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## **Hunterdon Freeholders Approve Municipal Economic Development Grant Program**

Hunterdon County municipalities will be able to apply for economic development grants designed to help further economic growth in the County, under a grant program approved by the Freeholder Board on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt stated, "Establishing a grant program, where the County can provide our municipalities with resources needed to partner in achieving our joint economic development goals, has always been anticipated as a key step on the road to economic growth and success in our County."

We have already seen a positive response in the pilot grant program with Clinton Township and Clinton Town's procedural review study, where the County and localities shared joint cost for the project."

Economic Development Director Marc Saluk stated at the Freeholder meeting, "There's been a substantial amount of interest from the towns in establishing this grant program. And we're excited to utilize a new tool that allows this office to work closely with our communities."

Under the approved grant program, Hunterdon County municipalities interested in economic development grants would submit an application to the County Office of Economic Development that would include a project description, outline of desired outcome, amount requested, and an outline of the project process and implementation, among other required information. Municipalities would be required to provide a 10% local match for the grant.

Grants requests would be reviewed by the Economic Development office to determine that the requests are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Hunterdon County economic development initiative. Recommendations would be made to the Freeholder Board for final approval.

Municipalities that wish to learn more about the grant program should contact Marc Saluk at 908-399-1108 or at [msaluk@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:msaluk@co.hunterdon.nj.us).