



Funding Available to South Jersey Communities

Atlantic City Electric is contributing \$75,000 to fund a third year of the Sustainable Communities Grant Program that is administered by Sustainable Jersey. Since 2020, Atlantic City Electric has provided \$150,000 in environmental stewardship and resiliency grants to South Jersey communities located within its service territory and participating in the Sustainable Jersey certification program. **Use the QR code to check if your municipality is eligible to apply.**

ELIGIBILITY LIST



Online Grant Application

All applications must be submitted through the online Sustainable Jersey grant application portal. If you have not yet created an account using our new system, do so using the "sign up" feature. This login is NOT the same as the one used to access your Sustainable Jersey certification application. **Use the QR code to access the online application form.**

ONLINE GRANT APP



APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, JUNE 30 BY 11:59PM



Informational Webinar

Sustainable Jersey staff will provide an overview of the program, a demonstration of how to use the online application portal and the opportunity to ask questions about the program. If you are unable to attend, a recording and PDF copy of the presentation will be available on the Sustainable Communities Grant Program webpage. **Use the QR code to register for the webinar.**

INFO WEBINAR



INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16 FROM 1 TO 2PM



Learn More on Our Website

Our website provides more detailed information on the program's eligibility requirements, an overview of the proposal evaluation criteria and instructions on how to use the online grant application portal. If you have any questions or would like to discuss project ideas, please contact Kaitlyn Vollmer at 609-771-3189 or grants@sustainablejersey.com **Use the QR code to view the Sustainable Communities Grant Program page on the Sustainable Jersey website.**

WEBSITE PAGE



Available Funding

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Six \$5,000 and 10 \$2,000 Grants

The environmental stewardship grants are intended to help municipalities plan for, protect and improve public spaces such as local parks, natural areas and recreation resources. These grants can also be used for environmental conservation and open space preservation.

Eligible Activities

- Developing or updating open space plans.
- Improving applicant-owned open spaces such as meadows, woodlands and riparian buffers; capital improvements for passive recreation such as installing recreation trails, boardwalks, informational kiosks and observation platforms. (The property and/or facility must be open to the general public and dedicated as open space or for passive recreation).
- Acquisition of parcels of land to be used for open space or conservation easements.

RESILIENCY Two \$10,000 and One \$5,000 Grant

The resiliency grants will be awarded for projects that enhance a municipality's capacity to prevent and respond to catastrophic events and emergencies, such as flooding and storms.

Eligible Activities

- Implementation of strategies to minimize the impact of severe weather events, natural disasters or other emergencies impacting the environment
- Emergency operations planning, training and community outreach.
- Purchase of supplies and equipment needed to respond to emergencies including energy storage and stationary or mobile solar.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Projects underway or completed are not eligible for funding. There are additional eligibility rules for municipalities that have open Sustainable Jersey grants. A municipality is eligible to apply for one environmental stewardship and one resiliency grant but is only eligible to receive one (the resiliency grants are decided first).

Eligible Expenses

- Professional service fees
- Costs associated with implementing public outreach and education efforts
- Costs associated with obtaining public input on plans such as hall rental, advertising, printing
- Materials and equipment
- Expenses that support the acquisition (by purchase or donation) of open space or conservation easements such as land cost, development rights, legal or consultant fees, surveying, environmental assessments, appraisals, etc.

