Green Jobs/Economic Development
2. Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture

**Municipal Governance**

1. Best Practices for Local Boards of Health
2. Integrating Health in Municipal Decision-Making
3. Diversity on Boards & Commissions
4. Improving Public Engagement in Municipal Governing

**Land Use, Development, & Built Environment**

**Housing**
1. Healthy Homes Inspection & Training
2. Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach
3. Comprehensive Lead Strategy Action
4. Lead and Housing Hazards Data-Sharing
5. Lead Education & Outreach Programs

**Transportation & Mobility**
1. Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Improvement Projects
2. Complete & Green Streets for All Policy
3. Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plan
4. Make Town EV Friendly
5. Meet Targets for Green Fleets
6. Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

**Land Use**
1. Brownfields Assessment & Investigation
2. Coastal Vulnerability Assessment
3. Transit-Oriented Development Supportive Zoning
4. Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization
5. Brownfields Reuse Planning
6. Climate Adaptation: Flooding Risk
7. Environmental Justice in Planning & Zoning
8. Improving Public Engagement in Planning/Zoning

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