

Funding Available for South Jersey Communities!

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, JUNE 27, BY 11:59PM

Atlantic City Electric is contributing \$35,000 to fund a fifth year of the **Sustainable Communities Grant Program** that is administered by Sustainable Jersey. Since 2020, Atlantic City Electric has provided \$310,000 in environmental stewardship and resiliency grants to South Jersey communities located within its service territory and participating in the Sustainable Jersey certification program. Consider applying for a grant today!

Eligibility

Check if your municipality is currently participating (either registered or certified) in the Sustainable Jersey program by viewing the Participating Municipalities & Approved Actions map on the Sustainable Jersey website.

Use the QR code to check if your municipality is located within Atlantic City Electric service territory.

ELIGIBILITY LIST



Online Grant Application

All applications must be submitted through the online Sustainable Communities grant application portal available via the Sustainable Communities Grant Program page on the Sustainable Jersey website. If you have not yet created an account using our new system, do so using the "sign up" feature. This login is NOT the same as the one used to access your Sustainable Jersey certification application.

Informational Webinar

During the webinar, Sustainable Jersey staff will provide an overview of the program, a demonstration of how to use the online application portal and the opportunity to ask questions about the program.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 13, FROM 1PM TO 2PM**

Learn More on Our Website

Our website provides more detailed information on the program's eligibility requirements, an overview of the proposal evaluation criteria and instructions on how to use the online grant application portal.

Use the QR code to view the Sustainable Communities Grant Program page on the Sustainable Jersey website.

WEBSITE PAGE



Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Vollmer at 609-771-3189 or grants@sustainablejersey.com

Available Funding

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP **Five \$5,000 Grants**

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

Eligible Activities

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

RESILIENCY **Two \$5,000 Grants**

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

Eligible Activities

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Eligible Expenses

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

