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## Hunterdon Freeholders Approve Seven Additional Towns For County COVID-19 Grants

### Deadline For Filing is November 30th

As seven more Hunterdon County municipalities were approved for the county's COVID-19 grant program by the Freeholders, at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, bringing the total number to eighteen municipalities approved for funds so far, Freeholder Board Deputy Director Susan Soloway reminded localities they have until November 30, 2020 to apply.

"These grants aid our local governments which have experienced unanticipated emergency response costs. As a former Mayor, I know this type of assistance can help, and I encourage the other municipalities that have not yet applied to do so before the deadline," Soloway, a former Mayor of Franklin Township, said.

The Freeholders in October approved the COVID-19 municipal grant program, committing \$50,000 to the 26 municipalities in Hunterdon County to help offset pandemic related emergency costs.

Freeholder Board Director Shaun C. Van Doren pointed out, "Municipalities have dealt with the need to provide face coverings, PPE's, protective shields, extra cleaning of facilities and vehicles, to protect their employees and the public. These are all actions that are needed to protect against the spread of the coronavirus and none were envisioned when budgets were devised earlier in the year."

The grants are awarded based on population, with a minimum grant of \$1000 and a maximum grant of \$5000 for communities that have submitted applications to the County. Applications accompanied by a resolution of the local governing body should be submitted to the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management.

Grants approved by the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board on November 17<sup>th</sup> include;

Glen Gardner Borough: \$1,000

Tewksbury Township: \$2,310

Kingwood Township: \$1,496

Holland Township: \$2,039

Milford Borough: \$1,000

Readington Township: \$5,000

High Bridge Borough: \$1,364