**Hunterdon County Economic Development Grant Program**

**Summary**

**Grant Type: Economic Development Projects**

**Grantor: Hunterdon County**

**Total Annual Funding Amount: Varies by year, awarded on a rolling basis**

**Eligible Applicants: All Hunterdon County municipalities & local non-profit business associations**

**Evaluation Criteria Relevancy to Hunterdon County economic development objectives**

**Purpose:** The Hunterdon County Economic Development Grant Program (EDGP) provides funding to Hunterdon municipalities and local non-profit business associations looking to explore, create, or implement programs, policy, or procedure consistent with the goals and objectives of the Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development.

**Allotment:** The total amount available through the EDGP program will be determined annually and will be available on a rolling basis throughout the calendar year.

**Qualification:** Any Hunterdon County municipality or local non-profit business association is eligible for EDGP funding from Hunterdon County

**Eligible Uses:** Studies, consultants, relevant project materials, event support, and other purposes deemed as consistent with the goals and objectives of programs and initiatives currently being implemented by the County’s Office of Economic Development.

**Application:** Municipalities or local non-profit business associations wishing to apply for EDGP funding are asked to submit an official signed request on town letterhead to the Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development with the following information:

* Project description
* Outline of desired outcome
* Amount requested
* Project lead and/or entities
* Brief outline of the project process and implementation
* Timeline for implementation
* Description of follow-up and metrics, if relevant

**Evaluation Criteria & Process:** Applications will be reviewed by Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development personnel. A recommendation will then be made to the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, who will make any final funding decisions.

**Follow-up**: Municipalities or local non-profit business associations receiving EDGP funds will be required to submit a post-project summary of any findings / results / outcomes. If there are any studies or reports due to the municipality as a project deliverable, a copy of these will also be provided upon completion. If there are previously agreed upon project metrics, an evaluation of the project outcome relative to these metrics must be provided. Timing for when this report should be submitted and agreed upon prior to EDGB funds dispersal.

**Conditions:**

* The County requires a minimum local match of 10% of any total project cost funded by the EDGP
* Projects run by the County will be largely funded up front by the county. Projects run locally will be funded by the County as a reimbursable. These determinations will be made prior to the start of any project.
* The County Economic Development staff may set project outcomes, metrics and deliverables as a condition for receiving the Grant.
* Project outcomes and deliverables are to be made available for the benefit of any other Hunterdon municipality upon project completion.
* Hunterdon County staff and pubic officials will have authority to publicly discuss the project at any time and for any purpose.