



MUNICIPAL STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANTS

**2023
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**



**NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Stormwater Notice of Funding Availability

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is issuing this Notice of Funding Availability to assist Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittees with upgrades to their MS4 stormwater programs in order to comply with the requirements of the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal (issued November 30, 2022 and effective January 01, 2023).

Grant Program Overview

Approximately \$19 Million in grants are available, with \$75,000 for eligible MS4 permittees formerly classified as Tier B and \$25,000 for the existing Tier A permittees to upgrade their MS4 Stormwater Programs to better align with the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal requirements.

Background

New Jersey faces considerable public safety, health and environmental risks due to increasing rainfall and resulting flood events. Local stormwater infrastructure throughout the State is often not properly sized or sufficiently maintained to manage existing or increasing risks. Since 1999 (the last datapoint used to design/construct stormwater infrastructure under current rules), extreme rainfall events in New Jersey have increased 2.5% to 10% and are projected to increase another 20% to 50%, depending on location, over the next several decades. The percent increase varies by geographic location, with higher increases projected in central and northern New Jersey. These increases were confirmed in recent scientific studies released by DEP and to an already critical need to plan, design, maintain and implement stormwater infrastructure upgrades.

Inadequate stormwater management and storm sewer systems limit our ability to manage intense rainfalls and lead to significant economic losses. Flooding increases costs associated with cleaning our source water for drinking, reduces water-oriented recreational opportunities, harms waterfront businesses, leads to public health impairments and amplifies the cost for watershed restoration, if such restoration is even possible. Therefore, a proactive approach to understanding stormwater infrastructure and implementation of infrastructure upgrades is needed to prevent losses, nonpoint source pollution and system failure.

In most municipalities, the Department regulates stormwater runoff from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) owned or operated by municipalities and other MS4 permittees in the State via MS4 General Permits (N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25). Federal MS4 rules governing municipal stormwater management (40 C.F.R. § 122) require that the Department periodically reevaluate its tier assignments. Tier assignments determine the water quality improvement requirements that apply to MS4 regulated municipalities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified the Department that its tier reevaluation should be performed with the latest permit renewal. Additionally, in reviewing the Department's 2018 MS4 permit, the EPA noted that the Department needed to strengthen permit requirements pertaining to discharges into impaired waters and those with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

The Department assessed MS4 tier assignments and issued letters notifying 101 municipalities of their reassignment from Tier B to Tier A on July 1, 2022. This notification was sent prior to issuance of the draft Tier A MS4 renewal permit, so newly reassigned municipalities could recognize that the draft Tier A MS4 renewal permit would apply to them, prospectively, and they were afforded the opportunity to comment accordingly. A draft Tier A MS4 NJPDES renewal permit was issued on July 28, 2022. The final Tier A MS4 Master General Permit was issued on November 30, 2022, with an effective date of January 1, 2023, followed by the issuance of the associated general permit authorizations for the 456 original Tier A permittees and the 101 new Tier A permittees.

The Department's permit renewal and tier reassignment address EPA's identified concerns and strengthen permit requirements for impaired waters and waters with Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). These aims were accomplished through formal tier reassignment and by requiring permittees to develop a Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) in the Tier A MS4 permit renewal. The goals of the WIP are to: assess water quality impairments and TMDLs; reduce pollutants of concern being discharged into impaired waterways and/or those with TMDLs; and reduce or eliminate stormwater-related flooding.

This grant program provides funds to the new Tier A permittees to assist them with upgrades to their stormwater programs and to meet the conditions of the 2023 Tier A MS4 Permit renewal. It also provides funds to the 456 original Tier A permittees to prepare stormwater infrastructure maps needed for their WIPs.

Funding Allocation

Approximately \$19 million of Corporate Business Tax (CBT) funding is being made available to MS4 permittees under this grant program. Each of the 101 Tier B permittees that was reassigned as a Tier A on July 1, 2022 is eligible to apply for \$75,000. The remaining 456 Tier A permittees are eligible to apply for \$25,000. Distribution of funds is at the sole discretion of the Department. All unclaimed remaining funds will become part of future grant funding opportunities. The timeline for distribution of the grant funding is shown below, but, because the funds will be distributed on a rolling basis, municipalities are encouraged to submit the required information as soon as possible.

Table 1 - Former Tier B Grant Schedule

Former Tier B ONLY (prior to July 1, 2022)	Timeline	Disbursement Schedule	Deliverable
	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 31, 2023.	<u>Disbursement 1:</u> Upon submittal of a Tier A MS4 Permit and Grant Application, former Tier Bs will receive an initial payment of \$25,000.	Submittal of Tier A MS4 Permit and Grant Application .
	No applications will be accepted after this date.	<u>Disbursement 2:</u> Former Tier Bs will receive a final payment of \$50,000 upon submittal of an acceptable Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP).	Submittal of an acceptable Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) meeting the requirements of Part IV.A.2 of the 2023 Final Tier A Permit .

Table 2 - Original Tier A Grant Schedule

Original Tier A ONLY (prior to July 01, 2022)	Timeline	Disbursement Schedule	Deliverables
	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 31, 2023.	<u>Disbursement 1:</u> Original Tier As will receive an initial payment of \$15,000 upon submittal of the Original Tier A Grant Application.	Submittal of the Original Tier A MS4 Grant Application .
	No applications will be accepted after this date.	<u>Disbursement 2:</u> The remaining payment of \$10,000 will be disbursed after submittal of an acceptable MS4 Infrastructure Map.	Submittal of acceptable Stormwater Infrastructure Maps meeting the requirements of Part IV.G.1.a of the 2023 Final Tier A Permit .

Please note that the deadline for applications for this grant funding is December 31, 2023, after which all remaining funds will be reallocated to other grants. More details about the above permit requirements are available on the Department's website at [Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program - Tier A MS4](#).

Former Tier B: Required Elements

Each of the 101 Tier B permittees reassigned as a Tier A on July 1, 2022 is eligible to apply for \$75,000. This funding is being made available to assist with upgrade of stormwater programs to comply with the Tier A MS4 permit renewal. Required program improvements are listed in the [2023 Final Tier A Permit](#) issued on January 1, 2023, and include the following:

- Adoption of stormwater-related ordinances (e.g., pet waste, prohibiting feeding wildlife, improper disposal of waste, etc.);
- Implementation of a street sweeping program;
- Implementation of municipal maintenance yard best management practices (BMPs), such as a salt storage structure;
- Complete MS4 Infrastructure Map;
- Implementation of a program for illicit discharge detection and elimination;
- Conduct required employee training; and
- Complete WIPs that consider TMDLs, water quality impairments and flooding.

Original Tier A: Required Elements

Each of the 456 Tier A permittees, which were Tier A prior to July 1, 2022, are eligible to apply for \$25,000. The permittees shall develop, update and maintain an MS4 Infrastructure Map that delineates the location of the following stormwater features owned or operated by the permittee, including their associated attributes (noted in parentheses):

- MS4 outfalls (receiving surface water name, type of outfall);
- MS4 ground water discharge points (type);
- MS4 interconnections (type into/from, entity);
- Storm drain inlets (type, catch basin present, label present, retrofitted);
- MS4 manholes;
- MS4 conveyance (type, direction of flow);
- MS4 pump stations;
- Stormwater facilities (type); and
- Property boundaries of maintenance yard(s) and other ancillary operations (type).

Application Process Information

The grants being made available are formula-based grants, which are noncompetitive awards based upon a predetermined formula.

Former Tier B Grants

Specifically, the Department is making \$75,000 in aid to former Tier B permittees to meet the compliance standards of the newly issued Tier A renewal permit. Eligible applicants must complete and submit the application form to receive the initial \$25,000 disbursement of grant funds. Applicants must then submit an acceptable Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP), meeting the requirements of Part IV.A.2 of the 2023 Final Tier A Permit, to receive the final \$50,000 disbursement of grant funds. Any funding received by a grantee that is not committed to payment of eligible project costs must be returned to the Department. Further, any costs that are not allowed by the Department must also be returned. The determination of eligible project costs is at the sole discretion of the Department.

Tier A Grants

The Department is making \$25,000 in aid available to original Tier A permittees for the development, update and maintenance of an MS4 Infrastructure Map delineating the location of stormwater features owned or operated by the permittee. Eligible applicants must complete and submit the application form to receive the initial \$15,000 disbursement of grant funds. Applicants then must submit an acceptable MS4 Infrastructure Map, which meets the requirements of Part IV.G.1.a of the 2023 Final Tier A Permit, to receive the final \$10,000 disbursement of grant funds. Any funding received by a grantee that is not committed to payment of eligible project costs must be returned to the Department. Furthermore, any costs that are not allowed by the Department must also be returned. The determination of eligible project costs is at the sole discretion of the Department.

Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2023. This grant funding will be awarded on a rolling basis. Any application materials submitted after the application deadline of December 31, 2023, will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible. The Department's Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration reserves the right to review and determine the eligibility of all requests for funding.

Application Submission

Application submission deadline is 11:59 pm on December 31, 2023. All grants will be awarded on a rolling basis.

Former Tier B Grant Applications

To be eligible for this grant, applicants listed as former Tier B permittees in Appendix A must submit a complete [Tier A MS4 Permit and Grant Application](#) to stormwatermanager@dep.nj.gov.

Tier A Grant Applications

Applicants listed as original Tier A permittees in Appendix A must submit a complete [Original Tier MS4 Grant Application](#) to stormwatermanager@dep.nj.gov.

Additional Information

Table 3 - Important Dates

Executive Information Session for Mayors/Administrators	<p>Friday, March 10, 2023, at 10 AM</p> <p>By invitation only</p> <p>Material will be posted on the stormwater grant page following the information session</p>
Public Information Session for Stormwater Program Coordinators	<p>Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 1:30 PM</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Or call in (audio only)</p> <p>+1 856-338-7074,,297633372#</p> <p>Phone Conference ID: 297 633 372#</p> <p>Materials will be posted on the stormwater grant page following the information session</p>

Table 4 - Important Links

MS4 Stormwater Permit Website	Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
Stormwater Grant Website	Stormwater Grant Information
List of original Tier A and former Tier B Municipalities	List of original Tier A and B municipalities prior to July 1, 2022

Appendix A

List of Tier A and Tier B MS4 Permitted Municipalities prior to the Tier B designation changes to Tier A on July 1, 2022.

Atlantic County

Tier A Municipalities

Absecon City
Atlantic City
Brigantine City
Buena Borough
Buena Vista Township
Corbin City
Egg Harbor City

Egg Harbor Township
Folsom Borough
Galloway Township
Hamilton Township
Linwood City
Longport Borough
Margate City

Northfield City
Pleasantville City
Port Republic City
Somers Point City
Ventnor City
Weymouth Township

Tier B Municipalities

Estell Manor City

Hammonton Town

Mullica Township

Bergen County

Tier A Municipalities

Allendale Borough
Alpine Borough
Bergenfield Borough
Bogota Borough
Carlstadt Borough
Cliffside Park Borough
Closter Borough
Cresskill Borough
Demarest Borough
Dumont Borough
East Rutherford Borough
Edgewater Borough
Elmwood Park Borough
Emerson Borough
Englewood City
Englewood Cliffs Borough
Fair Lawn Borough
Fairview Borough
Fort Lee Borough
Franklin Lakes Borough
Garfield City
Glen Rock Borough
Hackensack City

Harrington Park Borough
Hasbrouck Heights Borough
Haworth Borough
Hillsdale Borough
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough
Leonida Borough
Little Ferry Borough
Lodi Borough
Lyndhurst Township
Mahwah Township
Maywood Borough
Midland Park Borough
Montvale Borough
Moonachie Borough
New Milford Borough
North Arlington Borough
Northvale Borough
Norwood Borough
Oakland Borough
Old Tappan Borough
Oradell Borough
Palisades Park Borough

Paramus Borough
Park Ridge Borough
Ramsey Borough
Ridgefield Borough
Ridgewood Village
River Edge Borough
River Vale Township
Rochelle Park Township
Rutherford Borough
Saddle Brook Township
Saddle River Borough
South Hackensack Township
Teaneck Township
Tenafly Borough
Upper Saddle River Borough
Waldwick Borough
Wallington Borough
Washington Township
Westwood Borough
Woodcliff Lake Borough
Wood-Ridge Borough
Wyckoff Township

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Tier B Municipalities

Ridgefield Park Village

Rockleigh Borough

Teterboro Borough

Burlington County

Tier A Municipalities

Beverly City

Bordentown City

Bordentown Township

Burlington City

Burlington Township

Cinnaminson Township

Delanco Township

Delran Township

Eastampton Township

Edgewater Park Township

Evesham Township

Florence Township

Hainesport Township

Lumberton Township

Mansfield Township

Maple Shade Township

Medford Lakes Borough

Medford Township

Moorestown Township

Mount Holly Township

Mount Laurel Township

Palmyra Borough

Pemberton Borough

Pemberton Township

Riverside Township

Riverton Borough

Shamong Township

Southampton Township

Tabernacle Township

Westampton Township

Willingboro Township

Tier B Municipalities

Bass River Township

Chesterfield Township

Fieldsboro Borough

New Hanover Township

North Hanover Township

Springfield Township

Washington Township

Woodland Township

Wrightstown Borough

Camden County

Tier A Municipalities

Audubon Borough

Audubon Park Borough

Barrington Borough

Bellmawr Borough

Berlin Borough

Berlin Township

Brooklawn Borough

Camden City

Cherry Hill Township

Chesilhurst Borough

Clementon Borough

Collingswood Borough

Gibbsboro Borough

Gloucester City

Gloucester Township

Haddon Heights Borough

Haddon Township

Haddonfield Borough

Hi-Nella Borough

Laurel Springs Borough

Lawnside Borough

Lindenwold Borough

Magnolia Borough

Merchantville Borough

Mount Ephraim Borough

Oaklyn Borough

Pennsauken Township

Pine Hill Borough

Runnemede Borough

Somerdale Borough

Stratford Borough

Voorhees Township

Waterford Township

Winslow Township

Woodlynne Borough

Tier B Municipalities

None

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Cape May County

Tier A Municipalities

Avalon Borough
Cape May City
Cape May Point Borough
Dennis Township
Lower Township

Middle Township
North Wildwood City
Ocean City
Sea Isle City
Stone Harbor Borough

Upper Township
West Cape May Borough
West Wildwood Borough
Wildwood City
Wildwood Crest Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Woodbine Borough

Cumberland County

Tier A Municipalities

Bridgeton City

Millville City

Vineland City

Tier B Municipalities

Commercial Township
Deerfield Township
Downe Township
Fairfield Township

Greenwich Township
Hopewell Township
Lawrence Township
Maurice River Township

Shiloh Borough
Stow Creek Township
Upper Deerfield Township

Essex County

Tier A Municipalities

Belleville Township
Bloomfield Township
Caldwell Borough
Cedar Grove Township
City Of Orange Township
East Orange City
Essex Fells Borough
Fairfield Township

Glen Ridge Borough
Irvington Township
Livingston Township
Maplewood Township
Millburn Township
Montclair Township
Newark City

North Caldwell Borough
Nutley Township
Roseland Borough
South Orange Village Township
Verona Township
West Caldwell Township
West Orange Township

Tier B Municipalities

None

Gloucester County

Tier A Municipalities

Clayton Borough
Deptford Township
Harrison Township
Logan Township
Mantua Township
Monroe Township
National Park Borough

East Greenwich Township
Franklin Township
Newfield Borough
Paulsboro Borough
Pitman Borough
Swedesboro Borough
Washington Township

Glassboro Borough
Greenwich Township
Wenonah Borough
West Deptford Township
Westville Borough
Woodbury City
Woodbury Heights Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Elk Township

South Harrison Township

Woolwich Township

Hudson County

Tier A Municipalities

Bayonne City
Kearny Town

Harrison Town
North Bergen Township

Jersey City
Secaucus Town

Tier B Municipalities

Hoboken City

Hunterdon County

Tier A Municipalities

Clinton Town
Clinton Township
Flemington Borough

High Bridge Borough
Lebanon Borough

Raritan Township
Readington Township

Tier B Municipalities

Alexandria Township
Bethlehem Township
Bloomsbury Borough
Califon Borough
Delaware Township
East Amwell Township
Franklin Township

Frenchtown Borough
Glen Gardner Borough
Hampton Borough
Holland Township
Kingwood Township
Lambertville City

Lebanon Township
Milford Borough
Stockton Borough
Tewksbury Township
Union Township
West Amwell Township

Mercer County

East Windsor Township
Ewing Township
Hamilton Township
Hightstown Borough

Tier A Municipalities

Hopewell Township
Lawrence Township
Pennington Borough
Princeton

Robbinsville Township
Trenton City
West Windsor Township

Tier B Municipalities

Hopewell Borough

Middlesex County

Carteret Borough
Cranbury Township
Dunellen Borough
East Brunswick Township
Edison Township
Helmetta Borough
Highland Park Borough
Jamesburg Borough
Metuchen Borough

Tier A Municipalities

Middlesex Borough
Milltown Borough
Monroe Township
New Brunswick City
North Brunswick Township
Old Bridge Township
Perth Amboy City
Piscataway Township

Plainsboro Township
Sayreville Borough
South Amboy City
South Brunswick Township
South Plainfield Borough
South River Borough
Spotswood Borough
Woodbridge Township

Tier B Municipalities

None

Monmouth County

Aberdeen Township
Allenhurst Borough
Allentown Borough
Asbury Park City
Atlantic Highlands Borough
Avon-By-The-Sea Borough
Belmar Borough
Bradley Beach Borough
Brielle Borough
Colts Neck Township
Deal Borough
Eatontown Borough

Tier A Municipalities

Hazlet Township
Highlands Borough
Holmdel Township
Howell Township
Keansburg Borough
Keyport Borough
Lake Como Borough
Little Silver Borough
Loch Arbour Village
Long Branch City
Manalapan Township
Manasquan Borough

Neptune City Borough
Neptune Township
Ocean Township
Oceanport Borough
Red Bank Borough
Rumson Borough
Sea Bright Borough
Sea Girt Borough
Shrewsbury Borough
Shrewsbury Township
Spring Lake Borough
Spring Lake Heights Borough

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Englishtown Borough
Fair Haven Borough
Farmingdale Borough
Freehold Borough
Freehold Township

Marlboro Township
Matawan Borough
Middletown Township
Millstone Township
Monmouth Beach Borough

Tinton Falls Borough
Union Beach Borough
Wall Township
West Long Branch Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Interlaken Borough

Roosevelt Borough

Upper Freehold Township

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Morris County

Tier A Municipalities

Boonton Town
Boonton Township
Butler Borough
Chatham Borough
Chatham Township
Chester Borough
Chester Township
Denville Township
Dover Town
East Hanover Township
Florham Park Borough
Hanover Township
Jefferson Township

Kinnelon Borough
Lincoln Park Borough
Long Hill Township
Madison Borough
Mendham Borough
Mendham Township
Mine Hill Township
Montville Township
Morris Plains Borough
Morris Township
Morristown Town
Mount Arlington Borough
Mount Olive Township

Mountain Lakes Borough
Netcong Borough
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township
Pequannock Township
Randolph Township
Riverdale Borough
Rockaway Borough
Rockaway Township
Roxbury Township
Victory Gardens Borough
Washington Township
Wharton Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Harding Township

Ocean County

Tier A Municipalities

Barnegat Light Borough
Barnegat Township
Bay Head Borough
Beach Haven Borough
Beachwood Borough
Berkeley Township
Brick Township
Eagleswood Township
Harvey Cedars Borough
Island Heights Borough
Jackson Township

Lacey Township
Lakehurst Borough
Lakewood Township
Lavallette Borough
Little Egg Harbor Township
Long Beach Township
Manchester Township
Mantoloking Borough
Ocean Gate Borough
Ocean Township
Pine Beach Borough

Point Pleasant Beach Borough
Point Pleasant Borough
Seaside Heights Borough
Seaside Park Borough
Ship Bottom Borough
South Toms River Borough
Stafford Township
Surf City Borough
Toms River Township
Tuckerton Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Plumsted Township

Passaic County

Tier A Municipalities

Bloomington Borough
Clifton City
Haledon Borough
Prospect Park Borough
Ringwood Borough

Hawthorne Borough
Little Falls Township
North Haledon Borough
Wanaque Borough
Wayne Township

Passaic City
Paterson City
Pompton Lakes Borough
West Milford Township
Woodland Park Borough

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Totowa Borough

Tier B Municipalities

None

Salem County

Tier A Municipalities

Carneys Point Township
Penns Grove Borough

Pennsville Township

Pittsgrove Township

Tier B Municipalities

Alloway Township
Elmer Borough
Elsinboro Township
Lower Alloways Creek Township

Mannington Township
Oldmans Township
Pilesgrove Township
Quinton Township

Salem City
Upper Pittsgrove Township
Woodstown Borough

Somerset County

Tier A Municipalities

Bedminster Township
Bernards Township
Bernardsville Borough
Bound Brook Borough
Branchburg Township
Bridgewater Township

Franklin Township
Green Brook Township
Hillsborough Township
Manville Borough
Montgomery Township
North Plainfield Borough

Peapack and Gladstone Borough
Raritan Borough
Somerville Borough
South Bound Brook Borough
Warren Township
Watchung Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Far Hills Borough

Millstone Borough

Rocky Hill Borough

Sussex County

Tier A Municipalities

Andover Township
Byram Township

Hopatcong Borough
Newton Town

Sparta Township
Stanhope Borough

Tier B Municipalities

Andover Borough
Branchville Borough
Frankford Township

Franklin Borough
Fredon Township
Green Township

Hamburg Borough
Hampton Township
Hardyston Township

Lafayette Township
Montague Township

Sandyston Township
Stillwater Township

Vernon Township
Wantage Township

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Ogdensburg Borough

Sussex Borough

Union County

Tier A Municipalities

Berkeley Heights Township
Clark Township
Cranford Township
Elizabeth City
Fanwood Borough
Garwood Borough
Hillside Township

Kenilworth Borough
Linden City
Mountainside Borough
New Providence Borough
Plainfield City
Rahway City
Roselle Borough

Roselle Park Borough
Scotch Plains Township
Springfield Township
Summit City
Union Township
Westfield Town
Winfield Township

Tier B Municipalities

None

Warren County

Tier A Municipalities

Alpha Borough
Greenwich Township
Hackettstown Town

Independence Township
Lopatcong Township
Mansfield Township

Phillipsburg Town
Pohatcong Township

Tier B Municipalities

Allamuchy Township
Belvidere Town
Blairstown Township
Franklin Township
Frelinghuysen Township

Hardwick Township
Harmony Township
Hope Township
Knowlton Township
Liberty Township

Oxford Township
Washington Borough
Washington Township
White Township