

2011

GRANTS AND RESOURCES

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to bring you the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grants and Resources book.

At the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), we are dedicated to New Jersey communities by administering programs that invest in neighborhoods where people want to raise their families and grow their businesses.

The DCA oversees a wide range of programs that help New Jersey citizens throughout the state. Some of the work we engage in includes: affordable housing construction, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, local government support, building code enforcement, fire safety, funding and programmatic assistance for vulnerable populations, and the vital work of historic preservation. Simply put, the DCA supports the important work of our state's 566 municipalities and 21 counties.

Enclosed is information describing all of the resources offered by the DCA. I look forward to working together as we continue to make New Jersey a great place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Grifa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lori Grifa
Commissioner

NOTICE ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Programs in this publication are subject to particular programmatic requirements, appropriation by State and Federal statutes, and general availability of funds.

Some programs provide funds based on formula criteria, while others are competitive in nature. Some have funds available periodically, depending on appropriations and release of Federal funding.

Please contact the designated office to obtain specific information regarding current availability of funds.

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The **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA)** is a State agency created by statute to provide administrative guidance, financial support and technical assistance to local governments, community development organizations, businesses and individuals to improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

DCA offers a wide range of programs and services that respond to issues of public concern including fire and building safety, housing production, community planning and development, and local government management and finance.

DCA's programs and services are provided through the following Divisions and Units:

- [Division of Codes and Standards](#)
- [Division of Fire Safety](#)
- [Division of Housing and Community Resources](#)
- [Division of Local Government Services](#)
- [Division on Women](#)
- [Local Planning Services](#)

DCA is closely affiliated with the following agencies:

- [Government Records Council](#)
- [New Jersey Historic Trust](#)
- [New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency](#)
- [New Jersey Meadowlands Commission](#)
- [New Jersey Redevelopment Authority](#)
- [New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority](#)

DCA operates a grant management system in which people can view available grant opportunities and submit grant applications, among other items. The system can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

[System for Administering Grants Electronically \(SAGE\)](#)

Please note that all DCA grants and resources for non-profit organizations are highlighted in green text.

DIVISIONS AND UNITS

Division of Codes and Standards

The **Division of Codes and Standards** establishes and enforces building codes, in partnership with the State's municipalities, to protect the health and safety of residents. The Division houses the Bureau of Housing Inspection; implements construction codes including building, plumbing, fire protection, radon codes, asbestos and lead abatement; and oversees carnival/amusement ride inspections, LP gas installations, rooming and boarding house licenses, and the State's New Home Warranty program.

For further information, please call the telephone number listed for each particular program, or call the main telephone number at (609) 292-7899. You may also visit our website at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes>.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Codes and Standards
PO Box 802
Trenton, NJ 08625 – 0802

MONETARY RESOURCES

State/Local Cooperative Housing Inspection

Type of Assistance: Financial–Reimbursement.

Description: Allows a municipality or county the opportunity to enforce the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling regulations using its own inspection staff.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Award Period: July 1 to June 30.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities and counties.

Other Information: The municipality or county signs an agreement with DCA called the “Conditions of Authorization,” outlining the responsibilities of the participant and DCA.

Procedure for Applying: Contact program coordinator.

Contact: (609) 633-6240

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Amusement Ride Safety Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Administers ongoing inspection programs related to public safety for carnival and amusement ride safety and ski lifts; registers all rides and ski lifts; performs maintenance inspections annually; reviews all new installations prior to going into operation; tracks all incidents and investigates when necessary to ensure code compliance prior to reopening.

Assistance Provided To: Carnival and amusement ride owners/operators, sponsors of fairs and carnivals, ski resort owners and anyone with public safety concerns in these program areas.

Contact: (609) 292-2097 or write to:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Codes and Standards
Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety
PO Box 808
Trenton, NJ 08625-0808

Asbestos Hazard Abatement Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Enforces the Asbestos Hazard Abatement Subcode in all educational facilities, public buildings and buildings housing a daycare center. The unit authorizes asbestos safety control monitoring firms, oversees the training and certification of asbestos safety technicians, conducts monitoring inspections and assesses fees and penalties.

Assistance Provided To: Contractors, public officials, asbestos safety control monitoring firms and anyone needing asbestos removal information.

Contact: (609) 633-6224

Association Regulations Unit

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides information to owners of planned residential real estate including condominiums, cooperatives, single-family homes or townhouses with owner-controlled associations, about their rights concerning access to financial records, open public meetings and alternate dispute resolution.

Other Information: Technical assistance is offered to attorneys and members of boards to establish alternate dispute resolution procedures. Information is also provided regarding sample model bylaws for associations.

Assistance Provided To: Unit owners, association boards and board members, and attorneys representing association boards.

Contact: (609) 984-7574

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Building Security for Commercial Buildings

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides technical assistance to owners of commercial buildings to improve the security of their buildings by reducing the vulnerabilities associated with possible terrorist acts. Technical assistance includes performing a review of the security features of the building and responding to questions about the Best Practices for Commercial Buildings, which were approved by the Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force.

Assistance Provided To: Building owners, business owners, directors of security and emergency management personnel.

Contact: (609) 984-7609

Code Assistance Unit

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Responds to inquiries regarding the Uniform Construction Code, including all of the model codes adopted by reference.

Assistance Provided To: Local code officials, architects, engineers, builders, homeowners and any member of the public seeking assistance in understanding or interpreting the Uniform Construction Code.

Contact: (609) 984-7609

Code Officials Continuing Education Program

Type of Assistance: Advisory and Training.

Description: Furthers the professional development of code enforcement personnel by providing quality educational offerings through a continuing education program.

Assistance Provided To: Licensed construction code officials, technical assistants and design professionals.

Contact: (609) 984-7820

Condominium and Cooperative Conversion Senior Citizens and Disabled Protected Tenancy

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Monitors procedures established by law and protects eligible senior citizens and disabled persons from eviction when their buildings are converted to condominium or cooperative forms of ownership. Supplies forms and information on procedures to be followed in applying for Protected Tenancy. Receives forms from tenants seeking this protection. Assists municipalities and counties in developing their administrative processes.

Assistance Provided To: Landlords, tenants, counties, municipalities, attorneys, and purchasers and sponsors of condominium and cooperative housing.

Contact: (609) 633-6606

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Construction Code Officials Licensing

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Licenses individuals as construction officials, subcode officials or inspectors. Coordinates training programs and distributes information concerning requirements to be a licensed code official in the State of New Jersey. Courses required for licensure are provided through the county college system. Tuition reimbursement is available to code officials successfully completing required courses.

Assistance Provided To: Persons seeking licenses to enforce the Uniform Construction Code.

Contact: (609) 984-7834

Construction Project Review

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides plan review for large and complex structures for all municipalities whose local code officials are not licensed at the highest technical level, and for all projects reserved to the State, including health care facilities, state buildings and casinos.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers and developers of such projects.

Contact: (609) 984-7860

Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Type of Assistance: Regulatory.

Description: Protects residents of continuing care retirement communities from a provider becoming insolvent or unable to provide responsible care.

Other Information: The provider is required to obtain a Certificate of Authority to operate the facility by filing an application for certification that contains a number of affidavits, legal description of the facility, the condition of title, extensive financial information, health program disclosure, proof of compliance with applicable governmental regulations, and brochures used for advertising and promotional purposes.

Assistance Provided To: Providers and current/potential residents of continuing care retirement communities.

Contact: (609) 633-3888

Educational Facilities Plan Review

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides plan review for all public schools to ensure compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers and developers of such projects.

Contact: (609) 324-1455

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Elevator Safety Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Administers the Elevator Safety Subcode, including acting as Subcode Authority for municipalities; conducts elevator inspections and maintains a State registry of elevator devices.

Assistance Provided To: Building owners, public officials and members of the public with an interest in the Elevator Safety Subcode.

Contact: (609) 984-7833

Healthcare Facilities Plan Review

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides technical review of plans for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities to ensure compliance with the Uniform Construction Code and federally mandated criteria.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers and developers of such projects.

Contact: (609) 633-8151

Housing Code Administration

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Issues Certificates of Registration and Certificates of Inspection, and provides technical assistance related to the inspection process. The unit also oversees violation abatement matters concerning time extensions; collects all fees; and answers inquiries regarding the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law and regulations. Certain types of building owners such as owner-occupied three and four unit buildings, fee simple ownership, and retirement communities may qualify for reduced inspection fees or fee exemptions.

Assistance Provided To: Landlords, owners, tenants and other interested parties.

Contact: (609) 633-6225

Housing Code Compliance

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Enforces penalty action against owners who, upon reinspection of their properties, have failed to abate cited violations. Cases not settled are brought to Superior Court of New Jersey for final resolution.

Assistance Provided To: Landlords, owners and tenants.

Contact: (609) 633-6229

Housing Code Enforcement

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Enforces the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law, which requires that all hotels, motels and multiple dwellings are inspected at least once every five years by the Bureau of Housing Inspection's Code Enforcement inspectors or by local inspectors in those municipalities participating in the Bureau's State Local Cooperative Housing Inspection Program (see below).

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Other Information: Inspections are conducted to ensure compliance with the Bureau's regulations for the Maintenance of Hotels and Multiple Dwellings. If upon reinspection, cited violations have not been corrected, hotel, motel and multiple dwelling owners are referred to the Bureau's Code Compliance section for penalty enforcement action.

Assistance Provided To: Any party interested in the abatement of cited violations.

Contact: (609) 633-6241

Industrialized Building Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Ensures that pre-manufactured building units purchased for installation in New Jersey comply with the Uniform Construction Code.

Assistance Provided To: Owners, manufacturers and sellers of manufactured housing (mobile homes) and modular buildings through third-party agencies and interstate inspection agreements.

Contact: (609) 984-7974

Lead Hazard Abatement Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Enforces Lead Hazard Abatement rules in all buildings and structures undergoing lead hazard abatement; licenses lead evaluation and abatement contractors; conducts monitoring inspections; and supports local building departments in the enforcement of lead hazard abatement rules.

Assistance Provided To: Private contractors, public officials and any resident with an interest in lead hazard abatement.

Contact: (609) 633-6224

Limited Dividend and Nonprofit Housing Corporations and Associations

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Helps maintain the supply of low- and moderate-income housing in the State.

Assistance Provided To: Existing limited dividend and nonprofit housing corporations and associations.

Contact: (609) 633-6606

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Performs plan review and inspection of new liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations and performs regular inspections of existing LPG systems.

Assistance Provided To: Engineers, LPG owners or operators, and consumers interested in LPG system safety.

Contact: (609) 633-6835

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Local Enforcing Agency

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Administrative, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Serves as the construction code enforcement agency for municipalities that have requested this service. Processes construction permit applications, reviews plans, issues construction permits, performs inspections, issues certificates and orders, and performs other construction code enforcement duties for construction projects occurring within these municipalities. The agency has three regional offices.

Assistance Provided To: Any municipality that has not established enforcement powers for the State Uniform Construction Code, architects, engineers, builders, homeowners and persons involved in construction in those municipalities that are seeking code technical or advisory assistance.

Contact: (609) 324-1152

Long Term Tax Exemption/Urban Renewal Entities

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides review, as required by statute, of certificates of incorporation or other certificates of formation for urban renewal entities formed under the Long Term Tax Exemption Law. Approval by DCA is required before such documents can be filed with the State Treasurer or county clerk.

Assistance Provided To: Urban renewal entities (corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, nonprofits, limited liability companies, etc.).

Contact: (609) 633-6606

New Jersey School Construction Corporation Managed School Projects

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Serves as the construction code enforcement agency for school projects managed by the New Jersey School Construction Corporation (NJSCC). Processes construction permit applications, reviews plans, issues permits, performs inspections, issues certificates and orders, and performs other construction code enforcement duties for construction projects managed by the NJSCC.

Assistance Provided To: NJSCC, architects, engineers, and persons involved with NJSCC-managed projects seeking code technical or advisory assistance.

Contact: (609) 324-1360 or write to:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Codes and Standards
Office of Local Code Enforcement
PO Box 821
Trenton, NJ, 08625-0821

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New Home Warranty Program

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical, Advisory and Financial.

Description: Requires all builders of new homes in New Jersey to be registered with the Department.

Registration is renewable every two years and a warranty is required for every new residential unit that is sold within the state.

Other Information: Builders must enroll in one of several Warranty Insurance Plans. A number of private plans, as well as one offered by the State, are currently available.

Assistance Provided To: All home building entities engaged in the construction of new single family, duplex, condominium or cooperative units and all purchasers of new units seeking assistance.

Contact: (609) 984-7910

Office of Regulatory Affairs

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Investigates allegations of violations of the Uniform Construction Code allegedly committed by construction officials, subcode officials and inspectors.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal officials, local code officials, engineers, architects, contractors and homeowners.

Contact: (609) 984-7672, or write to:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Division of Codes and Standards

Office of Regulatory Affairs

PO Box 818

Trenton, NJ, 08625-0818

PermitsNJ and UCCARS Technical Support

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides technical assistance to users of PermitsNJ, which is an Internet-based construction code enforcement management system. Provides technical support to users of UCCARS, which is the Division's Uniform Construction Code Administrative Records System software. Also oversees the monthly collection of New Jersey construction activity data.

Assistance Provided To: Construction officials and staff of municipal construction code enforcement offices.

Contact: (609) 292-7899

Planned Real Estate Development

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides consumer protection by requiring disclosure of pertinent information regarding retirement communities, condominiums, cooperatives and other developments in which common elements are shared.

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Other Information: The developer is required to register with the Division and file an application for registration containing a variety of exhibits concerning the legal status of the property, condition of title and financial information, as well as brochures used for advertising and promotional purposes. Developers must apply and become registered before offering units for sale.

Assistance Provided To: Developers and purchasers of units in common interest communities.

Contact: (609) 984-7574

Publications

Type of Assistance: Administrative.

Description: Provides, for a fee, various publications, including the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code yearly update service, Lead Hazard Evaluation and Abatement Code, Municipal Procedures Manual, and the Residential Site Improvement Standards.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities, code officials, attorneys, architects, engineers and the general public.

Contact: (609) 984-0040

Regulations Governing Residential Health Care Facilities and Related Statutes

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Implements and enforces the provisions of the Standards for Licensure of Residential Health Care Facilities, which mandates social and safety requirements for Residential Health Care Facilities. Upon satisfactory compliance with the regulations, the Bureau issues licenses to these facilities.

Other Information: All Residential Health Care Facilities in the state are evaluated on a regular basis by the Bureau for the physical safety and social well-being of the resident population as a prerequisite to licensing. Facilities must apply to the Bureau for a license to operation a Residential Health Care Facility.

Assistance Provided To: All Residential Health Care Facilities.

Contact: (609) 984-1704

Regulations Governing Rooming and Boarding Houses and Related Statutes

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Implements and enforces the provisions of the Rooming and Boarding House Act of 1979, which establishes standards to ensure that all rooming and boarding homes in the State are constructed, maintained and operated in such a manner as will protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and at the same time preserve and promote a home-like atmosphere appropriate to such facilities. Upon satisfactory compliance with the Act, the Bureau issues licenses to owners and/or operators of these facilities.

Other Information: All rooming and boarding homes in the state are evaluated yearly by the Bureau for the physical safety and social well-being of the resident population as a prerequisite to licensing. Municipalities wishing to conduct physical inspections should contact the Bureau. Only the Bureau can conduct social evaluations. Owners and operators must apply to the Bureau for a license to own and/or operate a rooming or boarding home.

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Assistance Provided To: All owners and operators of rooming and boarding homes.

Contact: (609) 633-6251 for Standards; (609) 984-1706 for Licensing

Residential Site Improvement Standards

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Responds to inquiries regarding the Residential Site Improvement Standards.

Assistance Provided To: Local officials, engineers, planners, builders, and any member of the public seeking assistance in understanding or interpreting the Residential Site Improvement Standards.

Contact: (609) 292-7899

Rules Governing Emergency Shelters for the Homeless

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Implements and enforces the provisions of the Rules Governing Emergency Shelters for the Homeless Act, which mandates that emergency shelters in the state are constructed, maintained and operated to protect the health, safety and welfare of their occupants. Owners must apply to the Bureau for licensure, which is issued upon compliance with the Act.

Other Information: Municipalities wishing to conduct inspections should contact the Bureau.

Assistance Provided To: Owners of emergency shelters and municipal officials.

Contact: (609) 633-6251

State Buildings

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Ensures that the construction or alteration of state-owned buildings complies with the Uniform Construction Code.

Assistance Provided To: Private contractors and public officials regarding the issuance of construction permits and certificates of occupancy, and the inspection of buildings.

Contact: (609) 984-7865

Uniform Construction Code

State Permit Surcharge Fee Program

Type of Assistance: Administrative, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Reviews quarterly State Permit Surcharge Fee reports and provides technical advice to ensure compliance.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal officials, local code officials and technical assistants.

Contact: (609) 292-7898

Division of Fire Safety

The **Division of Fire Safety** serves as the central fire service agency in the State. The Division is responsible for the development and enforcement of the State Uniform Fire Code, as well as for implementing public education and firefighter training programs.

For further information regarding the Division of Fire Safety's programs or services, please call the telephone number listed for each particular program, or call the main telephone number at (609) 633-6106. You may also visit our website at www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Fire Safety
PO Box 809
Trenton, NJ 08625-0809

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Volunteer Emergency Service Organization Loan Program

Type of Assistance: Financial Loans.

Description: Provides low interest loans to volunteer fire service and emergency medical organizations for the purpose of purchasing apparatus and equipment; constructing or refurbishing buildings and facilities; and refurbishing apparatus and equipment. Funding comes from state budget appropriation and a revolving special account.

Assistance Provided To: Volunteer and combination (career and volunteer) fire companies, fire departments, first aid squads, and rescue squads.

Other Information: Maximum loan based on project. Program information available on the Division of Fire Safety website at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/veso.pdf.

Contact: (609) 633-6070

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Cigarettes Certification Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Administers the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Act. This program requires that all manufacturers of cigarettes to be offered for sale in the State of New Jersey submit an application, which includes test data showing that the cigarettes meet a minimum fire safety standard and that

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the test laboratory meets a minimum standard as required by the statute. Works closely with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and the New Jersey Department of Treasury to ensure compliance with the Act. Utilizes the K-9s assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit to detect tobacco products when requested by the New Jersey Department of Treasury and/or ATF.

Assistance Provided To: Fire officials, cigarette industry, New Jersey Attorney General's Office, New Jersey Department of Treasury, law enforcement.

Contact: (609) 633-6070

College Fire Safety Program

Type of Assistance: Advisory.

Description: Statutorily required to work with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education to develop and deliver training programs for college employees and students regarding fire safety equipment and procedures for each campus.

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, college safety officers, New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, college students, parents, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-9722

Cooperative Purchasing Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Works with the New Jersey Department of Treasury to develop specifications for firefighter protective clothing and equipment for inclusion on the State's Cooperative Purchasing Contract. This ensures that protective clothing meets the standards established in the New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act (PEOSHA).

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, municipalities and fire districts, elected and appointed officials, New Jersey Department of Treasury, firefighters and fire officers, fire equipment manufacturers and distributors.

Contact: (609) 633-6125

Disabilities/Oxygen Emblem Program

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Issues an identification emblem to persons with a disability or persons who use oxygen. This emblem is affixed to the main entrance of a residential dwelling unit in order to alert firefighters, medical, rescue or law enforcement personnel when responding to an emergency situation that a person with a disability or a person who uses oxygen may be present in that dwelling.

Assistance Provided To: Disabled persons, fire service, emergency medical service, and law enforcement.

Contact: (609) 633-6121

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Division of Fire Safety Administration

Type of Assistance: Advisory and Technical.

Description: Administers the operation of the Division of Fire Safety. The Division director serves as the State Fire Marshal and the State Fire Coordinator. In addition, the Division has a dual reporting relationship with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Division administration coordinates with local, county, state and federal agencies on any issues regarding fire safety, fire code enforcement, preparedness and response. Division administration also interacts with the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

Assistance Provided To: Fire and Emergency Services; New Jersey Fire Safety Commission; federal, state, county, and local elected and appointed officials; and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-6106

Fire Code Services

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides technical assistance and interpretations of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act and fire code regulations. Interacts with the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission's Fire Code Advisory Council.

Assistance Provided To: Fire code enforcement officials, business/building owners, appointed and elected officials, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-6132

Fire Incident Reporting

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Administers a statewide fire incident reporting system that also serves as a central depository for the National Fire Incident Reporting System. Participating fire departments report emergency responses in a standardized format that is reviewed and submitted to the United States Fire Administration to be included in national statistics and analyses. These data are used by a number of federal agencies included the Consumer Product Safety Commission to identify defects that cause fire or injury and to recall products when warranted. This unit analyses statewide data to identify trends in New Jersey and publishes an annual report titled *Fire in New Jersey*. Within this report is a statutorily mandated section on school fires which is submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education. Interacts with the Statistics and Information Advisory Council of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, fire code officials, elected and appointed officials, media, and interested individuals/entities.

Contact: (609) 984-3476

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Fire Inspections

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Enforces New Jersey fire codes in municipalities that elect not to do so locally, as well as in or on any properties owned by the State of New Jersey or by an interstate authority.

Assistance Provided To: Elected and appointed officials, fire service, business/building owners, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-6132

Fire Investigation

Type of Assistance: Advisory, Technical, On-Scene, Accelerant Detection K-9s.

Description: Conducts cause and origin fire investigations in municipalities where the Division of Fire Safety is the primary fire code enforcing agency. In addition, this unit has primary responsibility for fires in any owned, leased, or occupied state facility. This unit is comprised of five certified fire investigators and three accelerant detection dogs. The unit works closely with the New Jersey State Police, county prosecutors' offices, local law enforcement agencies and the fire service. Also, this unit conducts investigations into the serious injury or death of a firefighter in the line of duty.

Assistance Provided To: State, county and local law enforcement agencies, state agencies, fire officials and the fire service.

Contact: Emergency 1-877-NJFIRES, Non-Emergency (609) 633-6125

Fire Protection Equipment Contractors Certification

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Administers a comprehensive and mandatory licensing program for contractors who sell, install, service, repair, maintain and/or inspect fire protection equipment. Also, certifies individuals in one of six categories specific to certain types of fire protection equipment. Currently there are six licenses available in the following classifications: Fire Sprinkler Systems; Special Hazard Fire Suppression Systems; Fire Alarm Systems; Portable Fire Extinguishers; Kitchen Fire Suppression Systems; All Fire Protection Systems. Issues business permits that verify the business is permitted to work on such equipment in the State of New Jersey. Interacts with a statutorily created Fire Protection Contractors Advisory Committee.

Assistance Provided To: Fire protection contractors, individuals working for fire protection contractors, fire service, fire code officials, trade organizations and construction code officials.

Contact: (609) 633-6121

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory and Educational.

Description: Administers a statewide system on reporting incidents involving juvenile firesetting behavior. Provides training to the fire service, law enforcement, juvenile justice, and mental health professionals on identifying, counseling and/or referring juveniles exhibiting such behavior for appropriate treatment. Submits

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collected statistics to a national database for inclusion in national statistics and analyses. Also, maintains a toll free, statewide phone number for reporting incidents or requesting assistance. Interacts with the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission's Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Advisory Council.

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, fire code officials, law enforcement, juvenile justice, court system, mental health organizations, and parents and guardians.

Contact: (609) 633-6432 or (800) 327-5230

Life Hazard Use Registration

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Life Hazard Use (LHU) is defined as the use of a building or structure that may constitute a potential risk to human life, public welfare or firefighters. This program annual registers LHUs, assesses a fee and requires that they be inspected at least annually. This program collects these fees and remits a percentage to local fire code enforcing agencies to offset the costs of enforcing the fire codes in those municipalities. The remaining percentage is retained by the Division of Fire Safety to cover the costs of administering the program.

Assistance Provided To: Fire code officials, fire service, appointed and elected officials, business/building owners, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-6144

Local Assistance and Monitoring

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Assists municipalities and fire districts to establish and maintain local enforcing agencies in accordance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act. Monitors local enforcing agencies to ensure proper enforcement of the fire codes and accounting of funds derived from the Fire Safety Act. Provides interpretations of the codes and regulations. Recommends sanctions against local enforcing agencies and/or certified fire code officials for failure to comply with the Fire Safety Act and regulations.

Assistance Provided To: Local enforcing agencies, appointed or elected officials, business owners, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-6111

New Jersey Fire Safety Commission

Type of Assistance: Advisory.

Description: A legislatively created commission comprised of 23 members, including two members of the Assembly, two members of the Senate, and citizens with expertise or interest in fire safety. Seven advisory councils each addressing a specific fire safety/service issue have been created and are comprised of citizens and fire service professionals with expertise in the particular topic assigned to that advisory council. The purpose of the commission and the advisory councils is to provide grassroots recommendations to the DCA Commissioner on all matters concerning fire safety.

Assistance Provided To: Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, and fire and emergency services.

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Other Information: The Commission hosts five public meetings per year to discuss matters brought before it by its advisory councils, the fire service and the general public. A schedule of the meeting can be found at the Division of Fire Safety Website (www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/).

Contact: (609) 633-6070

Office of Fire Department Preparedness

Type of Assistance: Advisory, Technical, Emergency Response.

Description: Administers the Fire Service Emergency Resource Deployment Act through a series of county fire coordinators appointed from the fire service from each county; regional fire coordinators, who are full-time Division of Fire Safety staff; and the State Fire Coordinator, who is the Director of the Division of Fire Safety. Ensures that every county and municipality has the required fire mutual aid plans and that those plans are reviewed every two years. Works closely with the New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center. Coordinates the deployment of large-caliber water and firefighting foam delivery systems, as well as firefighting foam tenders statewide. Deploys the Division of Fire Safety's Logistics Support Vehicle on major incidents as requested. Interacts with the Health and Safety Advisory Council of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

Assistance Provided To: County fire coordinators, county emergency management coordinators, fire departments, appointed and elected officials.

Contact: Emergency – 877-NJFIRES, Non-Emergency (609) 292-4109

Office of Training and Certification

Type of Assistance: Advisory and Programmatic.

Description: Provides more than 300 training seminars to various facets of the fire service, including fire code enforcement, fire suppression, fire officer, and incident management. In addition, offers 16 fire service certifications including a number with recertification requirements. Inspects all county and local fire academy training and classroom facilities annually to ensure compliance with adopted regulations. Coordinates the delivery of training courses and statewide testing through a contract with Kean University and with all county and local fire academies. Interacts with the Training and Education Advisory Council of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

Assistance Provided To: Fire departments, fire service individuals, fire academies, community colleges, and entities interested in firefighter training and certification.

Contact: (609) 777-3552

Regulatory and Legislative Affairs

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides guidance regarding the enforcement of New Jersey's Fire Codes and related statutes and regulations. Develops and amends Division regulations; administers a Peer Review Committee that proposes sanctions against an individual's fire code enforcement certifications; undertakes corrective actions, including the issuance of penalties and judgments; and maintains a registry of local fire code enforcing agencies.

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Assistance Provided To: Fire Code enforcing agencies, municipalities, appointed and elected officials, the fire service, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 984-0039

Publications

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Offers for sale New Jersey-specific fire code publications, including statutes that govern Division of Fire Safety programs, Division regulations, the New Jersey Fire Prevention Code, and the New Jersey Fire Code. Also publishes all Division of Fire Safety reports on the Division's website, provides electronic correspondence from the Division to the fire service, and maintains a listing of fire departments and local enforcing agencies on the Division's website.

Assistance Provided To: Fire Code enforcing agencies, municipalities, appointed and elected officials, the fire service, and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-7129

Public Education

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Increases public awareness of fire safety by developing educational fire safety materials such as brochures, flyers, posters and booklets aimed at preschoolers, school age children, babysitters, college students, and senior citizens. These brochures are available for downloading and use at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/focus/ on the Division's website. Sponsors an annual fire safety poster contest in schools throughout the state. Also sponsors a Fire Bowl trivia competition for high schools throughout the state. Publishes a monthly State Fire Marshal Message and quarterly newsletter that are distributed electronically and available on the Division's website. Interacts with the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission's Public Education Advisory Council.

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, fire code officials, schools, colleges, municipalities, civic organizations and the general public.

Contact: (609) 633-9722

Smoke Alarm Distribution

Type of Assistance: Advisory.

Description: Distributes approximately 13,000 smoke alarms to fire departments and civic organizations throughout Central Jersey and North Jersey through participation in the *Operation 7: Save a Life* program sponsored by WABC-TV, Channel 7 in New York City. The fire departments and civic groups then distribute the alarms to households at or below the poverty level.

Assistance Provided To: Fire service, civic organizations, and residents at or below poverty level.

Contact: (609) 633-6432

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Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

Type of Assistance: Advisory and Programmatic.

Description: Provides guidance and assistance to local volunteer fire departments and first aid and rescue squads to assist them in the recruitment of new members and retaining existing members. Maintains a toll-free statewide telephone number that accepts calls from the general public. Callers are provided contact information and referred to their local fire department's recruitment and retention officer.

Assistance Provided To: Volunteer fire departments, first aid, ambulance and rescue squads.

Contact: (609) 633-6432, (800) FIRE-LINE

Division of Housing and Community Resources

The **Division of Housing and Community Resources** is committed to building neighborhoods and to providing financial and technical assistance to municipalities, community action agencies and other nonprofit organizations for community and economic development projects that improve the quality of life for low-income, disabled and disadvantaged residents.

For further information, please call the telephone number listed for each program or write to:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Community Resources
PO Box 806
Trenton, NJ 08625-0806

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Community Services Block Grant

Type of Assistance: Financial – Grants.

Description: Awards funding to community agencies for the provision of health, education, employment, housing and other services to New Jersey's population. Ninety percent of the annual allocation must go to federally-designated Community Action Agencies.

Other Information: Award period is October 1 to September 30. Community agencies must submit an application via SAGE at <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>. Contact program coordinator for details.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Assistance Provided To: Public and private nonprofit agencies.

Contact: (609) 633-6286

Emergency Lead Poisoning Relocation (ELPR) Program

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Pays up to 100 percent of eligible, reasonable temporary relocation costs due to a lead poisoning emergency or a flat fee of \$1,800. Eligible costs include hotel, motel, transportation, moving and storage of household goods/personal belongings. Permanent relocation is also available for households who are unable to return to their primary residence following lead abatement. Permanent relocation assistance can include a security deposit, first month's rent and limited rental subsidies.

Other Information: Head of household makes application through their local health department as soon as possible after being notified that a child under 18 year of age in their household has an elevated blood lead level and must relocate.

Funding Source: New Jersey Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund.

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Assistance Provided To: Payments are made on behalf of eligible households directly to providers of services except in cases where the applicant elects to receive a flat fee. Flat fees are paid directly to applicants after receipts for eligible costs are received by the program.

Contact: 1 (877) DCA – LEAD or visit www.lead safenj.org.

Family Self-Sufficiency

Type of Assistance: Financial–Subsidies.

Description: Assists families who are participants in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program toward becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant through the implementation of an individualized action plan.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Families must be participants in DCA’s Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to be eligible.

Contact: (609) 633-6284

Home Community Housing Development Organization Program – Home CHDO

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Administered by the Department in accordance with both the federal HOME program rules, found at 24 CFR Part 92 and the rules of the DCA’s Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing Program (N.J.A.C 5:43-1.1 et seq.). When Federal and State program requirements differ, the more stringent will apply. The HOME Production Program subsidy provides a critical source of gap financing for affordable housing projects whose other sources of public subsidy and private financing are not sufficient to sustain economic viability. The Program's subsidy formula is responsive to increases in the cost of land and construction. The Program is established to support the construction and preservation of permanent, high-quality, location-efficient affordable housing that meets the demand for units affordable to low and very low-income families and individuals residing in New Jersey.

Other Information: For further information about CHDO eligibility and certification, call (609) 984-8453.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: State-certified Community Housing Development Organizations

Application Deadline: Rolling application.

Contact Number: (609) 633-6046

HOME–Housing Production Investment Program

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Administered by the DCA in accordance with both the federal HOME program rules, found at 24 CFR Part 92 and the rules of the DCA’s Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing Program (N.J.A.C 5:43-1.1 et seq.). When Federal and State program requirements differ, the more stringent will apply. The HOME Production Program subsidy provides a critical source of gap financing for affordable housing projects whose other sources of public subsidy and private financing are not sufficient to sustain economic viability. The

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Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Eligible non-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers.

Application Deadline: Rolling application.

Date of Notification: January, April, July and October.

Contact: (609) 633-6046

Homelessness Prevention

Type of Assistance: Financial—Grants and Subsidies.

Description: Provides limited financial assistance to low- and moderate-income tenants and homeowners in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are used to disburse payments in the forms of loans and grants to landlords and mortgage companies on behalf of eligible households in danger of homelessness.

Other Information: Award period is from July 1 to June 30. For information on application procedures, contact the program coordinator.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Low- and moderate-income tenants and homeowners.

Contact: (866) 889-6270

Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

Type of Assistance: Financial—Subsidies.

Description: Provides tenant-based rental subsidies to eligible applicants living with HIV/AIDS and residing in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Mercer, Salem and Warren counties.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Very low-income families with a household member living with HIV/AIDS.

Contact: 609-341-3274

Individual Development Account

Type of Assistance: Matching Savings.

Description: Matched savings accounts to help low-income families accumulate funds specifically for high-return investments in homeownership, education or small-business ownership.

Other Information: Nonprofit organizations operate as sub-grantees in delivering IDA services. Nonprofit agencies must submit an application to SAGE via <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Assistance Provided To: Income-eligible working individuals and families via grants to nonprofit organizations.

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Contact: (609) 633-6272

Lead Hazard Control Assistance (LHCA) Fund

Type of Assistance: Financial – Grants.

Description: Provides funds to owner-occupants and rental property owners of housing constructed prior to 1978 to reduce or eliminate lead-based paint hazards and to address the underlying conditions that contribute to lead-based paint failure. The financial assistance is in the form of 3 percent interest deferred payment repayable loans; 3 percent interest deferred payment loans with provisions for forgiveness; and secured grants.

Other Information: Currently accepting applications for top priority cases only. Top priority cases are residential dwellings constructed prior to 1978 with either a child under the age of 6 or a Notice of Violation issued by the local board of health due to lead-based paint hazards. Applications should be submitted to leadbasedpaint@dca.state.nj.us; via fax at (609) 341-3275; or via mail at PO Box 811, Trenton, NJ 08625

Funding Source: New Jersey Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund.

Assistance Provided To: Property owners of pre-1978 housing.

Contact: 1-(877)-DCA-LEAD

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Type of Assistance: Financial – Grants.

Description: Assists very low-income persons with their heating and cooling bills, and makes provisions for emergency heating systems services and emergency fuel assistance within the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region.

Other Information: Households must submit an application to a designated community-based organization. The application deadline varies depending on the year. People can go to www.energyassistance.nj.gov to obtain an application and get a list of community-based organizations accepting applications.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Assistance Provided To: Very low-income persons.

Contact: (800) 510-3102

Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing Program

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Provides municipalities, for-profit and non-profit affordable housing developers with financial assistance needed to spur the development of affordable housing across the state, in conformance with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and in fulfillment of Section 20 of the Fair Housing Act of 1985, as amended. The Balanced Housing subsidy provides a critical source of gap financing for affordable housing projects whose other sources of public subsidy and private financing are not sufficient to sustain economic viability. The program's subsidy formula is responsive to increases in the cost of land and construction. The program is established to support the construction and preservation of permanent, high-quality, location-

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efficient affordable housing that meets the demand for units affordable to low- and moderate-income families and individuals residing in New Jersey.

Other Information: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and awards are made four times per year in January, April, July and October.

Funding Source: Realty Transfer Fee.

Assistance Provided To: Eligible municipalities, non-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers.

Contact: (609) 633-6258

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program

Type of Assistance: Financial – Grants.

Description: Provides business entities with a 100 percent tax credit for money donated to nonprofit groups carrying out comprehensive, DCA-approved revitalization plans. The nonprofit groups must use at least 60 percent of the tax credit funds for housing and economic development initiatives. The remaining funds may be used for supportive services and other activities that promote neighborhood revitalization.

Other Information: Nonprofit groups must apply to the program by submitting a Neighborhood Planning Grant or Project Application to SAGE via <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>. Applications are available at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/dcr/nrtc>. Funds are awarded on a rolling basis.

Funding Source: Corporate Funds.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit 501(c) 3 organizations in municipalities eligible to receive aid under the “Special Municipal Aid Act” or “Abbott Districts.”

Contact: (609) 633-6273

Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

Type of Assistance: Financial–Grants.

Description: Provides funding assistance to local governments for both short-term special events and comprehensive recreational services for individuals with disabilities.

Other Information: Requires a match of \$1 local government to \$5 State. Applications must be submitted by June 1 to SAGE via <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>. Resolutions authorizing the match requirement must be received by June 30.

Funding Source: State Appropriation.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities and counties.

Contact: (609) 984-6654

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Type of Assistance: Financial–Subsidies.

Description: Based on the requirement that housing costs (rent and utilities) should not exceed 30 percent of a household’s income, the program assists in making safe and quality housing in the private rental market affordable to very low-income families by reducing housing costs through direct rent subsidy payments to landlords. Special emphasis is placed on assisting special needs residents in their efforts to live independently in the community.

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Other Information: The statewide program is available to residents of all New Jersey counties. Additional Section 8 Existing Housing programs are administered throughout the state by a number of municipal and county authorities.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Very low-income families; single individuals over 62 years of age; or individuals with special needs.

Contact: (609) 292-9025

Shelter Housing Exit (SHE) Program

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Provides security deposits and rental assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children who are currently living in shelters or in transitional housing facilities. Its main goal is to move women living in shelters and transitional units into permanent housing, a place they can call home and a place to start their lives over, free from domestic violence. Participants must be referred to DCA by a Lead Domestic Violence Agency and their income cannot exceed 80 percent of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development median income for the area in which they choose to live.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Victims of domestic violence and their children.

Contact: (609) 292-3846

Shelter Support

Type of Assistance: Financial–Grants.

Description: Provides funds to renovate and improve existing homeless shelters and transitional housing and construct new homeless shelters and transitional housing.

Other Information: Project sponsors must apply to receive assistance. Award period is from July 1 to June 30. Federally-funded projects must adhere to Emergency Shelter Grant Program regulations.

Funding Source: State Appropriation and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Local governmental units and nonprofit organizations.

Contact: (609) 943-5849

Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Type of Assistance: Financial – Grants and loans.

Description: Provides funds for economic development, housing rehabilitation, community revitalization and public facilities designed to benefit people of low- and moderate-income or to address recent local needs for which no other source of funding is available.

Other Information: Eligible local governments must submit an application via SAGE at

<https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>. Information on the application deadline is circulated to all eligible governments.

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Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Non-entitlement counties and municipalities (list available on request).

Contact: (609) 633-6276

State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP)

Type of Assistance: Financial–Subsidies.

Description: Assists in making safe and quality housing in the private rental market affordable to very low-income families by reducing housing costs through tenant-based and project-based assistance. Preferences have been set aside for the elderly ages 62 and above and for New Jersey Department of Human Services homeless referrals. The statewide program is available to residents in all New Jersey counties.

Funding Source: State Aid Appropriation.

Assistance Provided To: Very low-income households. Current waiting list exists.

Contact: (609) 292-4080

Universal Service Fund (USF) Program

Type of Assistance: Financial assistance with utility bills.

Description: Assists very low-income persons who have high natural gas and/or electric bills by providing a monthly credit. To be eligible for USF, a household's gross annual income must be less than or equal to 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and the household must spend more than 3 percent of its income for electric service or natural gas service. If the home is heated with electricity, the household must spend more than 6 percent of its income on electricity.

Other Information: Eligible households can use the joint USF/LIHEAP application to apply for USF at any time of year, or to apply for USF and LIHEAP at the same time during the winter months (typically November – March). While applicants may apply for USF at any time of year, they are encouraged to submit the joint USF/LIHEAP application during the winter months when their eligibility can be determined for both USF and LIHEAP. USF/LIHEAP applications and a list of agencies that accept applications are available on the Internet at www.energyassistance.nj.gov.

Funding Source: New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Assistance Provided To: Very low-income households.

Contact: (866) 240-1347

Weatherization Assistance

Type of Assistance: Financial and Technical.

Description: Assists elderly, disabled and low-income persons by installing energy saving materials in their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. The program also provides emergency heating assistance.

Other Information: Eligible households must submit a weatherization application to a designated community-based agency. A list of designated agencies and the application can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/wap.html>.

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Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Energy.

Assistance Provided To: Low-income households; community-based agencies assisting low-income occupied dwelling units.

Contact: (609) 984-6184

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Section 8 Single Room Occupancy–Moderate Rehabilitation

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Assists in rehabilitating privately-owned, substandard, single-room occupancy rental units that provide housing for individuals eligible for Section 8 Rental Assistance. Technical assistance is provided to property owners during all phases of rehabilitation, including preparing work write-ups, evaluating contractor bids, applying for financing, and conducting construction and quality control. Upon completing the rehabilitation work, the project sponsor receives financial assistance, which is administered by the Housing Assistance Element over a 10-year period, in the form of Section 8 Rental Assistance. Assistance is paid on behalf of eligible tenants.

Other Information: To receive the assistance, project sponsors must submit an application. The DCA will periodically post a Request for Proposal for the program.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Assistance Provided To: Owners of substandard rental properties that require rehabilitation costing at least \$3,000 per unit to bring them up to standard condition and eligibility for rent subsidy.

Contact: (609) 633-6162

Division of Local Government Services

The **Division of Local Government Services** works with local governments to ensure their financial integrity and solvency, and to support their efforts to comply with State laws and regulations.

For further information, please call the telephone number listed for each particular program, or call the main telephone number at (609) 292-6613. You may also visit our website at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs or e-mail us at dlgs@dca.state.nj.us.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Local Government Services
PO Box 803
Trenton, NJ 08625-0803

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Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid

Type of Assistance: Financial–Grants.

Description: Provides all municipalities with property tax relief, pursuant to various state funding formulas. Aid is distributed by formula in set amounts between July and December. Municipalities receive preliminary notification of the aid on February 1 and final notification on July 15.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Property Tax Relief Fund.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities.

Contact: (609) 292-6110 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/muniaid/aidmenu.shtml.

Transitional Aid

Type of Assistance: Technical and Financial–Grants.

Description: Assists municipalities facing the most severe fiscal conditions in recovering from fiscal distress and improving management and financial practices.

Other Information: The award period is from July 1 to June 30. Municipalities must submit an application form with their municipal budget or pursuant to program guidelines each year. Grants and technical assistance are contingent on the municipality executing a Memorandum of Understanding committing them to making management and operational improvements, and subject to Division review of various activities.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, State Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal governments identified by the Division and Local Finance Board to be in need of substantial financial aid and technical assistance to resolve ongoing fiscal problems.

Contact: (609) 292-4806

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Audit and Financial Assistance

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Provides technical assistance as well as accounting and auditing rule promulgations of the Division and Local Finance Board.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal and county financial officers, registered municipal accountants, public officials and interested residents.

Contact: (609) 292-4806

Authority Audit, Financing and Accounting Assistance

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides information and advice to local entities, their representatives and the general public on auditing, project financing, financial reporting and accounting matters.

Assistance Provided To: Citizens, officials of local governments and their respective representatives.

Contact: (609) 984-0132

Authority and Fire District Budget Assistance

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides assistance in the preparation, submission, amendment and adoption of authority and fire district budgets. Promulgates rules and regulations pertaining to preparation of local public authority and special district budgets and capital budgets for the review and approval by the Division director.

Assistance Provided To: Citizens, officials of local governments and their representatives.

Contact: (609) 984-0132

Budget and Cap Law Assistance

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Assists municipalities and counties in complying with New Jersey's Cap Law.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities and counties.

Contact: (609) 292-4806

Cooperative Purchasing

Type of Assistance: Provides assistance to local contracting units in the planning, development and implementation of cooperative purchasing programs.

Other Information: All cooperative purchasing systems are required to be registered with and approved by the Division director.

Assistance Provided To: Any municipality, county, board of education, or other type of local contracting unit interested in developing or participating in a cooperative purchasing system.

Contact: (609) 292-7842 or lpcl@dca.state.nj.us

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Data Services

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Provides various financial and property tax data on all municipalities and counties in the State, including current and historical statistical information on Municipal State Aid, Property Tax Information, Fiscal Reports, and Municipal and County Financial Information (limited information).

Assistance Provided To: All local government units and the general public.

Contact: (609) 292-6110

Debt Statement Assistance

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Provides assistance to municipalities and counties regarding the filing requirements for Annual Debt Statements and Supplemental Debt Statement Forms; receives and records their filings.

Assistance Provided To: Residents, officials of local governments and their respective representatives.

Contact: (609) 984-6626

Deferred Compensation Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Provides technical assistance to counties, municipalities and public authorities to establish deferred compensation programs and to ensure compliance with New Jersey statutes and laws. All local government (county, municipality, public authority) deferred compensation programs are required to be filed with and approved by the Division. Approval is for an indefinite period, but all program amendments and modifications must be filed with and approved by the Division.

Assistance Provided To: Any municipality, county or public authority, and vendors of deferred compensation programs.

Contact: (609) 292-7842 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/defcomp/defcompmenu.shtml

Emergency Resolutions

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Assists municipalities and counties in filing emergency budget resolutions when necessary.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities or counties.

Contact: (609) 292-4806

Length of Service Award Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Provides tax-deferred income benefits to active members of all volunteer fire and first aid organizations.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities, fire districts, fire companies, first aid organizations and interested residents.

Contact: (609) 292-7842 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/losap/losap.shtml

Local Government Ethics Law

Type of Assistance: Regulatory, Technical and Advisory.

Description: Administers the provisions of the Local Government Ethics Law. This requires a wide range of local government officials to file Local Finance Board-promulgated Financial Disclosure Statements with the Local Finance Board and their local governments annually. The law sets a minimum ethical standard for local government elected officials, appointed officials and employees; empowers the Local Finance Board to investigate complaints and issue advisory opinions; and serves as the ethics board where no local board has been established.

Other Information: The Local Finance Board hears complaints against employees or officers for municipalities who have not appointed their own local ethics board, as well as appeals on decisions by local ethics boards. The Board's staff also works with local government officials to assist in administering the law.

Assistance Provided To: Citizens, officials of local governments and their respective representatives.

Contact: (609) 292-0479 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/ethics/ethcmenu.shtml

Local Government Professional Certification Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Administers certification and examination programs for local government professionals as provided by law; maintains database of certified individuals; approves continuing education programs; and monitors certification renewals.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal and county officials or interested residents.

Contact: (609) 292-9757 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/certunit/certmenu.shtml

Local Finance Board, Executive Secretary

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Administers the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, Local Budget Law, Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law, and other respective statutes. These laws require the filing of applications to appear before the Local Finance Board with subsequent action by the Board. The Local Finance Board is a statutorily created body with the overall responsibility for promulgating rules and regulations on the fiscal operations, fiscal reporting and fiscal conditions of all New Jersey municipalities, counties, local authorities and special districts. It has specific statutory authority to approve or make recommendations on various agency financing and debt matters, create or dissolve local authorities or special districts, assume fiscal control over local governments, and assist their governing bodies in financial and operational matters.

Other Information: The director of the Division serves as the Local Finance Board's chairman. Other members are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.

Assistance Provided To: General public, officials of local government and professionals representing them.

Contact: (609) 292-0479

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Local Finance Board, Liaison

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Reviews, prepares analysis and provides testimony on applications submitted to the Local Finance Board.

Assistance Provided To: Citizens, officials of local governments and their representatives.

Contact: (609) 984-0132

Local Finance Notices, Email and DLGS News

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Provides guidance, information and directives to local municipalities, agencies and officials concerning legal and regulatory aspects of various functional areas and programs. Email subscriptions are free and include email copies of all Local Finance Notices.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities, counties, authorities, fire districts, local officials and interested citizens.

Contact: (609) 943-4724 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/dlgs-newssubscribe.shtml

Mortgage Escrow Transaction Program

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Maintains bank codes for all mortgage lenders, servicers and property tax processors; ensures delivery of tax bills to the proper parties; and administers the provisions relating to mortgage escrow accounting transactions.

Assistance Provided To: Tax collectors, mortgage lenders, servicers and tax processors.

Contact: (609) 292-4656 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/taxes/taxmenu.shtml#mort

Municipal Law and General Assistance

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Assists local officials with questions concerning the application of local government law to various public issues.

Assistance Provided To: Local government officials.

Contact: (609) 292-7842

Public Insurance Management Assistance (Joint Insurance Fund Approval)

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory and Regulatory.

Description: Provides technical assistance to local governments regarding joint insurance.

Assistance Provided To: Any municipality, county, authority or other interested party.

Contact: (609) 292-7842

Purchasing Assistance

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory and Regulatory.

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Description: Provides general assistance to municipal, county and authority agencies or school districts in the area of purchasing goods and services and in developing procedures for acquiring and verifying the receipt of goods and services to improve efficiency and coordination of any purchasing system.

Assistance Provided To: Local government and school officials.

Contact: (609) 292-7842 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lpcl

Qualified Bonds

Type of Assistance: Regulatory and Technical.

Description: Strengthens the credit status of municipalities and school districts by pledging state aid to guarantee debt service payments on qualified bond issues.

Other Information: The municipality or school district files an application with the Local Finance Board. If the findings are favorable, the Board may authorize the issuance of qualified bonds.

Assistance Provided To: Residents, officials of local governments and their respective representatives.

Contact: (609) 292-0479

Shared Services

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Provides general technical assistance on the joint or shared provision of services by local units of government. Division staff provides guidance on conducting feasibility studies and other issues.

Other information: Among the services local units can consider for shared services technical assistance are assessment and collection of taxes, public safety services, solid waste collection, code enforcement, public works and recreation.

Assistance Provided To: All local government units.

Contact: (609) 292-7842 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/share/index.shtml

Single Audit Review

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Reviews single audit reports of local units to ensure compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

Assistance Provided To: Qualified auditors and chief financial officers of local units of government.

Contact: (609) 292-4806

Tenant Property Tax Rebate Program

Type of Assistance: Technical and Regulatory.

Description: Requires landlords of qualified residential rental properties to rebate or credit tenants with property tax reductions. Responds to telephone inquiries and written referrals.

Assistance Provided To: Tax collectors, rent leveling clerks, landlords and tenants.

Contact: (609) 292-4656 or go to www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/tenreb/tenreb.shtml

Division on Women

The New Jersey **Division on Women** (DOW) is a state agency that advances public discussion of issues critical to the women of New Jersey and provides leadership in the formulation of public policy in the development, coordination and evaluation of programs and services for women. DOW evaluates the effectiveness of program implementation and plans for the development of new programs and services.

The Division is also charged with establishing a liaison with state departments and other public and private agencies involved with laws, regulations and program development affecting women in joint efforts to expand opportunities for women. In this capacity, DOW collaborates with other state departments to understand and address the changing needs and concerns of women.

For further information, please call the main telephone number at (609) 292-8840 or TTY (609) 777-0799. You may also visit our website at www.nj.gov/dca/dow or e-mail us at dow@dca.state.nj.us.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division on Women
PO Box 801
Trenton, NJ 08625-0801

MONETARY RESOURCES

Displaced Homemaker Programs (DH)

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants.

Description: Provides job counseling and other supportive services for women who have been dependent on the income of another household member, but must now support themselves due to the death, divorce or disablement of a spouse. DH Programs provide job counseling services; job training and placement services; supportive counseling services; educational services; financial management services; health education services; computer literacy; legal information; and referral services. DH Programs emphasize activities that provide training and other employment-related services for displaced homemakers to enhance their employability and earnings.

Other Information: Contact the program administrator to apply. Grants are awarded July 1 to June 30.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit agencies and higher education institutions.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

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Domestic Violence Hotline

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants.

Description: Provides a statewide 24-hour, seven-day-a week, domestic violence hotline to serve victims of domestic violence and others seeking information about domestic violence. The hotline provides a bilingual service and is accessible to the deaf and hearing impaired.

Other Information: Contact the program administrator to apply. Grants are awarded July 1 to June 30.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit agencies.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

New Jersey Women's Micro-Business Credit Program

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants

Description: The program is a collaborative economic development project implemented by DCA's Division on Women and New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA), a DCA affiliate. The program assists women with minimal business experience develop their entrepreneurial goals. Participants learn how to start, market, or expand their small business, as well as increase their business skills through training and mentoring opportunities. In addition, eligible participants have the opportunity to apply for a loan of up to \$5,000. Any woman that participates in the program must have a personal income of less than 350 percent of the official poverty line.

Other Information: The award period is November 1, 2006 to December 31, 2012.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Statewide agencies and Nonprofit agencies.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Prevention of Violence Against Women

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants, Technical, Training, Public Awareness, Informational and Advisory.

Description: Funds are used for research and programmatic projects that are involved with prevention of violence against women and to improve delivery of services to domestic violence and sexual violence survivors.

Other Information: Contact the program administrator to apply. The application deadline and award period varies.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Rape Prevention and Education Program (RPE)

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants, Technical, Informational and Promotional.

Description: Oversees grants and contracts, and provides technical assistance to Sexual Violence Programs (SVP) that are implementing primary prevention strategies that meet the requirements contained in the New

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Jersey Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Plan of 2009. RPE funds are awarded to support SVPs that focus at least 75 percent of grant activities on policy and social norms change strategies and related coalition building and community mobilization efforts. A maximum of 25 percent of grant time and resources may be spent on single dose outreach and awareness-raising through:

- Training programs for professionals on prevention-related topics;
- Educational seminars on prevention-related topics;
- Preparation of informational materials on prevention-related topics;
- Education and training programs for college students and campus personnel designed to reduce the incidence of sexual violence at colleges and universities;
- Education to increase awareness about drugs used to facilitate sexual violence; and
- Efforts to increase awareness of the facts about or to help prevent sexual assault in underserved communities and among individuals with disabilities as defined in Section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12102).

Additionally, RPE funds support state-level prevention services that implement a training institute and provide technical assistance and capacity building for RPE-funded SVPs, and support cross training with other fields that share similar risk and protective factors.

Other Information: Contact the Rape Care & Prevention Administrator to apply. The award period is from November 1 to October 31.

Funding Source: Federal Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Grant, Federal Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.

Assistance Provided To: Sexual Violence Programs and State Coalition.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care Program

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants, Technical, Informational and Promotional.

Description: Oversees grants and contracts, and provides technical assistance to selected county-based Sexual Violence Programs (SVP) in each of the state's 21 counties. The SAARC Program staff assists SVP grantees in implementing victim-centered, crisis services, and developing a strong presence in their county and communities. The SAARC Program contracts with 21 county-wide SVP grantees that provide free and confidential 24-hour, 7 day-a-week assistance to primary and secondary victims of sexual violence.

Services provided by SVPs include, but are not limited to:

- 24/7 crisis and informational hotlines;
- 24/7 accompaniment through medical procedures, law enforcement interviews, investigative procedures and court proceedings;
- Crisis counseling for primary and secondary victims;
- Victim advocacy;
- Referrals and follow-up support;
- Sensitivity training for professionals and others who interact with victims of sexual violence; and
- Participation as member of their county Sexual Assault Response Team.

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SAARC Program staff also participates in statewide policy development on issues related to sexual assault and rape care advocacy.

Other Information: Contact the Rape Care & Prevention Administrator to apply. The award period is from January 1 to December 31.

Funding Source: State Appropriation.

Assistance Provided To: Sexual Violence Programs.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants, Technical, Informational and Promotional.

Description: Provides intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault; family and household members of victims; and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. The program supports efforts to help survivors heal from sexual assault trauma through direct intervention and related assistance from social service organizations such as rape crisis centers through 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention, and medical and criminal justice accompaniment. The program will support such services through the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of rape crisis centers and other programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault.

Other Information: Contact the Sexual Assault Services Program Administrator to apply. The award period is from January 1 to December 31.

Funding Source: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funds.

Assistance Provided To: Non-governmental Sexual Violence Programs.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Women's Referral Central

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants.

Description: Provides referrals and information to women in New Jersey through a statewide, toll-free 24-hour, 7 day-a-week hotline. The hotline provides referrals and basic information in areas of concern such as counseling, legal services, discrimination, housing, divorce, violence, and financial assistance. The hotline provides a bilingual service and is accessible to the hearing impaired.

Other Information: Contact the program administrator to apply. The award period is from July 1 to June 30.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit agencies.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Women's Shelters

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants.

Description: Assists shelters and non-shelter programs to maintain or improve the physical structure of the shelter facilities, or improve or supplement the delivery of direct services to victims of domestic violence. Physical improvements may include, but are not limited to, new construction/improvement of program site

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facilities, furnishings, appliances and equipment. Direct services may include counseling, legal advocacy and housing, but are not limited to these areas.

Other Information: Contact the program administrator to apply. The award period is from September 1 to August 31.

Funding Source: State Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid.

Assistance Provided To: Lead domestic violence programs.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

Type of Assistance: Advisory, Technical and Advocacy.

Description: This 11-member commission makes recommendations to the Division on Women regarding policies and programs; provides technical assistance to county and municipal commissions on women; assists in the formation of commissions; and co-sponsors several events with the Division.

Assistance Provided To: Women's organizations and county and local commissions on women.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

New Jersey Advisory Council on Domestic Violence

Type of Assistance: Advisory, Technical and Advocacy.

Description: The Legislature established the Advisory Council on Domestic Violence in the Department of Community Affairs. The Advisory Council shall:

- Monitor the effectiveness of the laws concerning domestic violence and make recommendations for their improvement;
- Review proposed legislation governing domestic violence and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature;
- Study the needs, priorities, programs, and policies relating to domestic violence throughout the State; and
- Ensure that all service providers and citizens are aware of the needs of and services available to victims of domestic violence and make recommendations for community education and training programs.

Further, the Advisory Council shall periodically advise the Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Children and Families and the Director of the Division on Women on its activities, findings and recommendations.

Assistance Provide To: Government agencies and legislative representatives, community organizations and individuals.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

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New Jersey Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board

Type of Assistance: Advisory, Technical and Advocacy.

Description: Coordinated by the Office on the Prevention of Violence Against Women, the New Jersey Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board studies intimate partner-related fatalities and near fatalities in an effort to understand and prevent such deaths in the State of New Jersey through systems changes, education and public policy. The Board's review of domestic violence fatalities and near fatalities is enhanced by research and data analysis performed by the Board's Principle Researcher and Program Director.

Assistance Provided To: Governmental and non-governmental service delivery systems that impact upon the lives of domestic violence victims and/or perpetrators.

Contact: (609) 292-8840

Local Planning Services

The **Local Planning Services** (LPS) Unit of the Office of the Commissioner provides planning services to local governments. LPS also supports the creation of affordable housing through increased regulatory flexibility and streamlined affordable housing guidelines and assists the Commissioner of DCA with implementing and administering the Fair Housing Act.

For information regarding the Local Planning Services Unit, please call (609) 292-3000, email lpsmail@dca.state.nj.us, or access the website at www.nj.gov/dca/services/lps/hss/index.html.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Local Planning Services
PO Box 813
Trenton, NJ 08625

The Local Planning Services Unit:

- Reviews requests for Department action, including waiver and motion requests;
- Reviews and approves municipal spending plans for affordable housing;
- Reviews and approves development fee ordinances;
- Approves Administrative Agents and Municipal Housing Liaisons; and
- Approves affordable housing operating manuals.

AFFILIATES

Government Records Council

The **Government Records Council** (GRC) was established by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) to facilitate public access to government records. The GRC can assist public agency records custodians and the public by providing guidance and information, as well as resolving denial of access disputes.

For information regarding the Government Records Council, please call (866) 850-0511, email grc@dca.state.nj.us, or access the website at www.nj.gov/grc.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Government Record Council
PO Box 819
Trenton, NJ 08625-0819

The Council comprises the Departments of Community Affairs and Education Commissioners (or their designees) and three members of the public appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The Council:

- Responds to inquiries and complaints about OPRA from the public and public agency records custodians;
- Issues public information about OPRA and services provided by the Council;
- Maintains a toll-free helpline and website to assist the public and records custodians;
- Issues advisory opinions on the accessibility of government records;
- Delivers training on OPRA;
- Provides mediation of disputes about access to government records; and
- Resolves disputes regarding access to government records.

New Jersey Historic Trust

The **New Jersey Historic Trust's** (NJHT) mission is to advance historic preservation in the state for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship, and financial and technical assistance programs that save New Jersey heritage and strengthen the state's communities. Funding assistance is available for units of local and county government or qualified nonprofit organizations. Technical assistance and easement advice is available to public and private owners of historic resources.

For information regarding the following programs administered by the NJHT, please call the main telephone number at (609) 984-0473. You may also visit our website at www.njht.org or e-mail us at njht@dca.state.nj.us.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
New Jersey Historic Trust
PO Box 457
Trenton, NJ 08625-0457

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Capital Preservation Grants

Type of Assistance: Financial-Grants.

Description: Provides matching grants for construction expenses related to the repair, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties and associated architectural, archeological and engineering expenses.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. Grants of \$150,000 or less are eligible for a 3:2 funding match, with the grantee providing at least \$2 in funds for every \$3 of grant money awarded. Grants of more than \$150,001 will require a 1:1 match, with the grantee providing at least \$1 in funds for every \$1 of grant money awarded.

Funding Source: Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund and State General Obligation Bonds.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

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Cultural Trust Capital Preservation Grants

Type of Assistance: Financial-Grants.

Description: Aids nonprofit history and humanities organizations to construct, expand, renovate, plan for, repair, rehabilitate, restore, adaptively reuse, purchase, replace, relocate, or otherwise improve cultural and historical properties and facilities, including any work relating to providing access for persons with disabilities. Applicants must be certified by the NJ Cultural Trust.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. If an organization's project costs more than is being requested, the proposal must clearly demonstrate organization's ability to provide the remaining necessary funds.

Funding Source: New Jersey Cultural Trust.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

Discover NJ History License Plate Fund Grants

Type of Assistance: Financial – mini-grants

Description: Aids nonprofit organizations, including tourism providers and agencies of government, with initiatives to train and/or foster heritage tourism. Program emphasis is on projects that create, coordinate and promote tourism linkages between two or more resources.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. Match not required; however, if an organization's project costs more than is being requested the proposal must clearly demonstrate organization's ability to provide the remaining necessary funds.

Funding Sources: Revenue from sale of Discover NJ History License Plates.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

Emergency Loan Fund

Type of Assistance: Financial - Grants and Loans.

Description: Provides emergency funding for capital preservation projects for historic properties.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places.

Funding Source: New Jersey Historic Trust accounts.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

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Historic Site Management Grants

Type of Assistance: Financial-Grants.

Description: Provides matching grants for non-construction expenses for preservation planning, historic register nominations, heritage tourism and fundraising plans, interpretive materials, and media or devices to help disabled visitors.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places. Grants are eligible for a 3:1 funding match, with the grantee providing at least \$1 in funds for every \$3 of grant money awarded.

Funding Source: Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund and State General Obligation Bonds.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

Revolving Loan Fund

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Provides financing for the preservation, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation and acquisition of historic properties and certain ancillary non-construction activities.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places.

Funding Source: State General Obligation Bonds.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

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New Jersey Legacies Program

Type of Assistance: Legal and Advisory.

Description: Assists New Jersey owners of historic homes to safeguard their property for future generations, reduce estate taxes, and potentially realize immediate tax benefits by making a charitable donation of their property.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places.

Funding Source: Donation.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

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Preservation Easement Program

Type of Assistance: Legal and Advisory.

Description: Offers permanent legal protection to a wide range of historic properties including residences, commercial structures, farmsteads and historic landscapes. Easement donors may realize significant tax benefits for their charitable donations.

Other Information: Properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places.

Funding Source: Donation.

Assistance Provided To: Agencies or entities of state, county or municipal government; and certified tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that comply with New Jersey charity registration laws.

Contact: (609) 984-0473

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

The **New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA)** is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of affordable housing throughout New Jersey. Its financing programs support traditional affordable rental and for-sale housing developments, first-time and urban homebuyers, citizens in senior and assisted living facilities, and residents with special needs. The HMFA also administers the New Jersey Housing Resource Center, an online searchable registry of affordable and accessible housing located throughout New Jersey.

For information regarding programs and services provided by the HMFA, please call the telephone number listed for each particular program, or call the main telephone number at (609) 278-7400 or 1(800) NJ-HOUSE. You may also visit our websites at www.nj-hmfa.com or www.njhousing.gov.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency
637 South Clinton Avenue
PO Box 18550
Trenton, NJ 08650

MONETARY RESOURCES

100% Financing Program

Type of Assistance: Mortgages for home purchase in pre-approved developments.

Description: Provides 100% financing mortgage loans to buyers of homes located in single-family housing developments, which have been pre-approved by the Agency. No down payment or mortgage insurance is required.

Assistance Provided To: First-time homebuyers and urban target area buyers.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

Choices in Homeownership Program (CHOICE)

Type of Assistance: Construction and subsidy loans to developers and no-down payment loans to homebuyers purchasing the completed homes.

Description: Provides the funding to create homeownership in municipalities where home values currently do not support the cost of construction. The program offers below-market rate construction loans and construction subsidy funding for developers as well as favorable end loan financing for eligible homebuyers.

Assistance Provided To: Developers and homebuyers.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

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Home Buyer Mortgage Program

Type of Assistance: Mortgages for home purchase.

Description: Provides below market, fixed interest rate 30-year term, conventional and government insured mortgages to first-time homebuyers and homebuyers purchasing properties in urban targeted areas. Income and purchase price limits apply.

Assistance Provided To: First-time homebuyers and urban target area buyers.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

Housing Preservation Program

Type of Assistance: Construction loans and/or permanent mortgage loans.

Description: Provides funding for the preservation of affordable housing units in HMFA-financed projects, other affordable units which would be lost to the market, and existing affordable units in need of substantial repair. The program provides for the acquisition, rehabilitation and repair of existing units, including the refinancing of an existing mortgage.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit and for-profit developers.

Contact: (609) 278-7553

Kinship Care Home Loan Program

Type of Assistance: Mortgage loans including refinance of existing debt and down payment assistance.

Description: This program is designed to assist the housing needs of grandparents, uncles, aunts or other close relatives recognized by the New Jersey Department of Human Services or the New Jersey Department of Children and Families as qualified “kin” who are caring for the children of relatives. Program funds can be used to purchase a home, expand an existing residence (including refinance of existing debt), add handicap accessibility features, and/or assist with down payment and closing costs.

Assistance Provided To: Qualified “kin” caring for the children of relatives.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

Live Where You Work

Type of Assistance: Mortgages for home purchase.

Description: Provides low-interest mortgage loans and an amount equal to 5% of the first loan for down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers who are purchasing a home in the municipality where they are currently employed. The home must be within a participating Live Where You Work municipality.

Assistance Provided To: Homebuyers purchasing a home in the town where they work in a Live Where You Work participating municipality.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

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Low Income Housing Tax Credits

Type of Assistance: A federal tax credit that attracts private investment capital to fund construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

Description: Provides a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal tax liability and acts as a catalyst to attract private investment into the affordable housing market. Per capita tax credits are available through competitive rounds each year (three rounds occur simultaneously between April and June, and a final round is conducted between August and October). Affordability restrictions on rent and income are imposed for a minimum of 15 years.

Assistance Provided To: Developers of affordable housing.

Contact: (609) 278-7629

Mortgage Assistance Program

Type of Assistance: Foreclosure Prevention Assistance.

Description: Provides “catch-up” funding of up to \$20,000 per homeowner to bring mortgages current or to refinance or renegotiate the terms of their mortgage. The funds are provided as a zero-interest loan payable upon sale or cash out refinance of the mortgage.

Assistance Provided To: Homeowners facing foreclosure.

Contact: Homeowners must work with a counseling agency to determine eligibility. Download HMFA’s Foreclosure Fast Facts document at

www.state.nj.us/dca/hmfa/home/foreclosure/pdf/foreclosureprevention_resources.pdf to obtain a list of participating housing counseling agencies.

Multi-Family Rental Housing Program

Type of Assistance: Construction loans and/or permanent mortgage loans.

Description: Provides low-interest financing through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable multi-family housing revenue bonds for construction, rehabilitation and/or permanent financing loans for the creation of multi-unit rental housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit and for-profit developers.

Contact: (609) 278-7519

National Foreclosure Mitigation Program

Type of Assistance: Pre-Foreclosure Assistance.

Description: Provides foreclosure prevention counseling and assistance to households facing foreclosure prior to the receipt of a foreclosure filing notice.

Assistance Provided To: Homeowners who are facing foreclosure.

Contact: www.nw.org/network/foreclosure/nfmcp/

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New Jersey Community Housing Demonstration Programs

Type of Assistance: Financial and Technical Assistance.

Description: Include an array of programs established in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Divisions of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health Services and Youth and Family Services, and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. These programs assist project sponsors by providing low-interest financing to develop innovative and flexible housing opportunities with support services for individuals and families.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

New Jersey HomeKeeper Program

Type of Assistance: Unemployment Assistance to prevent foreclosure.

Description: Provides financial assistance to New Jersey homeowners who had a track record of making their mortgage payments on time prior to their unemployment or under-employment but are now at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure as direct result of unemployment or underemployment. Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$48,000 in assistance for a period of up to 24 months.

Assistance Provided To: Unemployed or under-employed homeowners.

Contact: www.NJHomeKeeper.gov or 1-855-NJ Keep 1

Potable Well Water Program

Type of Assistance: Loans for water remediation.

Description: Provides loans of up to \$10,000 to homeowners for well treatment, repair or municipal water hook-up. Wells must be contaminated or threatened with contaminants listed by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Assistance Provided To: Residential property owners who can demonstrate that their source of drinking water is a well that exceeds New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards for primary contaminants or standards for iron, manganese, lead, mercury, chloride or sodium.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE

Smart Start Program

Type of Assistance: Down payment and/or closing cost second mortgage loans.

Description: Provides second mortgages to cover down payment and closing costs to families purchasing homes in Smart Growth areas. Borrowers are eligible to receive up to 4% of the first mortgage amount. Visit www.nj-hmfa.com for more information. The Site Evaluator located at www.evaluator.nj.gov will identify Smart Growth Areas.

Assistance Provided To: Homeowners financing through the HMFA's Home Buyer Mortgage Program.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE.

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Special Needs Housing Trust Fund

Type of Assistance: Capital financing in the form of loans and grants.

Description: Provides capital financing to create permanent supportive housing and community residences for individuals with special needs, with priority given to individuals with mental illness. The financing is in the form of loans or grants. Housing sponsors must identify an outside funding source for supportive services and operations.

Assistance provided to: Developers of supportive housing.

Contact: (609) 278-7521.

Special Needs Revolving Loan Program

Type of Assistance: First-mortgage loans.

Description: This low-interest financing program is designed to provide financing for projects intended to serve populations eligible for established HMFA special needs programs, as well as newly emerging special needs populations identified by State agencies.

Assistance Provided To: For-profit and nonprofit organizations developing housing for individuals and families with special needs.

Contact: (609) 278-7603.

Welcome Home Program

Type of Assistance: Homeownership mortgage loans (new and refinance), home-improvement loans and closing cost assistance.

Description: Provides new homeownership loans and closing cost assistance for the purchase or refinance of a residence, or home-improvement loans for the addition of accessibility improvements.

Assistance Provided To: Families that are newly adopting children through the Department of Human Services' Division of Youth and Family Services or a State-licensed adoption agency.

Contact: 1(800) NJ-HOUSE.

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Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: The State coordinates the New Jersey Statewide HMIS Collaborative, which provides a single Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software solution to homeless housing and service provider agencies to track and manage their client cases. The HMIS Collaborative was created in response to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's mandate that all local agencies develop and implement sophisticated tracking systems for reporting purposes. HMIS staff works with over 200 local agencies and county-based Continua of Care around the state to install software, train staff and assist in applying for funding.

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Contact: (609) 278-7469

Housing Affordability Service

Type of Assistance: Administration of Affordable Housing Controls.

Description: Provides administrative services to municipalities based on the requirements of the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1), as well as additional services that help municipalities maintain their stock of affordable housing. The Housing Affordability Service partners with municipal clients to ensure compliance by offering guidance, training for developers and property managers, monitoring report preparation and foreclosure prevention assistance.

Assistance Provided To: All parties concerned with the sales, rentals, re-sales and re-rentals of affordable housing.

Contact: (609) 278-7505

New Jersey Housing Resource Center

Type of Assistance: List and Locate Affordable Housing.

Description: Provides a free, online housing information clearinghouse, including a searchable registry of affordable for-rent and for-sale housing and housing with accessibility features and housing related links for consumers, agencies, and property owners and managers.

Contact: www.njhousing.gov or dial 211

New Jersey Judiciary Foreclosure Mediation Program

Type of Assistance: Foreclosure Prevention Assistance.

Description: Provides assistance to homeowners in foreclosure in the form of counseling and mediation. The program is designed to help homeowners avoid foreclosure by proposing work-outs and payment arrangements affordable to the homeowner.

Assistance Provided To: Qualified homeowners who are in foreclosure.

Contact: www.nj.gov/foreclosuremediation/ or 1-888-989-5277

The Road Home New Jersey

Type of Assistance: Informational.

Description: A free online resource that serves as a turn-by-turn roadmap for first-time homebuyers. The website is intended to help first-time homebuyers navigate the road to affordable homeownership.

Contact: www.TheRoadHomeNJ.com

New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

The **New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC)** is the regional planning and zoning authority for the 30.4-square-mile Meadowlands District, which includes portions of 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties.* The NJMC's founding mandates include providing for orderly development within the District while protecting and preserving the region's unique urban eco-system. The NJMC also focuses on fostering economic growth and development within the District, and promoting its environmental resources for ecotourism and education.

* The Meadowlands District includes portions of Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, South Hackensack and Teterboro in Bergen County; and Kearny, Jersey City, North Bergen and Secaucus in Hudson County.

For more information on any of the programs and services provided by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, please call the telephone number listed for each particular program, or call the main telephone number at (201) 460-1700. You may also visit www.njmeadowlands.gov or e-mail us at info@njmeadowlands.gov.

The mailing address is:
New Jersey Meadowlands Commission
One DeKorte Plaza
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

MONETARY RESOURCES

Arts Programming

Type of Assistance: Community and Financial.

Description: Fosters a cultural identity unique to the Meadowlands District by hosting exhibits by local and environmental artists. Encourages public participation in the arts by offering artists space to display their work and facilities to host receptions.

Assistance Provided To: General public.

Contact: (201) 460-2003

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Economic Development

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory and Financial.

Description: Provides businesses with information regarding assistance from state and local governments. Provides information on land use regulations, roads, utilities, rail lines and other infrastructure relevant to businesses currently located or seeking to locate in the Meadowlands region.

Assistance Provided To: Businesses and municipalities.

Contact: (201) 460-4637

Geographic Information System

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory, Implementation, Training and Financial.

Description: Develops and maintains specific digital mapping systems. Geographic Information System maps include data on lot information, owner information, zoning information, building locations and footprints, wetlands locations, flood hazard areas, utility locations, right-to-know and hazardous material information. Provides training in the use of technology with customized manuals, tests, fieldwork, and refresher courses. Updates and regionalizes database.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities.

Contact: (201) 460-4617

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Accessibility for All Populations (Meadowlands Environment Center)

Type of Assistance: Educational.

Description: Provides adaptations to make Meadowlands Environment Center facilities, materials and programs accessible to special education classes and students with disabilities through the use of assistive technologies.

Assistant Provided To: Educators and school districts.

Contact: (201) 460-4644

Affordable Housing Planning

Type of Assistance: Technical, and Advisory.

Description: Offers assistance to Meadowlands District municipalities with preparing affordable housing plans and preparing ordinances and other documentation necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

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Development Applications Review

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Reviews completed applications and all requisite plans to ensure consistency with the Meadowlands Master Plan, zoning and subdivision regulations.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers, Meadowlands District property owners and developers.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

Eco-tourism Guides

Type of Assistance: Recreational.

Description: The Commission produces six free, full-color pamphlets about the District's natural wonders. They include information on Meadowlands birds, butterflies, and trails, and canoe and river guides.

Assistance Provided To: General public.

Contact: (201) 460-2002

Educational Field Trips (Meadowlands Environment Center)

Type of Assistance: Educational.

Description: Teaches students about environmental chemistry and offers a chance to monitor the living laboratory of the Hackensack River.

Assistance Provided To: Educators and school districts.

Contact: (201) 460-4644

Field High School (Meadowlands Environment Center)

Type of Assistance: Educational.

Description: Allows Meadowlands District high school students an opportunity to study earth sciences and sciences particular to the urban wetlands ecosystem of the Meadowlands. The school's curriculum is mapped for compatibility with existing science programs, and will include classes in the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission Center for Scientific and Environmental Education.

Assistance Provided To: Educators and school districts.

Contact: (201) 460-4644

Flood Control

Type of Assistance: Technical, and Advisory.

Description: Prioritizes flood control initiatives, develops mitigation strategies, and applies for flood mitigation funding through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Participates in the Community Rating System with FEMA to pursue reductions of insurance rates for Meadowlands District property owners. Coordinates emergency response and repair work, oversees compliance with drainage and storm water regulations, conducts storm water sewer cleanout, and compiles flood data.

Assistance Provided To: Meadowlands District property owners, municipalities, businesses and residents.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

High Performance Buildings and Green Building Opportunities

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Reviews applications to determine eligibility for NJMC Green Building incentives. Projects shall be eligible for incentives provided they are registered with the United States Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) as new construction or existing buildings. LEED scorecards assign credit to projects based on a range of criteria such as site location, energy efficiency, resource conservation and environmental quality. Incentives are based on the level of LEED certification achieved and include refunds of required zoning fees, priority review of applications, and density bonuses and addition where residential units are permitted.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers, and developers.

Contact: (201) 460-4619

Laboratory at Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI)

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Provides initial assessments of the surface quality of water, including dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity and conductivity. Conducts limited soil and sediment sampling. Is capable of providing data on carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and ozone from air quality monitoring, as well as initial fish and wildlife disease assessments.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities.

Contact: (201) 460-4669

Library at Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI)

Type of Assistance: Informational.

Description: Provides circulating and reference materials specific to the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission and the Meadowlands District. Reference materials are available for review, copying and scanning by appointment.

Assistant Provided To: General public.

Contact: (866) NEW-NJMC

Municipal Solar Assistance Program

Type of Assistance: Technical, Advisory and Implementation.

Description: Through its Municipal Solar Assistance Program the NJMC performs assessments for District municipalities and school districts to determine whether certain rooftops and open space are suitable for solar panels that can generate clean power and reduce energy costs. The Commission also assists towns and school boards with the procurement of services for the construction and installation of solar arrays.

Assistance Provided To: Meadowlands District municipalities and school districts.

Contact: (201) 460-4650

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Nature Blog

Type of Assistance: Community, Eco-tourism, Education, Environment.

Description: Through the Meadowlands Nature Blog (meadowblog.net), NJMC staff provides the public with daily updates on upcoming nature events run by the Commission, the Environment Center and the William D. McDowell Observatory; highlights the District's natural resources; promotes the Commission's environmental efforts and research; promotes eco-tourism and celebrates local nature by showing the District's amazing flora and fauna.

Assistance Provided To: General Public.

Contact: 201-460-2002

Nature Walks and Talks

Type of Assistance: Recreational and Educational.

Description: The NJMC, in partnership with the Bergen County Audubon Society, holds at least two free nature walks a month on the first Sunday and third Tuesday throughout the Meadowlands. The walks bring bird-watchers and other nature-lovers to parks and natural areas throughout the District and raise public awareness of its natural resources. The Commission also hosts family-friendly, special nature events throughout the year, including its popular Butterfly Day each July, and talks and workshops by children's authors and birding experts.

Assistance Provided To: General public and groups.

Contact: 201-460-2002

Parks

Type of Assistance: Recreational

Description: The Meadowlands District includes 21 parks and recreation areas that spotlight the region's natural beauty. Nature trails – including those in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst and Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus – offer spectacular views of scenic wetlands, waterways, and the numerous birds and other wildlife that inhabit the Meadowlands. Visitors can launch canoes and kayaks from River Barge Park in Carlstadt, Laurel Hill Park, the Kearny Marsh and Mill Creek Point Park in Secaucus.

Assistance Provided to: General public.

Contact: 201-460-2002

Plan Review/Construction Code Enforcement

Type of Assistance: Regulatory.

Description: NJMC construction code officials licensed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs review construction plans to ensure conformance with the provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code in the subcodes of building, plumbing, electricity, elevators and fire protection.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers, developers, Municipal officials, Meadowlands District property owners and residents.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

Pontoon Boat Cruises and Guided Canoe Tours

Type of Assistance: Recreational.

Description: Offers a seasonal exploration of the lower Hackensack River and narration of its history and continued environmental recovery.

Assistance Provided To: General public and groups.

Contact: (201) 460-4640

Pre-Application Consultation

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Works with potential development applicants and technical consultants to review concepts and encourage projects that meet the regulatory requirements of the agency. Offers technical assistance to municipalities for identifying areas for development and redevelopment, with an emphasis on brownfields and greyfields sites and New Jersey Smart Growth principles.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers, developers and Meadowlands District property owners and municipalities.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

Professional Development (Meadowlands Environment Center)

Type of Assistance: Educational.

Description: Provides workshops for in-service and pre-service educators aimed at incorporating wetlands studies and environmental education into classroom curriculum materials.

Assistant Provided To: Educators.

Contact: (201) 460-4644

Records Requests

Type of Assistance: Informational.

Description: Updates and archives files on development and other NJMC actions in the Meadowlands District. Answers Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests for documents including but not exclusive to development applications, architectural blueprints, project impact assessments including traffic, environmental and other studies and NJMC publications.

Assistance Provided To: General public.

Contact: (201) 460-2004

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Senior Citizen Programs (Meadowlands Environment Center)

Type of Assistance: Educational.

Description: Coordinates recreational, social and educational programs to increase the interest of seniors in environmental issues. Brings programming to seniors in community centers and assisted living facilities.

Assistant Provided To: Senior citizens.

Contact: (201) 460-4644

Transportation Planning

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Prioritizes and recommends transportation improvements and projects. Consults and coordinates with relevant municipal, state, county and private entities to oversee the efforts of the Meadowlands Transportation Planning Board to mitigate traffic congestion and enhance public transportation options in the Meadowlands District.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities, Meadowlands District property owners and residents.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

Website

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Updates and provides access to public information on www.njmeadowlands.gov or through e-mail correspondence. Information includes, but is not limited to NJMC press releases, NJMC monthly e-newsletter and other publications, public notice of meetings, hearings, meeting agendas and minutes, public contracts and procurement activities, department information and contacts, maps and directions.

Assistance Provided To: General public.

Contact: (201) 460-2002

William D. McDowell Observatory

Type of Assistance: Educational and Recreational.

Description: Individuals of all ages are welcome to stargaze through the Observatory's research-grade telescope. The Observatory is open to the public for free on Monday and Wednesday evenings, weather permitting.

Assistance Provided To: General public and groups.

Contact: (201) 460-8300

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Zoning Inspection

Type of Assistance: Regulatory.

Description: Conducts routine inspections of properties within the Meadowlands District for violations of NJMC land use regulations pertaining to fill operations, work on a site and construction, dumping, signage, property maintenance, occupancy and tenants. Maintains photographic and written records of violations.

Assistance Provided To: Municipal officials, Meadowlands District property owners and residents.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

Zoning Officer of the Day

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: Responds to phone and walk-in inquiries regarding permitted land uses, planning, redevelopment procedures and application procedures in the Meadowlands District.

Assistance Provided To: Architects, engineers, developers and Meadowlands District property owners.

Contact: (201) 460-1700

New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

The **New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA)** is an independent state financing authority committed to revitalizing urban New Jersey. The NJRA coordinates efforts, leverages resources, provides financial assistance to viable redevelopment initiatives, and partners with eligible municipalities, developers and businesses to identify and coordinate resources for revitalization. Its programs provide assistance to 69 eligible municipalities, nonprofit entities and for-profit developers.

For further information regarding the services provided by the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, please call the main telephone number at (609) 292-3739. You may also visit our website at www.njra.us or e-mail us at njra@njra.state.nj.us.

The mailing address is:

New Jersey Redevelopment Authority
PO Box 790
Trenton, NJ 08625-0790

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New Jersey Redevelopment Investment Fund

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Offers direct loans, real estate equity, loan guarantees and other forms of credit enhancements.

Assistance Provided To: Redevelopment projects located in any of the NJRA's eligible municipalities.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

New Jersey Urban Site Acquisition Program (NJ-USA)

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: The NJ-USA Program is a \$20 million revolving loan fund that facilitates the acquisition, site preparation and redevelopment of properties. Funding through this initiative provides a form of bridge financing to acquire title to property and for other acquisition-related costs.

Assistance Provided To: Developers, nonprofits, community development corporations, and municipalities.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

NJRA Bond Program

Type of Assistance: Taxable and Tax-Exempt Bonds.

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Description: NJRA sells bonds to raise capital for making long-term loans at attractive, below-market interest rates. NJRA has the ability to issue \$100 million of taxable and tax-exempt bonds annually to stimulate revitalization in New Jersey's urban areas.

Assistance Provided To: Qualified businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

Working in Newark's Neighborhoods (WINN)

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Subsidiary of the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority. WINN, a \$10 million revolving loan program, focuses on redevelopment efforts in the City of Newark's neighborhoods. WINN funds can be used for pre-development, site preparation, acquisition, demolition, permanent financing, loan guarantees, and construction financing. Priority is given to applications that outline a comprehensive approach for redevelopment of a targeted area, demonstrate a strong leveraging of resources, show collaboration and partnerships between local non-profits, developers, private sector entities and various levels of government.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit entities, developers, for-profit entities and the City of Newark.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

NON-MONETARY RESOURCES

Division of Business Development

Type of Assistance: Informational.

Description: Markets NJRA's programs and services. The Division fosters ongoing relationships with potential borrowers, public/private sector organizations, municipalities, developers and other organizations interested in applying for financing through NJRA.

Assistance Provided To: Public/Private sector organizations, municipalities, developers, and other organizations.

Contact: (609) 292-4557

Division of Community Services

Type of Assistance: Consulting Services.

Description: Offers redevelopment consulting services to 566 municipalities throughout the state, including NJRA-eligible communities. This division will work with municipalities to make informed decisions during the implementation of redevelopment goals and objectives. Guidance and assistance is also provided on all aspects of the redevelopment planning process in New Jersey.

Assistance Provided To: Municipalities.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

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Division of Programs and Services

Type of Assistance: Technical.

Description: Provides technical assistance to foster redevelopment efforts, assists NJRA's client base in acquiring information to assist with projects, and administers seminars, workshops and training in the area of community development with a special emphasis on project development.

Assistance Provided To: NJRA clients.

Contact: (609) 292-3739

Redevelopment Training Institute

Type of Assistance: Educational and Training.

Description: Offers intensive intermediate-level training courses that focus on the redevelopment of New Jersey's communities. Because the State of New Jersey's redevelopment law is unique, the Redevelopment Training Institute has been designed to provide attendees with a body of knowledge of the redevelopment and real estate development process. The goal of the Institute is to provide classroom instruction resulting in enhanced knowledge of New Jersey's redevelopment process and project financing. Courses offered include Redevelopment Planning Law, Real Estate Project Feasibility, and Excel-Based Project Finance.

Assistance Provided To: Nonprofit and for-profit developers, professional consultants, entrepreneurs, municipal and county officials.

Contact: (609) 292-0031

New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority

The **New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Program (UEZ)** exists to foster an economic climate that revitalizes designated urban communities and stimulates their growth by encouraging businesses to develop and create private sector jobs through public and private investment. New Jersey has 32 active Urban Enterprise Zones in 37 municipalities throughout the state. Approximately 6,800 certified UEZ businesses participate and benefit from the advantages of the UEZ Program, and new businesses are being certified continuously on line. Benefits include a number of tax and other financial incentives.

For further information regarding the services provided by the New Jersey Enterprise Zone Program, please call the main telephone number at (609) 292-1912 or (877) 913-6837. You may also visit our website at www.nj.gov/dca/affiliates/uez/index.shtml or email us at UEZinfo@dca.state.nj.us.

The mailing address is:

NJUEZA
Department of Community Affairs
PO Box 822
Trenton, NJ 08625

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Employment Tax Credit

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Provide employment tax credits for hiring new, additional full-time employees. A credit of \$1,500 is allowed for each new, additional full-time employee living in a UEZ municipality who immediately prior to employment was unemployed for at least 90 days, or was dependent upon public assistance as the primary source of income. For new, additional full-time employees not qualifying for the \$1,500 credit, a credit of \$500 is allowed if the employee lives in a UEZ municipality and was not employed in the UEZ municipality immediately prior to being hired. Employees must be employed for at least six continuous months to earn the credit.

Assistance Provided To: UEZ-based businesses.

Contact: (609) 292-1912

Investment Tax Credit

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Available to non-retail and non-warehouse corporations with fewer than 50 employees. For employers with fewer than 10 employees, qualified investments must be at least \$5,000. For employers with more than 10 employees, the minimum investment requirement of \$5,000 increases by \$500 for each additional employee over 10. The tax credit may be equal to or up to 8% of the qualified investment.

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Assistance Provided To: Certified UEZ businesses that are not eligible for a UEZ Employee Tax Credit.

Contact: (609) 292-1912

Manufacturers Energy Sales Tax Exemption

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Exemption from the sales and use tax on energy and utility services.

Assistance Provided To: Eligible certified UEZ manufacturers with at least 250 full-time employees, 50% of whom are involved in the manufacturing process.

Contact: (609) 292-1912

Sales Tax Exemption on Purchases

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Exemption from sales tax on most purchases, with certain exceptions. The exemption applies to the full sales tax otherwise due on purchases of tangible personal property (except motor vehicles, parts, or supplies) and most services (except telecommunication services and restaurants). A separate exemption applies to materials, supplies, and services for the exclusive use of erecting, adding onto, improving, altering, or repairing the real property of a qualified UEZ business, whether purchased by the qualified business or a contractor.

Assistance Provided To: Eligible businesses located in a designated UEZ.

Contact: (609) 292-1912

UEZ Business Benefits

Type of Assistance: Financial.

Description: Offers incentives to participating businesses that encourage business growth and stimulate local economies. Benefits include:

- Reduced Sales Tax – currently 3.5% for eligible items at retail point of sale in the UEZ;
- Tax Free Purchases on certain items such as capital equipment, facility expansions, and upgrades;
- Financial Assistance from agencies such as the New Jersey Economic Development Authority;
- Subsidized unemployment insurance costs for employees who earn less than \$4,500 per quarter;
- Energy Sales Tax Exemption for qualified manufacturing firms with at least 250 employees, 50% of whom are working in manufacturing; and
- Tax Credit Options (owners may elect one of the following)
 - Up to \$1,500 for new permanent full-time employees hired; and
 - Up to 8% Corporate Business Tax credit on qualified investments.

Assistance Provided To: Certified UEZ businesses.

Contact: (609) 292-1912

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UEZ Business Certification

Type of Assistance: Technical and Advisory.

Description: In order to participate in the UEZ Program, a business must be registered with the State of New Jersey; located within one of the 32 designated Zones; be in tax compliance with the State of New Jersey; and certified by the NJ UEZ program. New Jersey businesses can go to the New Jersey Business Portal at www.nj.gov/njbusiness/ and click on the UEZ link to access resources to help determine if they are located in a Zone and if they qualify for the program. If qualified, businesses may complete and submit the UEZ Certification Application, Annual Reports, and Re-certification Applications online.

Assistance Provided To: New Jersey businesses.

Contact: www.nj.gov/njbusiness/financing/geographic/uez_program.shtml