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New Jersey Means Business: Sherrill's economic plan sets goals — and a clock — but few specifics

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Gov. Mikie Sherrill signed an executive order Tuesday that lays out the start of her economic plan for the state, a strategy she's calling New Jersey Means Business.

The plan is built around four pillars — improving the business climate, growing key sectors, boosting research and innovation and making sure growth reaches every community — all worthy objectives that would sharpen the state's overall economy.

But the order is more a framework for a plan than the plan itself. Aside from a timeline on deliverables — anywhere from 45 to 150 days — it is light on specifics.

Sherrill said that timeline is the point.

"New Jerseyans know that I like to move fast," she said. "This isn't a 10-year study type of administration, so I've given my administration just a few months to start putting this plan into practice."

Citizens and New Jersey Devils double small business grants to $40K for 2026-27 Jersey Shops Program

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Citizens and the New Jersey Devils have opened applications for the 2026-27 edition of Jersey Shops presented by Citizens, doubling the program's direct financial grants to $40,000 for Garden State small businesses.

Announced Thursday, the expanded initiative will award $10,000 each to four selected New Jersey businesses to support their growth—up from $20,000 in total funding distributed during the prior season. Applications will remain open through Feb. 7, 2027, via newjerseydevils.com/jerseyshops.

Beyond the $10,000 cash awards, the four winning businesses will receive custom video vignettes produced by the Devils' content team and featured across Prudential Center in-arena displays, official websites, and social media channels for both Citizens and the NHL franchise.

Up to 50 additional small businesses across the state will be selected to receive dedicated online directory listings on the Jersey Shops website, promotional kits featuring "Made in Jersey" window decals and merchandise, and invitations to exclusive networking events hosted by Citizens and the Devils throughout the hockey season.

Cranbury, New Jersey, was robbed of $26 million earmarked for affordable housing, officials say

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The township of Cranbury, New Jersey, was the victim of a multimillion-dollar theft in late September, according to local officials.

In a message to the community, the Cranbury Township Committee said it was "the victim of a sophisticated financial theft involving approximately $26 million wire transfer. These funds were designated for the purchase of property intended to support the township's affordable housing obligations."

Cranbury Mayor Lisa Knierim told residents gathered at a packed town meeting at the public library on Monday night, "My heart is simply broken for Cranbury," adding, "Your anger is valid. Your fear is valid. Your confusion, frustration, and disappointment are valid. You deserve the opportunity to express those emotions and ask difficult questions and be heard."

Township officials said it was a lack of oversight and a severe clerical error that led them to be tricked into wiring money to fraudsters. The current chief financial officer and administrator has since retired, and Chief of Police Giuseppe DeChiara said $17 million was successfully recovered and will be returned to the town of Cranbury, leaving an additional $9 million still unaccounted for.

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