

**APPROPRIATION
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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LAWS OF: 2025 **CHAPTER:** 168

NJSA: APPROPRIATION, Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

BILL NO: S4566 (Substituted for A5863)

SPONSOR(S) Cruz-Perez, Nilsa I. and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 6/2/2025

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** --

SENATE: Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 12/08/2025

SENATE: 06/30/2025

DATE OF APPROVAL: 12/19/2025

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (S4566 enacted)

ADVANCE LAW Yes

PAMPHLET LAW Yes

S4566

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

REPRINT(S): No

TECHNICAL REVIEW OF BILL: No

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A5863

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VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: Yes

LEGISLATOR STATEMENT: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 168, *approved December 19, 2025*
Senate, No. 4566

1 AN ACT appropriating \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture
3 Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants
4 for farmland preservation purposes.
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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture
10 Development Committee the sum of \$500,000 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section
14 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),
15 for the purpose of providing municipal planning incentive grants
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) and
17 approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

18 b. The following municipality is eligible for funding, in
19 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
20 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
21 incentive grant program, with the monies appropriated pursuant to
22 subsection a. of this section:
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Municipality	County	Amount of Grant
Oldmans Twp	Salem	\$500,000
TOTAL		\$500,000

24 c. (1) The following municipality is eligible for funding, in
25 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
26 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
27 incentive grant program competitive grant fund, with the monies
28 appropriated pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450 and P.L.2020, c.139:
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Municipality	County
Oldmans Twp	Salem

30 (2) The maximum grant award that a municipality identified in
31 this subsection may receive, pursuant to this section, shall be
32 \$1,000,000, including up to \$500,000 in competitive funds
33 approved pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450, and up to \$500,000 in
34 competitive funds approved pursuant to P.L.2020, c.139.

- 1 municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation
- 2 purposes.

CHAPTER 168

AN ACT appropriating \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$500,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), for the purpose of providing municipal planning incentive grants pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) and approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

b. The following municipality is eligible for funding, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture Development Committee providing for a municipal planning incentive grant program, with the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Municipality	County	Amount of Grant
Oldmans Twp	Salem	\$500,000
TOTAL		\$500,000

c. (1) The following municipality is eligible for funding, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture Development Committee providing for a municipal planning incentive grant program competitive grant fund, with the monies appropriated pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450 and P.L.2020, c.139:

Municipality	County
Oldmans Twp	Salem

(2) The maximum grant award that a municipality identified in this subsection may receive, pursuant to this section, shall be \$1,000,000, including up to \$500,000 in competitive funds approved pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450, and up to \$500,000 in competitive funds approved pursuant to P.L.2020, c.139.

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$500,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), as appropriate.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 19, 2025.

SENATE, No. 4566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 2, 2025

Sponsored by:

Senator NILSA I. CRUZ-PEREZ

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman DAN HUTCHISON

District 4 (Atlantic, Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman ELLEN J. PARK

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman DAVID BAILEY, JR.

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/8/2025)

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2 corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture
3 Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants
4 for farmland preservation purposes.

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10 Development Committee the sum of \$500,000 from dedicated
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12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section
14 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),
15 for the purpose of providing municipal planning incentive grants
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) and
17 approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

18 b. The following municipality is eligible for funding, in
19 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
20 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
21 incentive grant program, with the monies appropriated pursuant to
22 subsection a. of this section:

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Municipality	County	Amount of Grant
Oldmans Twp	Salem	\$500,000
TOTAL		\$500,000

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25 accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture
26 Development Committee providing for a municipal planning
27 incentive grant program competitive grant fund, with the monies
28 appropriated pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450 and P.L.2020, c.139:

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30 (2) The maximum grant award that a municipality identified in
31 this subsection may receive, pursuant to this section, shall be
32 \$1,000,000, including up to \$500,000 in competitive funds
33 approved pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450, and up to \$500,000 in
34 competitive funds approved pursuant to P.L.2020, c.139.

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36 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
37 “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established
38 pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016,
39 c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$500,000 to implement the
40 provisions of this act.

1 3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is
2 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-
3 43 et seq.), P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1),
4 P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11
5 et seq.), as appropriate.

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7 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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10 STATEMENT
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12 This bill would appropriate \$500,000 to the State Agriculture
13 Development Committee (SADC) for a municipal planning
14 incentive grant, pursuant to a program established by P.L.1999,
15 c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), for farmland preservation purposes.

16 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
17 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
18 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
19 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
20 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.),
21 implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open
22 space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New
23 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to
24 section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

25 Under the bill, Oldmans Township, in Salem County, will
26 receive a “base grant” of \$500,000, as specified in the bill. In
27 addition, this municipality would also be eligible to compete for an
28 additional grant from the SADC’s competitive grant fund, to be
29 financed with monies previously appropriated to the SADC
30 pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450 and P.L.2020, c.139. The maximum
31 amount of such competitive grant funding award would be \$1
32 million, including up to \$500,000 in funds appropriated under
33 P.L.2019, c.450 and up to \$500,000 in funds appropriated under
34 P.L.2020, c.139. Therefore, the bill allows the municipality to
35 receive up to \$1.5 million in funding through both the base grant
36 and eligible competitive grants.

37 The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved
38 by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 9, 2025

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4566.

As reported, this bill would appropriate \$500,000 to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for a municipal planning incentive grant, pursuant to a program established by P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), for farmland preservation purposes.

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

Under the bill, Oldmans Township, in Salem County, will receive a “base grant” of \$500,000, as specified in the bill. In addition, this municipality would also be eligible to compete for an additional grant from the SADC’s competitive grant fund, to be financed with monies previously appropriated to the SADC pursuant to P.L.2019, c.450 and P.L.2020, c.139. The maximum amount of such competitive grant funding award would be \$1 million, including up to \$500,000 in funds appropriated under P.L.2019, c.450 and up to \$500,000 in funds appropriated under P.L.2020, c.139. Therefore, the bill allows the municipality to receive up to \$1.5 million in funding through both the base grant and eligible competitive grants.

The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5863

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 19, 2025

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAN HUTCHISON

District 4 (Atlantic, Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman ELLEN J. PARK

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman DAVID BAILEY, JR.

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/4/2025)

A5863 HUTCHISON, PARK

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40 provisions of this act.

A5863 HUTCHISON, PARK

3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), as appropriate.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5863

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2025

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5863.

As reported, this bill would appropriate \$500,000 to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for a municipal planning incentive grant, pursuant to a program established by P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), for farmland preservation purposes.

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The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

Posted on - 12/19/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law, with the Governor's recommendation following concurrences by the legislature:

S-1447/A-4053 (Singleton/Lopez, Speight) - Transfers New Jersey Historic Trust from Department of State to DCA and makes certain changes related to trustees and powers

S-2038/A-3581 (Gopal, Cryan/Carter, Quijano) - Requires public institution of higher education to post certain information on institution's website

S-3153/A-4543 (Ruiz, Cryan/Haider, Speight, Sumter) - Prohibits DCF from using federal benefits received by a child in out of home placement to reimburse State for cost of child's care, except under certain circumstances

S-4400/A-5547 (Johnson, Turner/Verrelli) - Extends hours that minor employed by national sports association, league, or team may work under certain circumstances

S-4472/A-5859 (Lagana, Wimberly/Abdelaziz, Tully, Collazos-Gill) - Eliminates five percent down payment requirement for local bond ordinances involving hazard mitigation and resilience projects

S-4524/A-5862 (Turner, Testa/Bailey, Miller, Freiman) - Appropriates \$34 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4531/A-5861 (Burzichelli, Testa/Egan, Katz, Donlon) - Appropriates \$52,798,268 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and other farmland preservation funds to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

S-4551/A-5865 (Beach, Space/Bagolie, Calabrese, Spearman) - Appropriates \$3,750,990 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4566/A-5863 (Cruz-Perez/Hutchison, Park, Bailey) - Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4569/A-5864 (Smith, Singleton/Drulis, Reynolds-Jackson, Moen) - Appropriates \$13,640,000 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities for open space acquisition, park development, and planning projects, and for certain administrative expenses

SJR-100/AJR-150 (Singleton/Venezia, Sumter) - Designates July of each year as "Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month" in NJ

A-3802wGR/S-3061 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Freiman/Burgess, Pennacchio) - Differentiates certain legal services from traditional insurance products

A-4331wGR/S-3227 (Speight, Atkins, Bagolie/McKnight, Turner) - Establishes licensure for cosmetic retail services

A-4712wGR/S-3504 (Tucker, Marengo/Cryan, Vitale, Johnson) - Establishes Office of Veteran Advocate and ombudsman for DMVA; appropriates funds

A-5130wGR/S-4128 (Schnall, Karabinchak, Calabrese/Moriarty, Wimberly) - Requires enforcing agency to conduct inspection of construction in specified time window

A-5264wGR/S-4100 (Karabinchak, Haider, Spearman/McKeon, Greenstein) - Requires establishment of automated platform to expedite construction code approval of applications to install residential solar energy systems

A-5309wGR/S-4147 (Simmons, Freiman, Donlon/Burzichelli, McKnight) - Permits up to three credits of continuing medical education on menopause to be used by nurses and physicians for license renewal

A-5854wGR/S-4614 (Azzariti/Schepisi, Sarlo) - Allows certain motor vehicle franchisors to sell, lease, or assign vehicles to employees