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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 109, *approved July 22, 2025*
Senate, No. 4426 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental
2 Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or
3 principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a
4 portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

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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. (1) There is appropriated to the department from the
10 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to
11 section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal
12 year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean
13 water project loans and technical assistance pursuant to the “Water
14 Quality Act of 1987,” 33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq., and any amendatory
15 and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the
16 “Federal Clean Water Act”) and such sums as are made available to
17 the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” from
18 funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure
19 Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for clean water project
20 loans and technical assistance.

21 (2) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
22 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
23 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
24 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be necessary to
25 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
26 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
27 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
28 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
29 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
30 Water Act.

31 (3) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
32 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
33 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
34 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
35 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
36 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
37 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
38 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
39 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted June 30, 2025.

1 (4) There is appropriated to the department from the “Drinking
2 Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of
3 P.L.1998, c.84, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025
4 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water
5 projects pursuant to the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of
6 1996,” Pub.L. 104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary
7 acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Safe Drinking
8 Water Act”), and such sums as are made available to the department
9 from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made
10 available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and
11 Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for drinking water project loans and
12 technical assistance.

13 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
14 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
15 pursuant to the “Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,”
16 Pub.L.116-63, additional amounts as may be necessary to address a
17 threat to public health and an amount equal to the maximum amount
18 authorized to be transferred is appropriated to the department for
19 those purposes.

20 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
21 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
22 an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred
23 pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to meet present
24 and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water
25 projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is
26 appropriated to the department for those purposes.

27 The department is authorized to transfer from the Drinking
28 Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving
29 Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be
30 transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present
31 and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects
32 and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the
33 department for those purposes.

34 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the
35 department is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State
36 Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State
37 Revolving Fund and may charge interest on loans made with such
38 invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water
39 Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

40 (5) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
41 balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the
42 balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and
43 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
44 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
45 loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may
46 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
47 to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
48 Water Act.

1 (6) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
2 balances from the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
3 pursuant to section 15 of the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of
4 1985,” P.L.1985, c.329, and any repayments of loans and interest
5 therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the
6 purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match
7 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
8 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
9 Federal Clean Water Act.

10 (7) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
11 balances from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
12 pursuant to section 27 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland
13 and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, and
14 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
15 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
16 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
17 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
18 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

19 (8) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
20 balances from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
21 Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to subsection a. of section 19
22 of the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and
23 Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162,
24 and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be
25 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean
26 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
27 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
28 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
29 Water Act.

30 (9) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
31 balances from the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,”
32 established pursuant to section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure
33 Trust Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302, and any repayments of
34 loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June
35 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and drinking
36 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
37 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
38 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
39 Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal
40 Safe Drinking Water Act.

41 (10) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
42 balances from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
43 Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the
44 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
45 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, and any
46 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on
47 or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
48 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the

1 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
2 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

3 (11) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
4 balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and any
5 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, including the balances
6 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act as may be
7 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of drinking
8 water project loans.

9 (12) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
10 be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the
11 “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the
12 “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the
13 “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts” contained
14 within that fund, for the purpose of providing the State match as
15 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
16 available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the
17 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

18 (13) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
19 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
20 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
21 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be available on
22 or before June 30, 2026, and any repayments of loans and interest
23 therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums
24 appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the
25 purposes of drinking water project loans and technical assistance
26 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
27 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
28 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

29 (14) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
30 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
31 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
32 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
33 supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State
34 Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans
35 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
36 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
37 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

38 (15) There is appropriated to the department such amounts as
39 may be received by the Department of Community Affairs, as the
40 grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban
41 Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster
42 Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as may be available on or before
43 June 30, 2026, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water
44 and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as
45 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
46 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
47 Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the
48 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

1 (16) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
2 be available on or before June 30, 2026, as repayments of drinking
3 water project loans and any interest therefrom from the “Water
4 Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water
5 Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the purposes of
6 drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may
7 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
8 to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
9 Drinking Water Act.

10 (17) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “Water
11 Supply Fund” pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222,
12 P.L.2002, c.70, and P.L.2003, c.158, the department is authorized to
13 transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and
14 interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026,
15 in such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving
16 Fund accounts contained within the Water Supply Fund established
17 for the purposes of providing drinking water project loans and
18 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
19 capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water
20 projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

21 (18) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “1992
22 Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997,
23 c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001,
24 c.222, and P.L.2002, c.70, the department is authorized to transfer
25 any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest
26 therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such
27 amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
28 accounts contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for
29 the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing
30 the State match as may be required for the award of the
31 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
32 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

33 (19) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “2003
34 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to
35 P.L.2004, c.109 and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized
36 to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans
37 and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30,
38 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State
39 Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water
40 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of
41 providing clean water project loans and providing the State match
42 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
43 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
44 Federal Clean Water Act.

45 (20) There is appropriated to the department the sums deposited
46 by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank into the Clean Water State
47 Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “1992
48 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the

1 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
2 Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater
3 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act
4 of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “2003 Water Resources and
5 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and the Drinking Water State
6 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (6) of
7 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the
8 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and
9 Assembly Bill No. ‘**[5622]** 5621’ of the 2024-2025 session), as
10 may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of
11 providing clean water project loans and drinking water project loans
12 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
13 the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
14 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking
15 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

16 Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero-
17 interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans, to the extent
18 sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government
19 units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as “project
20 sponsors”) to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of
21 clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2
22 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and
23 administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by
24 the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean
25 Water Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L.2009, c.77,
26 the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985.” P.L.1985, c.329,
27 the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, the
28 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
29 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “Green Acres,
30 Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of
31 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control,
32 Water Resources, and the Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act
33 of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any amendatory and supplementary
34 acts thereto.

35 (21) Of the \$54.6 million appropriated to the department for the
36 capital construction of drinking water infrastructure by the State
37 fiscal year 2025 appropriations act, P.L.2024, c.22, plus any
38 appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022,
39 2023, and 2024, up to \$25 million may be transferred to the New
40 Jersey Infrastructure Bank to invest, provide debt service reserve or
41 guarantee, or pay interest on behalf of a sponsor of a drinking water
42 environmental infrastructure project.

43 (22) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
44 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
45 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
46 P.L.2025, c. , the department is authorized to transfer up to \$5
47 million to the trust for technical assistance to disadvantaged
48 communities.

1 (23) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
2 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
3 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
4 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
5 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
6 utilize up to \$60 million for principal forgiveness of up to \$2
7 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in
8 the department's technical assistance program for construction costs
9 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
10 infrastructure projects.

11 (24) There is appropriated to the department for the purposes of
12 eligible clean water project grants such amounts as may be received
13 by the department under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
14 Grants Program, as the grantee from the United States
15 Environmental Protection Agency and as may be available on or
16 before June 30, 2026.

17 (25) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
18 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
19 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
20 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
21 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
22 utilize up to \$60 million to provide grants of up to \$2 million per
23 applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the Water
24 Bank's technical assistance program for planning and design costs
25 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
26 infrastructure projects.

27 b. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
28 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
29 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
30 subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act
31 for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and
32 in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible
33 project applications, except that any such amounts may be reduced
34 if a project fails to meet the requirements of sections 4 or 5 of this
35 act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant
36 to section 7 of this act.

37 (1) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
38 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
39 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects, shall be issued as
40 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
41 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
42 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
43 outfalls. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to
44 this paragraph shall not exceed \$5 million per borrower whenever
45 practicable. For project costs greater than \$5 million, up to and
46 including \$10 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall
47 be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
48 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For

1 project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended
2 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For combined
3 sewer overflow projects that receive no principal forgiveness
4 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
5 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
6 percent of the trust's market rate.

7 (2) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
8 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
9 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects shall be issued as
10 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
11 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
12 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
13 outfalls that meet "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" affordability
14 criteria. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this
15 paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department's
16 affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the
17 department's affordability score and project costs up to and
18 including \$8 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
19 be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department's
20 affordability score and project costs up to and including \$7 million,
21 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For
22 project costs greater than \$8 million in the case of a Tier 1
23 borrower, and greater than \$7 million in the case of a Tier 2
24 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
25 the trust's market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that
26 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
27 outfalls that meet "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" affordability
28 criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-
29 forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available,
30 the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the
31 trust's market rate.

32 (3) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
33 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
34 2025 for water quality restoration projects, shall be issued as
35 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for water quality
36 restoration projects. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
37 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
38 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
39 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
40 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
41 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
42 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
43 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water
44 quality restoration projects that receive no principal forgiveness
45 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
46 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
47 percent of the trust's market rate.

1 (4) A maximum of \$19 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
2 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
3 2025, for clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the
4 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria as set
5 forth by the department shall be issued as provided in subsection a.
6 of section 3 of this act. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
7 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable
8 tier of the department’s affordability score. For a borrower
9 satisfying Tier 1 of the department’s affordability score and project
10 costs up to and including \$3 million, 100 percent of the principal of
11 the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the
12 department’s affordability score and project costs up to and
13 including \$2 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
14 be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$3 million in the case of
15 a Tier 1 borrower or greater than \$2 million in the case of a Tier 2
16 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
17 the trust’s market rate. For clean water projects sponsored by
18 applicants that meet the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund”
19 affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because
20 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
21 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
22 the trust’s market rate.

23 (5) A maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
24 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
25 2025, for water and energy efficiency projects shall be issued as
26 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that
27 address water and energy efficiency goals that meet the eligibility
28 requirements for water and energy efficiency as defined in the
29 United States Environmental Protection Agency’s “Green Project
30 Reserve Guidance.” The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
31 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
32 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
33 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
34 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
35 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust’s market rate. For
36 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
37 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For water and
38 energy efficiency projects that receive no principal forgiveness
39 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
40 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
41 percent of the trust’s market rate.

42 (6) A maximum of \$27 million in principal forgiveness for
43 emerging contaminant projects shall be issued as provided in
44 subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that primarily
45 address substances and microorganisms, which are known or
46 anticipated in the environment and which may pose newly
47 identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the
48 environment. For project costs up to and including \$10 million, 100

1 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven, whenever
2 practicable. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan
3 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
4 rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal
5 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
6 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
7 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

8 (7) A maximum of \$2 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
9 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
10 2025, for combined sewer overflow or stormwater management
11 projects shall be issued to finance up to 20 percent of project costs
12 for projects that qualify for a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater
13 Reuse grant. 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
14 forgiven and the remaining project costs shall be financed through a
15 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant from the department.

16 (8) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness shall be
17 issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to
18 improve stormwater resilience. The amount of a principal-
19 forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed
20 \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up
21 to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
22 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
23 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
24 For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a
25 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
26 stormwater resilience projects that receive no principal forgiveness
27 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
28 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
29 percent of the trust's market rate.

30 (9) The projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and
31 subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified
32 in P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, are granted
33 continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of
34 P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, provided such
35 projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2025.

36 c. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
37 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
38 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
39 subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up
40 to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated,
41 provided:

42 (1) up to \$5 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
43 loans, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in
44 State fiscal year 2025 for drinking water systems serving
45 populations of up to 10,000 residents, shall be available for drinking
46 water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents
47 wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$1 million in the
48 aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount

1 per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per
2 project sponsor. Project costs greater than \$2 million shall have a
3 loan funded at a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's
4 market rate;

5 (2) a maximum of \$5 million in principal forgiveness shall be
6 available for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000
7 persons. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall have 100
8 percent principal forgiveness for drinking water systems that are
9 participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the
10 Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association. A
11 loan issued pursuant to this paragraph for drinking water systems
12 that serve fewer than 1,000 persons that are not participating in the
13 Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the
14 New Jersey Water Association shall have 100 percent principal
15 forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant. For project costs
16 greater than \$2 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of
17 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

18 (3) a maximum of \$18 million of principal forgiveness shall be
19 available for drinking water projects that primarily address
20 emerging contaminants, for which principal forgiveness may be
21 authorized for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount of up
22 to \$3 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$3
23 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
24 the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that
25 receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness
26 funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan
27 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
28 rate;

29 (4) up to \$41 million of the sums appropriated to the department
30 from the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L.
31 117-58, may be issued for principal forgiveness for drinking water
32 projects other than those to address emerging contaminants or lead
33 that meet the affordability criteria of the department. A maximum
34 of \$20 million of principal forgiveness pursuant to this paragraph
35 shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan
36 amount up to and including \$10 million for a borrower satisfying
37 the department's affordability criteria whose project is identified as
38 among the department's highest ranked drinking water projects. A
39 maximum of \$21 million of principal forgiveness shall be available
40 for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and
41 including \$3 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier
42 1 affordability score and up to and including \$2 million for
43 borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 2 affordability score.
44 For projects that would otherwise qualify under this subsection for
45 principal forgiveness that receive no principal forgiveness because
46 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
47 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
48 the trust's market rate; and

1 (5) up to \$68 million plus any appropriated but unallocated funds
2 designated in State fiscal year 2025 may be issued for principal-
3 forgiveness loans for drinking water systems that meet the
4 department's affordability criteria pursuant to the State's lead
5 service line replacement program to finance lead service line
6 replacements. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued
7 pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of
8 the department's affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier
9 1 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal
10 forgiveness shall not exceed 80 percent of the total loan amount of
11 up to \$16 million per water system. For project costs up to and
12 including \$20 million, 80 percent of the principal of the loan shall
13 be forgiven and the remaining 20 percent of the loan shall have a
14 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
15 project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended
16 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For a borrower
17 satisfying Tier 2 of the department's affordability score, the amount
18 of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan
19 amount of up to \$10 million per water system. For project costs up
20 to and including \$20 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
21 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
22 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
23 For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a
24 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
25 lead service line replacement projects that receive no principal
26 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
27 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
28 interest rate of 20 percent of the trust's market rate.

29 Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent
30 there are sufficient eligible project applications and as may be
31 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
32 the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
33 Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of
35 this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or
36 5 of this act.

37 The department is authorized to increase the maximum amounts
38 available for principal forgiveness pursuant to this subsection or
39 subsection b. of this section, to the extent additional funds are
40 available.

41 d. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
42 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
43 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
44 sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and
45 requirements set forth in this section from any unexpended balances
46 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987,
47 c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of P.L.1989, c.189,
48 section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 1

1 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 1 of
2 P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 of
3 P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of P.L.1998,
4 c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92,
5 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002,
6 c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 2 of
7 P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 and
8 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, sections 1
9 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.102,
10 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2011,
11 c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 of
12 P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 2
13 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended
14 by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as amended
15 by P.L.2017, c.326, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended
16 by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, sections 1 and 2 of
17 P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as
18 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
19 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
20 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
21 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, including amounts
22 resulting from the low bid and final building cost reductions
23 authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 7 of
24 P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 of
25 P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of P.L.1992,
26 c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, c.106,
27 section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L. 1996, c.85, section 6
28 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 of
29 P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of P.L.2001,
30 c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, c.158,
31 section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, section 6
32 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 of
33 P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of P.L.2010,
34 c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43,
35 section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, section 7 of
36 P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by
37 P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as amended by
38 P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by
39 P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, section 7 of P.L.2019, c.193, as
40 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, section 7 of P.L.2020, c.49, as
41 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
42 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
43 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
44 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, and from any repayments
45 of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,
46 the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
47 “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “2003 Water Resources
48 and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and amounts deposited therein

1 during State fiscal year 2024 and State fiscal year 2025 pursuant to
2 the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, and section 2 of
3 P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto,
4 including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts
5 contained within the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and from any
6 repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State
7 Revolving Fund.

8 e. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
9 principal-forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the
10 project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects
11 listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water
12 projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief
13 Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except
14 that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of
15 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a
16 project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this
17 act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for
18 Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial
19 assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy and for
20 projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and
21 vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or
22 a natural disaster.

23 f. The department is authorized to increase the aggregate sums
24 specified in subsections b. and c. of this section by the amount of
25 interest accrued pursuant to a short-term or temporary loan made to
26 a project sponsor pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing
27 Program.

28 g. For the purposes of this act:

29 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
30 Protection.

31 “Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” means the
32 “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,” Pub.L.113-2, and any
33 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

34 “Sandy financing” means grants, zero-interest loans or principal-
35 forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental
36 Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water or
37 drinking water projects, or clean water or drinking water project
38 match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

39 “Technical assistance” means all services and assistance
40 provided for the benefit of eligible project sponsors, including, but
41 not limited to, public engagement services, technical assistance and
42 expertise, and community education, for the purposes of identifying
43 and pursuing a clean water or drinking water project, as described
44 in the financial plan developed pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1985,
45 c.334 (C.58:11B-21) or section 25 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-
46 21.1).

47 “Trust” means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created
48 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

1 2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
2 purpose of making supplemental zero-interest loans to or on behalf
3 of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water
4 environmental infrastructure projects:
5

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Rutgers University	S340500-01R	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04R	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Total Projects: 2		\$3,900,000	\$5,200,000

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7 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
8 difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these
9 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
10 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
11 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and
12 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
13 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
14 department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans
15 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
16 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
17 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
18 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
19 7 of this act.

20 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
21 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of
22 section 3 of this act.

23 b. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
24 purpose of making supplemental loans to or on behalf of the project
25 sponsors listed below for the following drinking water
26 environmental infrastructure projects:
27

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
East Orange City	0705001-014R	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	0712001-016R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	2004002-012R	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Total Projects: 4		\$14,250,000	\$19,000,000

1 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
2 difference between the allowable loan amount required by these
3 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
4 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
5 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2020 and 2024 and
6 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
7 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
8 department pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261. The loans
9 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
10 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
11 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
12 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
13 7 of this act.

14 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
15 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection b. of
16 section 3 of this act.

17 c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable
18 department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to
19 between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan
20 amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100
21 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be
22 provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing
23 program year in which the construction loan component of the
24 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
25 issued an interim financing program loan for the project, or, in the
26 absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and
27 conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

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29 3. a. (1) The following environmental infrastructure projects
30 shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State
31 Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":
32

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Oakland Borough	S340418-06	\$5,790,000	\$7,720,000
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	S340547-17	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Mendham Borough	S340159-04	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Newark City	S340815-25	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-29	\$9,525,000	\$12,700,000
Montgomery Township	S340130-03	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Newark City	S340815-26	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Camden City	S340366-07	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000

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Camden City	S340366-14	\$7,027,500	\$9,370,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-18	\$15,750,000	\$21,000,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-17	\$19,500,000	\$26,000,000
Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	S340384-10	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Elizabeth City	S340942-20	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Elizabeth City	S345070-01	\$3,000,001	\$4,000,001
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-33	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Kearny Town	S340259-11	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Ridgefield Park Village	S340688-06	\$9,150,000	\$12,200,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-08	\$1,305,525	\$1,740,700
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-64	\$37,500,000	\$50,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-19	\$300,000	\$400,000
North Hudson Sewer Authority	S340952-39	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-22	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Verona Township	S340533-05	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Hackensack City	S340923-13	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-16	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-37	\$91,125,000	\$121,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-53	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S345200-01	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-49	\$222,102,676	\$296,136,901
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-33	\$80,250,000	\$107,000,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-08	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Pennsville Sewerage Authority	S340870-05	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Beach Haven Borough	S344220-01	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000

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Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340123-02	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-23	\$45,000,000	\$60,000,000
Linden Roselle Sewer Authority	S340299-08	\$20,250,000	\$27,000,000
Flemington Borough	S340440-06	\$1,102,500	\$1,470,000
Gloucester County Utilities Authority	S340902-15	\$10,875,000	\$14,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-67	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority	S340400-11	\$16,500,000	\$22,000,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-09	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-26	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-09a	\$465,378	\$620,504
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-09b	\$4,879,407	\$6,505,876
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-09c	\$681,323	\$908,430
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-09d	\$1,689,260	\$2,252,347
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-09e	\$1,022,282	\$1,363,042
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-09g	\$889,742	\$1,186,322
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-09h	\$1,837,001	\$2,449,335
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-09i	\$1,189,072	\$1,585,429
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-08a	\$1,443,750	\$1,925,000
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-08b	\$16,188,750	\$21,585,000
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-08c	\$2,141,250	\$2,855,000
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-08d	\$5,538,750	\$7,385,000
JMEUC - Maplewood Township	S340686-08e	\$2,178,750	\$2,905,000
JMEUC - Millburn Township	S340686-08f	\$1,942,500	\$2,590,000
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-08g	\$3,262,500	\$4,350,000

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JMEUC - Roselle Park Borough	S340686-08h	\$1,020,000	\$1,360,000
JMEUC - South Orange Village Township	S340686-08i	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-08j	\$2,842,500	\$3,790,000
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-08k	\$6,022,500	\$8,030,000
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-08l	\$3,847,500	\$5,130,000
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority	S340882-11	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Lakehurst Borough	S340150-01	\$1,912,500	\$2,550,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-08	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Cumberland County Utilities Authority	S340550-09	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	S340236-02	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-57	\$24,375,000	\$32,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-36	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Hamilton Township	S340898-06	\$3,037,500	\$4,050,000
South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority	S340377-07	\$2,827,500	\$3,770,000
Stafford Township	S340946-09	\$3,510,000	\$4,680,000
Metuchen Borough	S340360-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Somerville Borough	S340551-01	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Netcong Borough	S340538-01	\$75,000	\$100,000
Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority	S340911-03	\$495,000	\$660,000
Stafford Township	S340946-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Vernon Township	S340745-03	\$2,271,750	\$3,029,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	S340579-05	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hightstown Borough	S340915-08	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000

Delanco Sewerage Authority	S340956-03	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-20	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04a	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-30	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	S340145-07	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-12	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-13	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340700-19	\$6,099,338	\$8,132,450
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-11	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Western Monmouth Utilities Authority	S340128-08	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-09	\$5,700,000	\$7,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-09	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-22	\$1,987,500	\$2,650,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-07	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-03	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-04	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hillside Township	S340686-10	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
Hopewell Township	S340282-03	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000

Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-01	\$2,007,375	\$2,676,500
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-03	\$1,022,625	\$1,363,500
Berkeley Heights Township	S340385-08	\$525,000	\$700,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-02	\$75,000	\$100,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-01	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Carneys Point Sewerage Authority	S340502-08	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Haddon Heights Borough	S340877-02	\$487,500	\$650,000
Highlands Borough	S340901-05	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Medford Lakes Borough	S340319-03	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-03	\$75,000	\$100,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Wenonah Borough	S340531-01	\$997,500	\$1,330,000
Clinton Township Sewerage Authority	S340873-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Fieldsboro Borough	S340522-01	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
North Bergen Township	S340652-17	\$3,225,000	\$4,300,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	S340132-10	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-46	\$51,750,000	\$69,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-54	\$16,950,000	\$22,600,000
Ocean Gate Borough	S340151-02	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-35	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-65	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hackensack City	S340923-15	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority	S340652-19	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340810-05	\$22,500,000	\$30,000,000

Boonton Town	S340265-02	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
Runnemede Borough	S340363-07	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Newton Town	S340449-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-19	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-16	\$450,000	\$600,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-17	\$967,649	\$1,290,198
Gloucester Township	S340364-18	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Newton Town	S340449-10	\$1,651,125	\$2,201,500
Hackensack City	S340923-25	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Trenton City	S340416-14	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
New Brunswick City	S340437-13	\$2,587,500	\$3,450,000
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	S340439-04	\$2,300,000	\$3,066,667
East Orange City	S340843-03	\$12,825,000	\$17,100,000
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	S342008-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Burlington City	S340140-02	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
South Orange Village	S340103-02	\$2,002,500	\$2,670,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-14	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Lyndhurst Township	S340426-09	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-06	\$3,540,000	\$4,720,000
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-02	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Bordentown City	S340219-04	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Island Heights Borough	S340176-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Total Projects: 151		\$1,279,030,279	\$1,705,373,702

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2 (2) The department is authorized to make clean water and
3 drinking water project loans to the following municipalities
4 receiving funding from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,"
5 established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure
6 Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Pemberton Twp.	Pinelands 1	\$2,929,000
Manchester Twp./Jackson MUA	Pinelands 2	\$7,192,035
Galloway Twp.	Pinelands 4	\$3,493,440
Winslow Twp.	Pinelands 5	\$1,728,940
Total Pinelands Projects: 4		\$15,343,415

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2 b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be
3 known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year
4 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-002	\$54,000,000	\$72,000,000
Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514002-001	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Orange City	0717001-013	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-004	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-035	\$116,250,000	\$155,000,000
Ridgewood Village	0251001-001	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Belleville Township	0701001-008	\$2,676,564	\$3,568,752
Livingston Township	0710001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Livingston Township	0710001-002	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Waldwick Borough	0264001-003	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	0228001-002	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-004	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Lake Stockholm Systems, Inc.	1911002-001	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011	\$15,667,500	\$20,890,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-004	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Newton Town	1915001-001	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000

Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-004	\$6,525,000	\$8,700,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-012	\$48,750,000	\$65,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	1526001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-006	\$945,000	\$1,260,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-006	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-004	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Park Ridge Borough	0247001-002	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-014	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0324001-004	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Verona Township	0720001-006	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-010	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-016	\$39,375,000	\$52,500,000
Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209002-005	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-004	\$1,746,720	\$2,328,960
Stone Harbor Borough	0510001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Newton Town	1915001-003	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-011	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Burlington City	0305001-003	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Hoboken City	0905001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Brunswick Township	1215001-008	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-002	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000

Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-003	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1101002-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	1516001-007	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Clinton Town	1005001-012	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Roosevelt Borough	1314001-003	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-008	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-009	\$600,000	\$800,000
Robbinsville Township	1112001-001	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-014	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Allamuchy Township	2101001-001	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners Association	1904001-005	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Mount Arlington Borough	1426005-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Pemberton Township	0329004-001	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	1509001-002	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-001	\$75,000	\$100,000
Total Projects: 59		\$488,773,284	\$651,697,712

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- c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.
4. Any financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

1 a. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection has certified
2 that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977,
3 c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997,
4 c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted
5 pursuant thereto;

6 b. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a loan for an
7 environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this
8 act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing
9 program year in which the construction loan component of the
10 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
11 issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an
12 interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the
13 State fiscal year 2026 financing program;

14 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act,
15 the department allowable loan amount may be 100 percent of the
16 total allowable loan amount for:

17 (1) clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a)
18 municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure
19 Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and
20 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
21 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal,
22 county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that
23 do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but
24 where the municipal participant through its service agreement with
25 the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and
26 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
27 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment
28 obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and
29 credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service
30 agreement;

31 (2) clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities
32 receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing
33 and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant –
34 Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and

35 (3) clean water loans to municipal, county, or regional sewerage
36 authorities that qualify for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
37 grants for combined sewer overflows or stormwater management
38 projects;

39 d. With the exception of a loan for which the department issues
40 100 percent of the loan amount pursuant to subsection b. of section
41 2, subsection c. of section 3, and subsection c. of this section, the
42 loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New
43 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
44 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
45 and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621 of the 2024-2025 session);

46 e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30
47 years, or 35 years for loans funded pursuant to the federal "Water
48 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014," 33 U.S.C.

1 s.3901 et seq. as amended and supplemented, or 45 years for
2 combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the
3 loan; and

4 f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
5 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
6 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
8 to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to
9 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467
10 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621 of
11 the 2024-2025 session), or to administrative fees payable to the
12 trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334
13 (C.58:11B-5).

14 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law or
15 regulation to the contrary, drinking water projects may be funded by
16 the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund” established pursuant to
17 section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of
18 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302. Drinking water projects financed by the
19 Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund shall be funded in accordance
20 with the regulations applicable to the financing of wastewater
21 projects by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund unless and until
22 regulations specific to the financing of drinking water projects are
23 promulgated.

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25 5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the department pursuant
26 to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

27 a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
28 compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal
29 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act;

30 b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
31 compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329,
32 P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003,
33 c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

34 c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
35 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
36 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
37 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
38 to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
39 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
40 and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621 of the 2024-2025 session), or
41 to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o.
42 of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

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44 6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans
45 pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026,
46 and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a
47 loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act
48 shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

1 7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
2 to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made
3 available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2
4 and 3 of this act based upon final or low-bid building costs defined
5 in and determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted
6 by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329,
7 section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or section 5 of
8 P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not
9 exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The
10 commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual
11 amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project
12 sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to
13 exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon
14 additional project costs to comply with the department's guidance
15 for asset management, emergency response, flood protection, and
16 auxiliary power.

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18 8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is
19 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224,
20 P.L.1985, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88,
21 P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules
22 and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental
23 Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal
24 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act,
25 and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and
26 supplementary acts thereto.

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28 9. The department shall provide general technical assistance to
29 any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental
30 infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a
31 project.

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33 10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving
34 Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any
35 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to
36 the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of
37 section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992
38 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
39 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water
40 State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
41 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
42 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to
43 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
44 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
45 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
46 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, or prior
47 to the repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund"
48 pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302,

1 repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by
2 the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to
3 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended and
4 supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions
5 established by the commissioner and trust, approved by the State
6 Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334
7 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or securities
8 law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust bonds
9 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending
10 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025
11 session and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621¹ of the 2024-2025
12 session), and to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust
13 pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-
14 5) by the project sponsors receiving trust loans.

15 b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
16 pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory
17 and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the
18 "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
19 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater
20 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of
21 P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
22 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to
23 repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to
24 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
25 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
26 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
27 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
28 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, or prior
29 to repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant
30 to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302, the trust is further
31 authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to
32 P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38,
33 P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85,
34 P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92,
35 P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109,
36 P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68,
37 P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43,
38 P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32,
39 P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as
40 amended by P.L.2018, c.137, P.L.2019, c.12, P.L.2019, c.193, as
41 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by
42 P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328,
43 P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as
44 amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by
45 P.L.2025, c.10, or this act, to secure repayment of trust bonds
46 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.1995, c.218,
47 P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85, P.L.1999, c.173,
48 P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71, P.L.2003, c.159,

1 P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67, P.L.2007, c.140,
2 P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62, P.L.2011, c.95,
3 P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26, P.L.2015, c.107,
4 P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by P.L.2017, c.327,
5 P.L.2018, c.84, as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, P.L.2019, c.192, as
6 amended by P.L.2019, c.515, P.L.2020, c.48, as amended by
7 P.L.2021, c.22, P.L.2021, c.204, as amended by P.L.2021, c.316,
8 P.L.2022, c.100, as amended by P.L.2023, c.5, P.L.2023, c.119, as
9 amended by P.L.2023, c.343, P.L.2024, c.41, as amended by
10 P.L.2025, c.8, or P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
11 Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill
12 No. **1** 5622 5621¹ of the 2024-2025 session) and to secure the
13 administrative fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant
14 to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

15 c. To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy
16 any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment
17 deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for
18 deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
19 "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment
20 Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State
21 Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
22 Treatment Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined
23 Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," or the "Pinelands Infrastructure
24 Trust Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf
25 of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.
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27 11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
28 to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be required
29 pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the
30 Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
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32 12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
33 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from
34 repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or
35 before June 30, 2026, including the "Clean Water State Revolving
36 Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply
37 Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
38 Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and
39 Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State
40 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received
41 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
42 as the chairperson or secretary of the trust shall certify to the
43 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and
44 appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts
45 established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334
46 (C.58:11B-11).

1 13. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
2 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), funds
3 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act deposited in
4 any account including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
5 "Water Supply Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
6 as appropriate, funds transferred by the department to the New
7 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to paragraph (21) of subsection
8 a. of section 1 of this act, and funds from any net earnings received
9 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
10 as the chairperson of the trust certifies to the Commissioner of
11 Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for
12 deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by
13 the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

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15 14. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure
21 projects for FY2026.

CHAPTER 109

AN ACT appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

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

1. a. (1) There is appropriated to the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean water project loans and technical assistance pursuant to the “Water Quality Act of 1987,” 33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq., and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Clean Water Act”) and such sums as are made available to the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for clean water project loans and technical assistance.

(2) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(3) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(4) There is appropriated to the department from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1998, c.84, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996,” Pub.L. 104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Safe Drinking Water Act”), and such sums as are made available to the department from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for drinking water project loans and technical assistance.

The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, pursuant to the “Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,” Pub.L.116-63, additional amounts as may be necessary to address a threat to public health and an amount equal to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred is appropriated to the department for those purposes.

The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to meet present and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the department for those purposes.

The department is authorized to transfer from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be

transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the department for those purposes.

Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the department is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and may charge interest on loans made with such invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(5) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(6) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to section 15 of the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.329, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(7) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to section 27 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(8) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to subsection a. of section 19 of the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(9) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(10) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and

providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(11) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, including the balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of drinking water project loans.

(12) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts” contained within that fund, for the purpose of providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(13) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(14) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(15) There is appropriated to the department such amounts as may be received by the Department of Community Affairs, as the grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(16) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, as repayments of drinking water project loans and any interest therefrom from the “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the purposes of drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(17) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “Water Supply Fund” pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, and P.L.2003, c.158, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund accounts contained within the Water Supply Fund established for the purposes of providing drinking water project loans and providing the State

match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(18) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001, c.222, and P.L.2002, c.70, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(19) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.2004, c.109 and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

(20) There is appropriated to the department the sums deposited by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2025, c.125, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of providing clean water project loans and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero-interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans, to the extent sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as “project sponsors”) to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L.2009, c.77, the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985.” P.L.1985, c.329, the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and the Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

(21) Of the \$54.6 million appropriated to the department for the capital construction of drinking water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2025 appropriations act, P.L.2024, c.22, plus any appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, up to \$25 million may be transferred to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to invest, provide debt

service reserve or guarantee, or pay interest on behalf of a sponsor of a drinking water environmental infrastructure project.

(22) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act, P.L.2025, c.74, the department is authorized to transfer up to \$5 million to the trust for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities.

(23) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act, P.L.2025, c.74, plus any appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to utilize up to \$60 million for principal forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the department's technical assistance program for construction costs associated with clean water or drinking water environmental infrastructure projects.

(24) There is appropriated to the department for the purposes of eligible clean water project grants such amounts as may be received by the department under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grants Program, as the grantee from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and as may be available on or before June 30, 2026.

(25) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act, P.L.2025, c.74, plus any appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to utilize up to \$60 million to provide grants of up to \$2 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the Water Bank's technical assistance program for planning and design costs associated with clean water or drinking water environmental infrastructure projects.

b. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications, except that any such amounts may be reduced if a project fails to meet the requirements of sections 4 or 5 of this act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act.

(1) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects, shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$5 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs greater than \$5 million, up to and including \$10 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

(2) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from

combined sewer overflow outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department’s affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the department’s affordability score and project costs up to and including \$8 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department’s affordability score and project costs up to and including \$7 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$8 million in the case of a Tier 1 borrower, and greater than \$7 million in the case of a Tier 2 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate.

(3) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025 for water quality restoration projects, shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for water quality restoration projects. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust’s market rate. For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For water quality restoration projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate.

(4) A maximum of \$19 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025, for clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria as set forth by the department shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department’s affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the department’s affordability score and project costs up to and including \$3 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department’s affordability score and project costs up to and including \$2 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$3 million in the case of a Tier 1 borrower or greater than \$2 million in the case of a Tier 2 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate.

(5) A maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025, for water and energy efficiency projects shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that address water and energy efficiency goals that meet the eligibility requirements for water and energy efficiency as defined in the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s “Green Project Reserve Guidance.” The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the

remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water and energy efficiency projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

(6) A maximum of \$27 million in principal forgiveness for emerging contaminant projects shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that primarily address substances and microorganisms, which are known or anticipated in the environment and which may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. For project costs up to and including \$10 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven, whenever practicable. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

(7) A maximum of \$2 million in principal forgiveness, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025, for combined sewer overflow or stormwater management projects shall be issued to finance up to 20 percent of project costs for projects that qualify for a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant. 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining project costs shall be financed through a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant from the department.

(8) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness shall be issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to improve stormwater resilience. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For stormwater resilience projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

(9) The projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified in P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, are granted continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, provided such projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2025.

c. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, provided:

(1) up to \$5 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025 for drinking water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents, shall be available for drinking water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$1 million in the aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per project sponsor. Project costs greater than \$2 million shall have a loan funded at a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

(2) a maximum of \$5 million in principal forgiveness shall be available for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000 persons. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall have 100 percent principal forgiveness for drinking water systems that are participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000 persons that are not participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association shall have 100 percent principal forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$2 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

(3) a maximum of \$18 million of principal forgiveness shall be available for drinking water projects that primarily address emerging contaminants, for which principal forgiveness may be authorized for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount of up to \$3 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$3 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

(4) up to \$41 million of the sums appropriated to the department from the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. 117-58, may be issued for principal forgiveness for drinking water projects other than those to address emerging contaminants or lead that meet the affordability criteria of the department. A maximum of \$20 million of principal forgiveness pursuant to this paragraph shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and including \$10 million for a borrower satisfying the department's affordability criteria whose project is identified as among the department's highest ranked drinking water projects. A maximum of \$21 million of principal forgiveness shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and including \$3 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 1 affordability score and up to and including \$2 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 2 affordability score. For projects that would otherwise qualify under this subsection for principal forgiveness that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate; and

(5) up to \$68 million plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year 2025 may be issued for principal-forgiveness loans for drinking water systems that meet the department's affordability criteria pursuant to the State's lead service line replacement program to finance lead service line replacements. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department's affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 80 percent of the total loan amount of up to \$16 million per water system. For project costs up to and including \$20 million, 80 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining 20 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount of up to \$10 million per water system. For project costs up to and including \$20 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For lead

service line replacement projects that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 20 percent of the trust's market rate.

Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications and as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or 5 of this act.

The department is authorized to increase the maximum amounts available for principal forgiveness pursuant to this subsection or subsection b. of this section, to the extent additional funds are available.

d. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and requirements set forth in this section from any unexpended balances of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 1 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 1 of P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 of P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002, c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.102, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2011, c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, including amounts resulting from the low bid and final building cost reductions authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 7 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, c.106, section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L. 1996, c.85, section 6 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of P.L.2001, c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, c.158, section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, section 6 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 of P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of P.L.2010, c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43, section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, section 7 of P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, section 7 of P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, section 7 of P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act,

and from any repayments of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and amounts deposited therein during State fiscal year 2024 and State fiscal year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, and section 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts contained within the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and from any repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

e. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and principal-forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy and for projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or a natural disaster.

f. The department is authorized to increase the aggregate sums specified in subsections b. and c. of this section by the amount of interest accrued pursuant to a short-term or temporary loan made to a project sponsor pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing Program.

g. For the purposes of this act:

“Department” means the Department of Environmental Protection.

“Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” means the “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,” Pub.L.113-2, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

“Sandy financing” means grants, zero-interest loans or principal-forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water or drinking water projects, or clean water or drinking water project match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

“Technical assistance” means all services and assistance provided for the benefit of eligible project sponsors, including, but not limited to, public engagement services, technical assistance and expertise, and community education, for the purposes of identifying and pursuing a clean water or drinking water project, as described in the financial plan developed pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-21) or section 25 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-21.1).

“Trust” means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the purpose of making supplemental zero-interest loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water environmental infrastructure projects:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Rutgers University	S340500-01R	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04R	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Total Projects: 2		\$3,900,000	\$5,200,000

(2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available, except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this act.

(3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act.

b. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the purpose of making supplemental loans to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed below for the following drinking water environmental infrastructure projects:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
East Orange City	0705001-014R	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	0712001-016R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	2004002-012R	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Total Projects: 4		\$14,250,000	\$19,000,000

(2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the difference between the allowable loan amount required by these projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2020 and 2024 and for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the department pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261. The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available, except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this act.

(3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan for the project, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

3. a. (1) The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Oakland Borough	S340418-06	\$5,790,000	\$7,720,000
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	S340547-17	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Mendham Borough	S340159-04	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Newark City	S340815-25	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-29	\$9,525,000	\$12,700,000
Montgomery Township	S340130-03	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Newark City	S340815-26	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Camden City	S340366-07	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Camden City	S340366-14	\$7,027,500	\$9,370,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-18	\$15,750,000	\$21,000,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-17	\$19,500,000	\$26,000,000
Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	S340384-10	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Elizabeth City	S340942-20	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Elizabeth City	S345070-01	\$3,000,001	\$4,000,001
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-33	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Kearny Town	S340259-11	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Ridgefield Park Village	S340688-06	\$9,150,000	\$12,200,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-08	\$1,305,525	\$1,740,700
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-64	\$37,500,000	\$50,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-19	\$300,000	\$400,000
North Hudson Sewer Authority	S340952-39	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-22	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Verona Township	S340533-05	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Hackensack City	S340923-13	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-16	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-37	\$91,125,000	\$121,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-53	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S345200-01	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-49	\$222,102,676	\$296,136,901
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-33	\$80,250,000	\$107,000,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-08	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Pennsville Sewerage Authority	S340870-05	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Beach Haven Borough	S344220-01	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340123-02	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-23	\$45,000,000	\$60,000,000
Linden Roselle Sewer Authority	S340299-08	\$20,250,000	\$27,000,000
Flemington Borough	S340440-06	\$1,102,500	\$1,470,000
Gloucester County Utilities Authority	S340902-15	\$10,875,000	\$14,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-67	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority	S340400-11	\$16,500,000	\$22,000,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-09	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-26	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-09a	\$465,378	\$620,504
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-09b	\$4,879,407	\$6,505,876
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-09c	\$681,323	\$908,430
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-09d	\$1,689,260	\$2,252,347
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-09e	\$1,022,282	\$1,363,042
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-09g	\$889,742	\$1,186,322
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-09h	\$1,837,001	\$2,449,335
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-09i	\$1,189,072	\$1,585,429
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-08a	\$1,443,750	\$1,925,000
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-08b	\$16,188,750	\$21,585,000
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-08c	\$2,141,250	\$2,855,000
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-08d	\$5,538,750	\$7,385,000
JMEUC - Maplewood Township	S340686-08e	\$2,178,750	\$2,905,000
JMEUC - Millburn Township	S340686-08f	\$1,942,500	\$2,590,000
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-08g	\$3,262,500	\$4,350,000
JMEUC - Roselle Park Borough	S340686-08h	\$1,020,000	\$1,360,000
JMEUC - South Orange Village	S340686-08i	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-08j	\$2,842,500	\$3,790,000
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-08k	\$6,022,500	\$8,030,000
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-08l	\$3,847,500	\$5,130,000
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority	S340882-11	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Lakehurst Borough	S340150-01	\$1,912,500	\$2,550,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000

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Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-08	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Cumberland County Utilities Authority	S340550-09	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	S340236-02	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-57	\$24,375,000	\$32,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-36	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Hamilton Township	S340898-06	\$3,037,500	\$4,050,000
South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority	S340377-07	\$2,827,500	\$3,770,000
Stafford Township	S340946-09	\$3,510,000	\$4,680,000
Metuchen Borough	S340360-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Somerville Borough	S340551-01	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Netcong Borough	S340538-01	\$75,000	\$100,000
Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority	S340911-03	\$495,000	\$660,000
Stafford Township	S340946-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Vernon Township	S340745-03	\$2,271,750	\$3,029,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	S340579-05	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hightstown Borough	S340915-08	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Delanco Sewerage Authority	S340956-03	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-20	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04a	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-30	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	S340145-07	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-12	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-13	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340700-19	\$6,099,338	\$8,132,450
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-11	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Western Monmouth Utilities Authority	S340128-08	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-09	\$5,700,000	\$7,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-09	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-22	\$1,987,500	\$2,650,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-07	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-03	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-04	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hillside Township	S340686-10	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
Hopewell Township	S340282-03	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-01	\$2,007,375	\$2,676,500
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-03	\$1,022,625	\$1,363,500
Berkeley Heights Township	S340385-08	\$525,000	\$700,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-02	\$75,000	\$100,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-01	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Carneys Point Sewerage Authority	S340502-08	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Haddon Heights Borough	S340877-02	\$487,500	\$650,000
Highlands Borough	S340901-05	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Medford Lakes Borough	S340319-03	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-03	\$75,000	\$100,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Wenonah Borough	S340531-01	\$997,500	\$1,330,000
Clinton Township Sewerage Authority	S340873-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Fieldsboro Borough	S340522-01	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
North Bergen Township	S340652-17	\$3,225,000	\$4,300,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	S340132-10	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-46	\$51,750,000	\$69,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-54	\$16,950,000	\$22,600,000
Ocean Gate Borough	S340151-02	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-35	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-65	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hackensack City	S340923-15	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority	S340652-19	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340810-05	\$22,500,000	\$30,000,000
Boonton Town	S340265-02	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
Runnemede Borough	S340363-07	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Newton Town	S340449-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000

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Gloucester Township	S340364-19	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-16	\$450,000	\$600,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-17	\$967,649	\$1,290,198
Gloucester Township	S340364-18	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Newton Town	S340449-10	\$1,651,125	\$2,201,500
Hackensack City	S340923-25	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Trenton City	S340416-14	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
New Brunswick City	S340437-13	\$2,587,500	\$3,450,000
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	S340439-04	\$2,300,000	\$3,066,667
East Orange City	S340843-03	\$12,825,000	\$17,100,000
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	S342008-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Burlington City	S340140-02	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
South Orange Village	S340103-02	\$2,002,500	\$2,670,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-14	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Lyndhurst Township	S340426-09	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-06	\$3,540,000	\$4,720,000
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-02	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Bordentown City	S340219-04	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Island Heights Borough	S340176-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Total Projects: 151		\$1,279,030,279	\$1,705,373,702

(2) The department is authorized to make clean water and drinking water project loans to the following municipalities receiving funding from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Pemberton Twp.	Pinelands 1	\$2,929,000
Manchester Twp./Jackson MUA	Pinelands 2	\$7,192,035
Galloway Twp.	Pinelands 4	\$3,493,440
Winslow Twp.	Pinelands 5	\$1,728,940
Total Pinelands Projects: 4		\$15,343,415

b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-002	\$54,000,000	\$72,000,000
Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514002-001	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Orange City	0717001-013	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-004	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-035	\$116,250,000	\$155,000,000
Ridgewood Village	0251001-001	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Belleville Township	0701001-008	\$2,676,564	\$3,568,752
Livingston Township	0710001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Livingston Township	0710001-002	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Waldwick Borough	0264001-003	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	0228001-002	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-004	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Lake Stockholm Systems, Inc.	1911002-001	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011	\$15,667,500	\$20,890,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-004	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Newton Town	1915001-001	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-004	\$6,525,000	\$8,700,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-012	\$48,750,000	\$65,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	1526001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-006	\$945,000	\$1,260,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-006	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000

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Hawthorne Borough	1604001-004	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Park Ridge Borough	0247001-002	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-014	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0324001-004	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Verona Township	0720001-006	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-010	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-016	\$39,375,000	\$52,500,000
Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209002-005	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-004	\$1,746,720	\$2,328,960
Stone Harbor Borough	0510001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Newton Town	1915001-003	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-011	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Burlington City	0305001-003	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Hoboken City	0905001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Brunswick Township	1215001-008	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-002	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-003	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1101002-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	1516001-007	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Clinton Town	1005001-012	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Roosevelt Borough	1314001-003	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-008	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-009	\$600,000	\$800,000
Robbinsville Township	1112001-001	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-014	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Allamuchy Township	2101001-001	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners Association	1904001-005	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Mount Arlington Borough	1426005-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Pemberton Township	0329004-001	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	1509001-002	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-001	\$75,000	\$100,000
Total Projects: 59		\$488,773,284	\$651,697,712

c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

4. Any financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

a. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

b. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a loan for an environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing

program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program;

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act, the department allowable loan amount may be 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount for:

(1) clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a) municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal, county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but where the municipal participant through its service agreement with the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service agreement;

(2) clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and

(3) clean water loans to municipal, county, or regional sewerage authorities that qualify for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grants for combined sewer overflows or stormwater management projects;

d. With the exception of a loan for which the department issues 100 percent of the loan amount pursuant to subsection b. of section 2, subsection c. of section 3, and subsection c. of this section, the loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L.2025, c.125;

e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30 years, or 35 years for loans funded pursuant to the federal "Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014," 33 U.S.C. s.3901 et seq. as amended and supplemented, or 45 years for combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the loan; and

f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L.2025, c.125, or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law or regulation to the contrary, drinking water projects may be funded by the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302. Drinking water projects financed by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund shall be funded in accordance with the regulations applicable to the financing of wastewater projects by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund unless and until regulations specific to the financing of drinking water projects are promulgated.

5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act;

b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L.2025, c.125, or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026, and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act based upon final or low-bid building costs defined in and determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon additional project costs to comply with the department's guidance for asset management, emergency response, flood protection, and auxiliary power.

8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

9. The department shall provide general technical assistance to any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a project.

10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, or prior to the repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985,

c.302, repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended and supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions established by the commissioner and trust, approved by the State Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or securities law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust bonds issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.2025, c.125, and to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5) by the project sponsors receiving trust loans.

b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, or prior to repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302, the trust is further authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38, P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109, P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68, P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43, P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32, P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by P.L.2018, c.137, P.L.2019, c.12, P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, or this act, to secure repayment of trust bonds issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.1995, c.218, P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85, P.L.1999, c.173, P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71, P.L.2003, c.159, P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67, P.L.2007, c.140, P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62, P.L.2011, c.95, P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26, P.L.2015, c.107, P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by P.L.2017, c.327, P.L.2018, c.84, as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, P.L.2019, c.192, as amended by P.L.2019, c.515, P.L.2020, c.48, as amended by P.L.2021, c.22, P.L.2021, c.204, as amended by P.L.2021, c.316, P.L.2022, c.100, as amended by P.L.2023, c.5, P.L.2023, c.119, as amended by P.L.2023, c.343, P.L.2024, c.41, as amended by P.L.2025, c.8, or P.L.2025, c.125 and to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

c. To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," or the "Pinelands

Infrastructure Trust Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.

11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be required pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or before June 30, 2026, including the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums as the chairperson or secretary of the trust shall certify to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

13. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), funds from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act deposited in any account including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Water Supply Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, funds transferred by the department to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to paragraph (21) of subsection a. of section 1 of this act, and funds from any net earnings received from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums as the chairperson of the trust certifies to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

14. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 22, 2025.

SENATE, No. 4426

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED MAY 19, 2025

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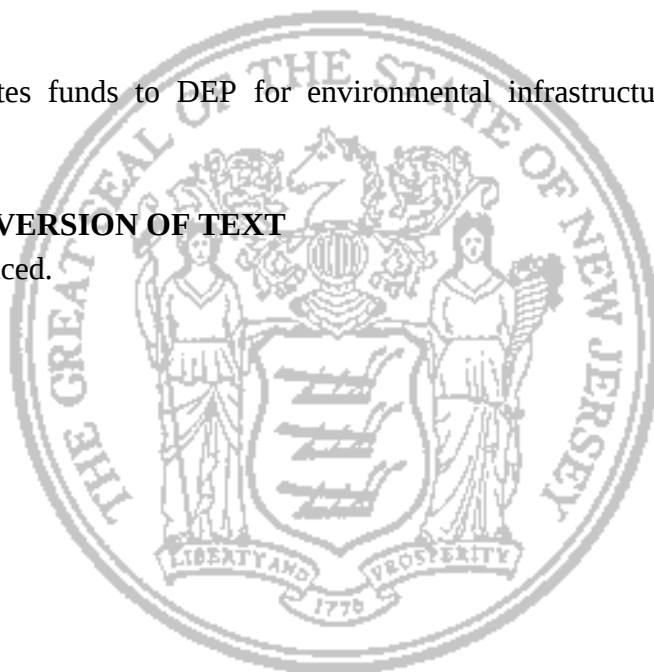
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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2026.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 **AN ACT** appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental
2 Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or
3 principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a
4 portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

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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. (1) There is appropriated to the department from the
10 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to
11 section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal
12 year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean
13 water project loans and technical assistance pursuant to the “Water
14 Quality Act of 1987,” 33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq., and any amendatory
15 and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the
16 “Federal Clean Water Act”) and such sums as are made available to
17 the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” from
18 funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure
19 Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for clean water project
20 loans and technical assistance.

21 (2) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
22 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
23 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
24 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be necessary to
25 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
26 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
27 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
28 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
29 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
30 Water Act.

31 (3) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
32 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
33 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
34 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
35 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
36 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
37 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
38 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
39 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

41 (4) There is appropriated to the department from the “Drinking
42 Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of
43 P.L.1998, c.84, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025
44 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water
45 projects pursuant to the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of
46 1996,” Pub.L. 104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary
47 acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Safe Drinking
48 Water Act”), and such sums as are made available to the department

1 from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made
2 available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and
3 Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for drinking water project loans and
4 technical assistance.

5 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
6 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
7 pursuant to the “Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,”
8 Pub.L.116-63, additional amounts as may be necessary to address a
9 threat to public health and an amount equal to the maximum amount
10 authorized to be transferred is appropriated to the department for
11 those purposes.

12 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
13 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
14 an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred
15 pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to meet present
16 and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water
17 projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is
18 appropriated to the department for those purposes.

19 The department is authorized to transfer from the Drinking
20 Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving
21 Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be
22 transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present
23 and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects
24 and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the
25 department for those purposes.

26 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the
27 department is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State
28 Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State
29 Revolving Fund and may charge interest on loans made with such
30 invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water
31 Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

32 (5) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
33 balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the
34 balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and
35 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
36 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
37 loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may
38 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
39 to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

41 (6) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
42 balances from the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
43 pursuant to section 15 of the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of
44 1985,” P.L.1985, c.329, and any repayments of loans and interest
45 therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the
46 purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match
47 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made

1 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
2 Federal Clean Water Act.

3 (7) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
4 balances from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
5 pursuant to section 27 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland
6 and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, and
7 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
8 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
9 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
10 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
11 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

12 (8) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
13 balances from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
14 Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to subsection a. of section 19
15 of the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and
16 Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162,
17 and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be
18 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean
19 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
20 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
21 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
22 Water Act.

23 (9) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
24 balances from the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,”
25 established pursuant to section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure
26 Trust Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302, and any repayments of
27 loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June
28 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and drinking
29 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
30 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
31 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
32 Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal
33 Safe Drinking Water Act.

34 (10) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
35 balances from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
36 Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the
37 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
38 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, and any
39 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on
40 or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
41 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
42 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
43 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

44 (11) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
45 balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and any
46 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, including the balances
47 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act as may be

1 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of drinking
2 water project loans.

3 (12) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
4 be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the
5 “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the
6 “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the
7 “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts” contained
8 within that fund, for the purpose of providing the State match as
9 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
10 available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the
11 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

12 (13) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
13 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
14 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
15 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be available on
16 or before June 30, 2026, and any repayments of loans and interest
17 therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums
18 appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the
19 purposes of drinking water project loans and technical assistance
20 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
21 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
22 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

23 (14) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
24 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
25 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
26 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
27 supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State
28 Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans
29 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
30 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
31 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

32 (15) There is appropriated to the department such amounts as
33 may be received by the Department of Community Affairs, as the
34 grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban
35 Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster
36 Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as may be available on or before
37 June 30, 2026, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water
38 and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as
39 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
40 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
41 Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the
42 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

43 (16) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
44 be available on or before June 30, 2026, as repayments of drinking
45 water project loans and any interest therefrom from the “Water
46 Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water
47 Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the purposes of
48 drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may

1 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
2 to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
3 Drinking Water Act.

4 (17) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “Water
5 Supply Fund” pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222,
6 P.L.2002, c.70, and P.L.2003, c.158, the department is authorized to
7 transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and
8 interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026,
9 in such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving
10 Fund accounts contained within the Water Supply Fund established
11 for the purposes of providing drinking water project loans and
12 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
13 capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water
14 projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

15 (18) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “1992
16 Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997,
17 c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001,
18 c.222, and P.L.2002, c.70, the department is authorized to transfer
19 any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest
20 therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such
21 amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
22 accounts contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for
23 the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing
24 the State match as may be required for the award of the
25 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
26 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

27 (19) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “2003
28 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to
29 P.L.2004, c.109 and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized
30 to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans
31 and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30,
32 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State
33 Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water
34 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of
35 providing clean water project loans and providing the State match
36 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
37 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
38 Federal Clean Water Act.

39 (20) There is appropriated to the department the sums deposited
40 by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank into the Clean Water State
41 Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “1992
42 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
43 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
44 Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater
45 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act
46 of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “2003 Water Resources and
47 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and the Drinking Water State
48 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (6) of

1 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the
2 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and
3 Assembly Bill No. 5622 of the 2024-2025 session), as may be
4 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of providing
5 clean water project loans and drinking water project loans and
6 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
7 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
8 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking
9 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

10 Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero-
11 interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans, to the extent
12 sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government
13 units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as “project
14 sponsors”) to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of
15 clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2
16 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and
17 administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by
18 the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean
19 Water Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L.2009, c.77,
20 the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985.” P.L.1985, c.329,
21 the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, the
22 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
23 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “Green Acres,
24 Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of
25 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control,
26 Water Resources, and the Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act
27 of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any amendatory and supplementary
28 acts thereto.

29 (21) Of the \$54.6 million appropriated to the department for the
30 capital construction of drinking water infrastructure by the State
31 fiscal year 2025 appropriations act, P.L.2024, c.22, plus any
32 appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022,
33 2023, and 2024, up to \$25 million may be transferred to the New
34 Jersey Infrastructure Bank to invest, provide debt service reserve or
35 guarantee, or pay interest on behalf of a sponsor of a drinking water
36 environmental infrastructure project.

37 (22) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
38 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
39 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
40 P.L.2025, c. , the department is authorized to transfer up to \$5
41 million to the trust for technical assistance to disadvantaged
42 communities.

43 (23) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
44 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
45 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
46 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
47 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
48 utilize up to \$60 million for principal forgiveness of up to \$2

1 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in
2 the department's technical assistance program for construction costs
3 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
4 infrastructure projects.

5 (24) There is appropriated to the department for the purposes of
6 eligible clean water project grants such amounts as may be received
7 by the department under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
8 Grants Program, as the grantee from the United States
9 Environmental Protection Agency and as may be available on or
10 before June 30, 2026.

11 (25) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
12 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
13 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
14 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
15 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
16 utilize up to \$60 million to provide grants of up to \$2 million per
17 applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the Water
18 Bank's technical assistance program for planning and design costs
19 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
20 infrastructure projects.

21 b. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
22 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
23 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
24 subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act
25 for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and
26 in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible
27 project applications, except that any such amounts may be reduced
28 if a project fails to meet the requirements of sections 4 or 5 of this
29 act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant
30 to section 7 of this act.

31 (1) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
32 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
33 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects, shall be issued as
34 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
35 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
36 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
37 outfalls. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to
38 this paragraph shall not exceed \$5 million per borrower whenever
39 practicable. For project costs greater than \$5 million, up to and
40 including \$10 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall
41 be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
42 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
43 project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended
44 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For combined
45 sewer overflow projects that receive no principal forgiveness
46 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
47 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
48 percent of the trust's market rate.

1 (2) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
2 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
3 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects shall be issued as
4 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
5 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
6 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
7 outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability
8 criteria. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this
9 paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department’s
10 affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the
11 department’s affordability score and project costs up to and
12 including \$8 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
13 be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department’s
14 affordability score and project costs up to and including \$7 million,
15 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For
16 project costs greater than \$8 million in the case of a Tier 1
17 borrower, and greater than \$7 million in the case of a Tier 2
18 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
19 the trust’s market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that
20 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
21 outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability
22 criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-
23 forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available,
24 the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the
25 trust’s market rate.

26 (3) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
27 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
28 2025 for water quality restoration projects, shall be issued as
29 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for water quality
30 restoration projects. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
31 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
32 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
33 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
34 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
35 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust’s market rate. For
36 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
37 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For water
38 quality restoration projects that receive no principal forgiveness
39 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
40 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
41 percent of the trust’s market rate.

42 (4) A maximum of \$19 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
43 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
44 2025, for clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the
45 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria as set
46 forth by the department shall be issued as provided in subsection a.
47 of section 3 of this act. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
48 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable

1 tier of the department's affordability score. For a borrower
2 satisfying Tier 1 of the department's affordability score and project
3 costs up to and including \$3 million, 100 percent of the principal of
4 the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the
5 department's affordability score and project costs up to and
6 including \$2 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
7 be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$3 million in the case of
8 a Tier 1 borrower or greater than \$2 million in the case of a Tier 2
9 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
10 the trust's market rate. For clean water projects sponsored by
11 applicants that meet the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund"
12 affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because
13 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
14 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
15 the trust's market rate.

16 (5) A maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
17 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
18 2025, for water and energy efficiency projects shall be issued as
19 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that
20 address water and energy efficiency goals that meet the eligibility
21 requirements for water and energy efficiency as defined in the
22 United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Green Project
23 Reserve Guidance." The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
24 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
25 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
26 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
27 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
28 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
29 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
30 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water and
31 energy efficiency projects that receive no principal forgiveness
32 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
33 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
34 percent of the trust's market rate.

35 (6) A maximum of \$27 million in principal forgiveness for
36 emerging contaminant projects shall be issued as provided in
37 subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that primarily
38 address substances and microorganisms, which are known or
39 anticipated in the environment and which may pose newly
40 identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the
41 environment. For project costs up to and including \$10 million, 100
42 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven, whenever
43 practicable. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan
44 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
45 rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal
46 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
47 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
48 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

1 (7) A maximum of \$2 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
2 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
3 2025, for combined sewer overflow or stormwater management
4 projects shall be issued to finance up to 20 percent of project costs
5 for projects that qualify for a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater
6 Reuse grant. 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
7 forgiven and the remaining project costs shall be financed through a
8 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant from the department.

9 (8) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness shall be
10 issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to
11 improve stormwater resilience. The amount of a principal-
12 forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed
13 \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up
14 to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
15 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
16 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
17 For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a
18 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
19 stormwater resilience projects that receive no principal forgiveness
20 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
21 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
22 percent of the trust's market rate.

23 (9) The projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and
24 subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified
25 in P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, are granted
26 continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of
27 P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, provided such
28 projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2025.

29 c. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
30 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
31 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
32 subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up
33 to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated,
34 provided:

35 (1) up to \$5 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
36 loans, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in
37 State fiscal year 2025 for drinking water systems serving
38 populations of up to 10,000 residents, shall be available for drinking
39 water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents
40 wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$1 million in the
41 aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount
42 per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per
43 project sponsor. Project costs greater than \$2 million shall have a
44 loan funded at a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's
45 market rate;

46 (2) a maximum of \$5 million in principal forgiveness shall be
47 available for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000
48 persons. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall have 100

1 percent principal forgiveness for drinking water systems that are
2 participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the
3 Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association. A
4 loan issued pursuant to this paragraph for drinking water systems
5 that serve fewer than 1,000 persons that are not participating in the
6 Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the
7 New Jersey Water Association shall have 100 percent principal
8 forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant. For project costs
9 greater than \$2 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of
10 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

11 (3) a maximum of \$18 million of principal forgiveness shall be
12 available for drinking water projects that primarily address
13 emerging contaminants, for which principal forgiveness may be
14 authorized for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount of up
15 to \$3 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$3
16 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
17 the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that
18 receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness
19 funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan
20 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
21 rate;

22 (4) up to \$41 million of the sums appropriated to the department
23 from the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L.
24 117-58, may be issued for principal forgiveness for drinking water
25 projects other than those to address emerging contaminants or lead
26 that meet the affordability criteria of the department. A maximum
27 of \$20 million of principal forgiveness pursuant to this paragraph
28 shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan
29 amount up to and including \$10 million for a borrower satisfying
30 the department's affordability criteria whose project is identified as
31 among the department's highest ranked drinking water projects. A
32 maximum of \$21 million of principal forgiveness shall be available
33 for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and
34 including \$3 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier
35 1 affordability score and up to and including \$2 million for
36 borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 2 affordability score.
37 For projects that would otherwise qualify under this subsection for
38 principal forgiveness that receive no principal forgiveness because
39 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
40 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
41 the trust's market rate; and

42 (5) up to \$68 million plus any appropriated but unallocated funds
43 designated in State fiscal year 2025 may be issued for principal-
44 forgiveness loans for drinking water systems that meet the
45 department's affordability criteria pursuant to the State's lead
46 service line replacement program to finance lead service line
47 replacements. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued
48 pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of

1 the department's affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier
2 1 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal
3 forgiveness shall not exceed 80 percent of the total loan amount of
4 up to \$16 million per water system. For project costs up to and
5 including \$20 million, 80 percent of the principal of the loan shall
6 be forgiven and the remaining 20 percent of the loan shall have a
7 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
8 project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended
9 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For a borrower
10 satisfying Tier 2 of the department's affordability score, the amount
11 of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan
12 amount of up to \$10 million per water system. For project costs up
13 to and including \$20 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
14 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
15 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
16 For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a
17 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
18 lead service line replacement projects that receive no principal
19 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
20 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
21 interest rate of 20 percent of the trust's market rate.

22 Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent
23 there are sufficient eligible project applications and as may be
24 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
25 the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
26 Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of
28 this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or
29 5 of this act.

30 The department is authorized to increase the maximum amounts
31 available for principal forgiveness pursuant to this subsection or
32 subsection b. of this section, to the extent additional funds are
33 available.

34 d. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
35 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
36 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
37 sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and
38 requirements set forth in this section from any unexpended balances
39 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987,
40 c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of P.L.1989, c.189,
41 section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 1
42 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 1 of
43 P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 of
44 P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of P.L.1998,
45 c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92,
46 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002,
47 c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 2 of
48 P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 and

1 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, sections 1
2 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.102,
3 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2011,
4 c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 of
5 P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 2
6 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended
7 by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as amended
8 by P.L.2017, c.326, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended
9 by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, sections 1 and 2 of
10 P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as
11 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
12 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
13 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
14 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, including amounts
15 resulting from the low bid and final building cost reductions
16 authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 7 of
17 P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 of
18 P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of P.L.1992,
19 c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, c.106,
20 section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L. 1996, c.85, section 6
21 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 of
22 P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of P.L.2001,
23 c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, c.158,
24 section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, section 6
25 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 of
26 P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of P.L.2010,
27 c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43,
28 section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, section 7 of
29 P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by
30 P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as amended by
31 P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by
32 P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, section 7 of P.L.2019, c.193, as
33 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, section 7 of P.L.2020, c.49, as
34 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
35 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
36 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
37 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, and from any repayments
38 of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,
39 the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
40 “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “2003 Water Resources
41 and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and amounts deposited therein
42 during State fiscal year 2024 and State fiscal year 2025 pursuant to
43 the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, and section 2 of
44 P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto,
45 including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts
46 contained within the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and from any
47 repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State
48 Revolving Fund.

1 e. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
2 principal-forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the
3 project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects
4 listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water
5 projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief
6 Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except
7 that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of
8 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a
9 project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this
10 act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for
11 Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial
12 assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy and for
13 projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and
14 vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or
15 a natural disaster.

16 f. The department is authorized to increase the aggregate sums
17 specified in subsections b. and c. of this section by the amount of
18 interest accrued pursuant to a short-term or temporary loan made to
19 a project sponsor pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing
20 Program.

21 g. For the purposes of this act:

22 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
23 Protection.

24 “Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” means the
25 “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,” Pub.L.113-2, and any
26 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

27 “Sandy financing” means grants, zero-interest loans or principal-
28 forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental
29 Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water or
30 drinking water projects, or clean water or drinking water project
31 match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

32 “Technical assistance” means all services and assistance
33 provided for the benefit of eligible project sponsors, including, but
34 not limited to, public engagement services, technical assistance and
35 expertise, and community education, for the purposes of identifying
36 and pursuing a clean water or drinking water project, as described
37 in the financial plan developed pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1985,
38 c.334 (C.58:11B-21) or section 25 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-
39 21.1).

40 “Trust” means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created
41 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

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43 2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
44 purpose of making supplemental zero-interest loans to or on behalf
45 of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water
46 environmental infrastructure projects:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Rutgers University	S340500-01R	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04R	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Total Projects: 2		\$3,900,000	\$5,200,000

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2 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
3 difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these
4 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
5 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
6 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and
7 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
8 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
9 department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans
10 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
11 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
12 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
13 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
14 7 of this act.

15 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
16 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of
17 section 3 of this act.

18 b. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
19 purpose of making supplemental loans to or on behalf of the project
20 sponsors listed below for the following drinking water
21 environmental infrastructure projects:
22

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
East Orange City	0705001-014R	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	0712001-016R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	2004002-012R	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Total Projects: 4		\$14,250,000	\$19,000,000

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24 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
25 difference between the allowable loan amount required by these
26 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
27 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
28 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2020 and 2024 and

1 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
2 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
3 department pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261. The loans
4 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
5 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
6 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
7 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
8 7 of this act.

9 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
10 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection b. of
11 section 3 of this act.

12 c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable
13 department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to
14 between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan
15 amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100
16 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be
17 provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing
18 program year in which the construction loan component of the
19 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
20 issued an interim financing program loan for the project, or, in the
21 absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and
22 conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

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24 3. a. (1) The following environmental infrastructure projects
25 shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State
26 Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Oakland Borough	S340418-06	\$5,790,000	\$7,720,000
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	S340547-17	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Mendham Borough	S340159-04	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Newark City	S340815-25	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-29	\$9,525,000	\$12,700,000
Montgomery Township	S340130-03	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Newark City	S340815-26	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Camden City	S340366-07	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Camden City	S340366-14	\$7,027,500	\$9,370,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-18	\$15,750,000	\$21,000,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-17	\$19,500,000	\$26,000,000

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Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	S340384-10	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Elizabeth City	S340942-20	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Elizabeth City	S345070-01	\$3,000,001	\$4,000,001
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-33	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Kearny Town	S340259-11	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Ridgefield Park Village	S340688-06	\$9,150,000	\$12,200,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-08	\$1,305,525	\$1,740,700
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-64	\$37,500,000	\$50,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-19	\$300,000	\$400,000
North Hudson Sewer Authority	S340952-39	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-22	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Verona Township	S340533-05	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Hackensack City	S340923-13	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-16	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-37	\$91,125,000	\$121,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-53	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S345200-01	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-49	\$222,102,676	\$296,136,901
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-33	\$80,250,000	\$107,000,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-08	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Pennsville Sewerage Authority	S340870-05	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Beach Haven Borough	S344220-01	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340123-02	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-23	\$45,000,000	\$60,000,000

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Linden Roselle Sewer Authority	S340299-08	\$20,250,000	\$27,000,000
Flemington Borough	S340440-06	\$1,102,500	\$1,470,000
Gloucester County Utilities Authority	S340902-15	\$10,875,000	\$14,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-67	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority	S340400-11	\$16,500,000	\$22,000,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-09	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-26	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-09a	\$465,378	\$620,504
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-09b	\$4,879,407	\$6,505,876
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-09c	\$681,323	\$908,430
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-09d	\$1,689,260	\$2,252,347
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-09e	\$1,022,282	\$1,363,042
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-09g	\$889,742	\$1,186,322
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-09h	\$1,837,001	\$2,449,335
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-09i	\$1,189,072	\$1,585,429
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-08a	\$1,443,750	\$1,925,000
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-08b	\$16,188,750	\$21,585,000
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-08c	\$2,141,250	\$2,855,000
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-08d	\$5,538,750	\$7,385,000
JMEUC - Maplewood Township	S340686-08e	\$2,178,750	\$2,905,000
JMEUC - Millburn Township	S340686-08f	\$1,942,500	\$2,590,000
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-08g	\$3,262,500	\$4,350,000
JMEUC - Roselle Park Borough	S340686-08h	\$1,020,000	\$1,360,000
JMEUC - South Orange Village Township	S340686-08i	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000

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JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-08j	\$2,842,500	\$3,790,000
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-08k	\$6,022,500	\$8,030,000
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-08l	\$3,847,500	\$5,130,000
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority	S340882-11	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Lakehurst Borough	S340150-01	\$1,912,500	\$2,550,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-08	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Cumberland County Utilities Authority	S340550-09	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	S340236-02	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-57	\$24,375,000	\$32,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-36	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Hamilton Township	S340898-06	\$3,037,500	\$4,050,000
South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority	S340377-07	\$2,827,500	\$3,770,000
Stafford Township	S340946-09	\$3,510,000	\$4,680,000
Metuchen Borough	S340360-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Somerville Borough	S340551-01	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Netcong Borough	S340538-01	\$75,000	\$100,000
Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority	S340911-03	\$495,000	\$660,000
Stafford Township	S340946-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Vernon Township	S340745-03	\$2,271,750	\$3,029,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	S340579-05	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hightstown Borough	S340915-08	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Delanco Sewerage Authority	S340956-03	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-20	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000

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Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04a	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-30	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	S340145-07	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-12	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-13	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340700-19	\$6,099,338	\$8,132,450
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-11	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Western Monmouth Utilities Authority	S340128-08	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-09	\$5,700,000	\$7,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-09	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-22	\$1,987,500	\$2,650,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-07	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-03	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-04	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hillside Township	S340686-10	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
Hopewell Township	S340282-03	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-01	\$2,007,375	\$2,676,500

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Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-03	\$1,022,625	\$1,363,500
Berkeley Heights Township	S340385-08	\$525,000	\$700,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-02	\$75,000	\$100,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-01	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Carneys Point Sewerage Authority	S340502-08	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Haddon Heights Borough	S340877-02	\$487,500	\$650,000
Highlands Borough	S340901-05	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Medford Lakes Borough	S340319-03	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-03	\$75,000	\$100,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Wenonah Borough	S340531-01	\$997,500	\$1,330,000
Clinton Township Sewerage Authority	S340873-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Fieldsboro Borough	S340522-01	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
North Bergen Township	S340652-17	\$3,225,000	\$4,300,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	S340132-10	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-46	\$51,750,000	\$69,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-54	\$16,950,000	\$22,600,000
Ocean Gate Borough	S340151-02	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-35	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-65	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hackensack City	S340923-15	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority	S340652-19	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340810-05	\$22,500,000	\$30,000,000
Boonton Town	S340265-02	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
Runnemede Borough	S340363-07	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000

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Newton Town	S340449-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-19	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-16	\$450,000	\$600,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-17	\$967,649	\$1,290,198
Gloucester Township	S340364-18	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Newton Town	S340449-10	\$1,651,125	\$2,201,500
Hackensack City	S340923-25	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Trenton City	S340416-14	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
New Brunswick City	S340437-13	\$2,587,500	\$3,450,000
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	S340439-04	\$2,300,000	\$3,066,667
East Orange City	S340843-03	\$12,825,000	\$17,100,000
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	S342008-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Burlington City	S340140-02	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
South Orange Village	S340103-02	\$2,002,500	\$2,670,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-14	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Lyndhurst Township	S340426-09	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-06	\$3,540,000	\$4,720,000
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-02	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Bordentown City	S340219-04	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Island Heights Borough	S340176-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Total Projects: 151		\$1,279,030,279	\$1,705,373,702

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2 (2) The department is authorized to make clean water and
3 drinking water project loans to the following municipalities
4 receiving funding from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,"
5 established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure
6 Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Pemberton Twp.	Pinelands 1	\$2,929,000
Manchester Twp./Jackson MUA	Pinelands 2	\$7,192,035
Galloway Twp.	Pinelands 4	\$3,493,440
Winslow Twp.	Pinelands 5	\$1,728,940
Total Pinelands Projects: 4		\$15,343,415

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2 b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be
3 known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year
4 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-002	\$54,000,000	\$72,000,000
Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514002-001	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Orange City	0717001-013	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-004	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-035	\$116,250,000	\$155,000,000
Ridgewood Village	0251001-001	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Belleville Township	0701001-008	\$2,676,564	\$3,568,752
Livingston Township	0710001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Livingston Township	0710001-002	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Waldwick Borough	0264001-003	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	0228001-002	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-004	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Lake Stockholm Systems, Inc.	1911002-001	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011	\$15,667,500	\$20,890,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-004	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Newton Town	1915001-001	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000

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Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-004	\$6,525,000	\$8,700,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-012	\$48,750,000	\$65,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	1526001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-006	\$945,000	\$1,260,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-006	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-004	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Park Ridge Borough	0247001-002	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-014	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0324001-004	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Verona Township	0720001-006	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-010	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-016	\$39,375,000	\$52,500,000
Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209002-005	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-004	\$1,746,720	\$2,328,960
Stone Harbor Borough	0510001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Newton Town	1915001-003	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-011	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Burlington City	0305001-003	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Hoboken City	0905001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Brunswick Township	1215001-008	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-002	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000

Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-003	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1101002-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	1516001-007	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Clinton Town	1005001-012	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Roosevelt Borough	1314001-003	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-008	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-009	\$600,000	\$800,000
Robbinsville Township	1112001-001	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-014	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Allamuchy Township	2101001-001	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners Association	1904001-005	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Mount Arlington Borough	1426005-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Pemberton Township	0329004-001	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	1509001-002	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-001	\$75,000	\$100,000
Total Projects: 59		\$488,773,284	\$651,697,712

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- c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.
4. Any financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1 a. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection has certified
2 that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977,
3 c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997,
4 c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted
5 pursuant thereto;
- 6 b. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a loan for an
7 environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this
8 act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing
9 program year in which the construction loan component of the
10 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
11 issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an
12 interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the
13 State fiscal year 2026 financing program;
- 14 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act,
15 the department allowable loan amount may be 100 percent of the
16 total allowable loan amount for:
- 17 (1) clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a)
18 municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure
19 Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and
20 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
21 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal,
22 county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that
23 do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but
24 where the municipal participant through its service agreement with
25 the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and
26 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
27 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment
28 obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and
29 credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service
30 agreement;
- 31 (2) clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities
32 receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing
33 and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant –
34 Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and
- 35 (3) clean water loans to municipal, county, or regional sewerage
36 authorities that qualify for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
37 grants for combined sewer overflows or stormwater management
38 projects;
- 39 d. With the exception of a loan for which the department issues
40 100 percent of the loan amount pursuant to subsection b. of section
41 2, subsection c. of section 3, and subsection c. of this section, the
42 loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New
43 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
44 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
45 and Assembly Bill No. 5622 of the 2024-2025 session);
- 46 e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30
47 years, or 35 years for loans funded pursuant to the federal "Water
48 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014," 33 U.S.C.

1 s.3901 et seq. as amended and supplemented, or 45 years for
2 combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the
3 loan; and

4 f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
5 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
6 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
8 to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to
9 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467
10 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill No. 5622 of the 2024-
11 2025 session), or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant
12 to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

13 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law or
14 regulation to the contrary, drinking water projects may be funded by
15 the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" established pursuant to
16 section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of
17 1985," P.L.1985, c.302. Drinking water projects financed by the
18 Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund shall be funded in accordance
19 with the regulations applicable to the financing of wastewater
20 projects by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund unless and until
21 regulations specific to the financing of drinking water projects are
22 promulgated.

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24 5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the department pursuant
25 to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

26 a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
27 compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal
28 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act;

29 b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
30 compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329,
31 P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003,
32 c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

33 c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
34 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
35 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
36 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
37 to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
38 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
39 and Assembly Bill No. 5622 of the 2024-2025 session), or to
40 administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of
41 section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

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43 6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans
44 pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026,
45 and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a
46 loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act
47 shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

1 7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
2 to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made
3 available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2
4 and 3 of this act based upon final or low-bid building costs defined
5 in and determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted
6 by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329,
7 section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or section 5 of
8 P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not
9 exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The
10 commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual
11 amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project
12 sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to
13 exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon
14 additional project costs to comply with the department's guidance
15 for asset management, emergency response, flood protection, and
16 auxiliary power.

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18 8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is
19 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224,
20 P.L.1985, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88,
21 P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules
22 and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental
23 Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal
24 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act,
25 and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and
26 supplementary acts thereto.

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28 9. The department shall provide general technical assistance to
29 any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental
30 infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a
31 project.

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33 10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving
34 Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any
35 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to
36 the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of
37 section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992
38 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
39 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water
40 State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
41 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
42 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to
43 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
44 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
45 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
46 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, or prior
47 to the repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund"
48 pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302,

1 repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by
2 the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to
3 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended and
4 supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions
5 established by the commissioner and trust, approved by the State
6 Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334
7 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or securities
8 law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust bonds
9 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending
10 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025
11 session and Assembly Bill No. 5622 of the 2024-2025 session), and
12 to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to
13 subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5) by the
14 project sponsors receiving trust loans.

15 b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
16 pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory
17 and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the
18 "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
19 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater
20 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of
21 P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
22 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to
23 repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to
24 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
25 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
26 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
27 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
28 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, or prior
29 to repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant
30 to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302, the trust is further
31 authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to
32 P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38,
33 P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85,
34 P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92,
35 P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109,
36 P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68,
37 P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43,
38 P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32,
39 P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as
40 amended by P.L.2018, c.137, P.L.2019, c.12, P.L.2019, c.193, as
41 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by
42 P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328,
43 P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as
44 amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by
45 P.L.2025, c.10, or this act, to secure repayment of trust bonds
46 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.1995, c.218,
47 P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85, P.L.1999, c.173,
48 P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71, P.L.2003, c.159,

1 P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67, P.L.2007, c.140,
2 P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62, P.L.2011, c.95,
3 P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26, P.L.2015, c.107,
4 P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by P.L.2017, c.327,
5 P.L.2018, c.84, as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, P.L.2019, c.192, as
6 amended by P.L.2019, c.515, P.L.2020, c.48, as amended by
7 P.L.2021, c.22, P.L.2021, c.204, as amended by P.L.2021, c.316,
8 P.L.2022, c.100, as amended by P.L.2023, c.5, P.L.2023, c.119, as
9 amended by P.L.2023, c.343, P.L.2024, c.41, as amended by
10 P.L.2025, c.8, or P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
11 Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill
12 No. 5622 of the 2024-2025 session) and to secure the administrative
13 fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant to subsection o.
14 of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

15 c. To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy
16 any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment
17 deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for
18 deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
19 "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment
20 Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State
21 Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
22 Treatment Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined
23 Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," or the "Pinelands Infrastructure
24 Trust Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf
25 of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.
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27 11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
28 to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be required
29 pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the
30 Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
31

32 12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
33 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from
34 repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or
35 before June 30, 2026, including the "Clean Water State Revolving
36 Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply
37 Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
38 Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and
39 Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State
40 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received
41 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
42 as the chairperson or secretary of the trust shall certify to the
43 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and
44 appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts
45 established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334
46 (C.58:11B-11).

13. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), funds from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act deposited in any account including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the "Water Supply Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as appropriate, funds transferred by the department to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to paragraph (21) of subsection a. of section 1 of this act, and funds from any net earnings received from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums as the chairperson of the trust certifies to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

14. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would appropriate certain federal and State moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the purpose of implementing the State Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP). The bill would appropriate these funds for the purpose of making loans to local governments and privately-owned water companies (project sponsors) for a portion of the costs of water infrastructure projects. A companion bill, Senate Bill No. 4467 of this session, would authorize the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) to execute loans using the funds appropriated to the DEP by this bill to finance a portion of the costs of the clean water and drinking water projects enumerated by the bill.

The bill would authorize the DEP to use the moneys appropriated by the bill to fund the following projects:

(1) in subsection a. of section 2 of the bill, a list of two projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$5.2 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(2) in subsection b. of section 2 of the bill, a list of four projects to improve drinking water systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$19 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(3) in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List," a list of 151 projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems, representing \$1.7 billion in estimated total loan amounts;

(4) in paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, a list of four projects in the Pinelands area that are receiving funding

1 under the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985,"
2 P.L.1985, c.302, to improve water discharge and treatment systems,
3 representing \$15.3 million in estimated total loan amounts; and

4 (5) in subsection b. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and
5 State Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List," a
6 list of 59 projects to improve drinking water systems, representing
7 \$651.7 million in estimated total loan amounts.

8 The bill would also appropriate the unexpended balances from
9 various funds to the DEP, and allow the DEP to transfer moneys
10 between various State funds, for the purpose of funding the NJEIFP
11 and providing the State match for federal funding provided under
12 the federal laws, including the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking
13 Water Act, as detailed in subsection a. of section 1 of the bill. In
14 addition, the bill would appropriate to the DEP funds deposited in
15 the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" and the "Drinking Water
16 State Revolving Fund" pursuant to the federal "Infrastructure
17 Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. 117-58.

18 The bill would authorize loans to certain project sponsors to
19 include zero interest or principal forgiveness, subject to certain
20 funding limits and restrictions detailed in subsections b. through e.
21 of section 1 of the bill. Projects designated for zero interest or
22 principal forgiveness loans include projects that reduce or eliminate
23 discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls, water quality
24 restoration projects, water and energy efficiency projects, and
25 emerging contaminant projects.

26 The bill would establish certain requirements on loans to project
27 sponsors made by the DEP pursuant to the bill, as enumerated in
28 section 4 of the bill. The bill would also establish additional
29 restrictions, described in section 5 of the bill, for "Sandy financing
30 loans," which are those loans that utilize federal funding provided
31 pursuant to the federal "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,"
32 Pub.L. 113-2. Under the bill, the project lists and the DEP's
33 authorization to utilize the funds appropriated by the bill would
34 expire on July 1, 2026.

35 The bill would also authorize the NJIB to utilize repayments of
36 loans made using moneys from various State funds, enumerated in
37 subsections a. and b. of section 10 of the bill, to recoup trust bond
38 repayments and administrative fees that have not been paid by
39 project sponsors instead of redepositing the money into the funds.
40 However, the bill would also require the NJIB to make a
41 compensatory deposit into certain State funds, as detailed in
42 subsection c. of section 10 of the bill, when the NJIB receives the
43 deficient payments or fees from the project sponsor. Finally, the
44 bill would appropriate to the NJIB, from repayments of loans,
45 interest payments, certain federal funds, and any earnings received
46 from the investment of those funds, as enumerated in sections 12
47 and 13 of the bill, such amounts as the chairperson or secretary of

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- 1 the NJIB certifies are necessary and appropriate for deposit into one
- 2 or more reserve funds established by the NJIB.

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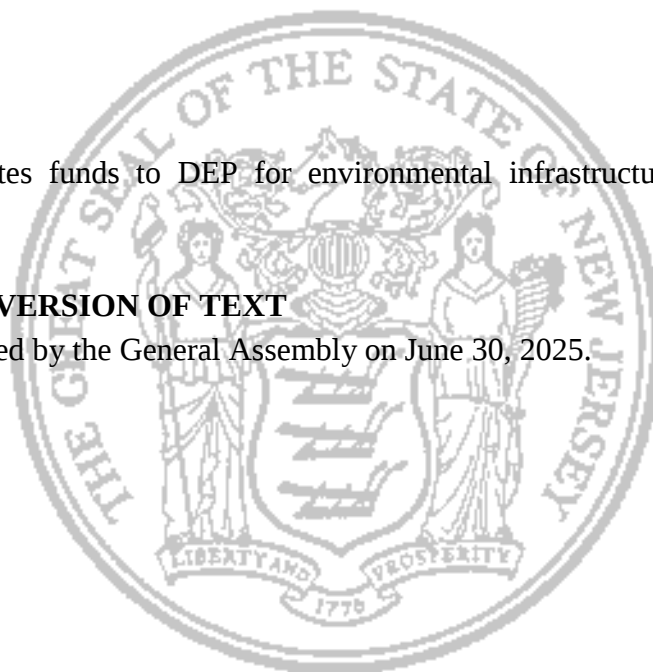
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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2026.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on June 30, 2025.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 **AN ACT** appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental
2 Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or
3 principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a
4 portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

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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. (1) There is appropriated to the department from the
10 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to
11 section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal
12 year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean
13 water project loans and technical assistance pursuant to the “Water
14 Quality Act of 1987,” 33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq., and any amendatory
15 and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the
16 “Federal Clean Water Act”) and such sums as are made available to
17 the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” from
18 funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure
19 Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for clean water project
20 loans and technical assistance.

21 (2) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
22 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
23 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
24 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be necessary to
25 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
26 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
27 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
28 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
29 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
30 Water Act.

31 (3) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
32 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
33 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
34 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
35 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
36 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
37 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
38 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
39 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

41 (4) There is appropriated to the department from the “Drinking
42 Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of
43 P.L.1998, c.84, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025
44 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water
45 projects pursuant to the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted June 30, 2025.

1 1996,” Pub.L. 104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary
2 acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Safe Drinking
3 Water Act”), and such sums as are made available to the department
4 from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made
5 available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and
6 Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for drinking water project loans and
7 technical assistance.

8 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
9 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
10 pursuant to the “Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,”
11 Pub.L.116-63, additional amounts as may be necessary to address a
12 threat to public health and an amount equal to the maximum amount
13 authorized to be transferred is appropriated to the department for
14 those purposes.

15 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
16 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
17 an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred
18 pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to meet present
19 and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water
20 projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is
21 appropriated to the department for those purposes.

22 The department is authorized to transfer from the Drinking
23 Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving
24 Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be
25 transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present
26 and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects
27 and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the
28 department for those purposes.

29 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the
30 department is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State
31 Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State
32 Revolving Fund and may charge interest on loans made with such
33 invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water
34 Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

35 (5) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
36 balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the
37 balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and
38 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
39 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
40 loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may
41 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
42 to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
43 Water Act.

44 (6) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
45 balances from the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
46 pursuant to section 15 of the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of
47 1985,” P.L.1985, c.329, and any repayments of loans and interest
48 therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the

1 purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match
2 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
3 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
4 Federal Clean Water Act.

5 (7) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
6 balances from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
7 pursuant to section 27 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland
8 and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, and
9 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
10 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
11 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
12 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
13 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

14 (8) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
15 balances from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
16 Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to subsection a. of section 19
17 of the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and
18 Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162,
19 and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be
20 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean
21 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
22 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
23 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
24 Water Act.

25 (9) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
26 balances from the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,”
27 established pursuant to section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure
28 Trust Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302, and any repayments of
29 loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June
30 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and drinking
31 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
32 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
33 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
34 Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal
35 Safe Drinking Water Act.

36 (10) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
37 balances from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
38 Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the
39 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
40 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, and any
41 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on
42 or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
43 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
44 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
45 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

46 (11) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
47 balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and any
48 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, including the balances

1 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act as may be
2 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of drinking
3 water project loans.

4 (12) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
5 be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the
6 “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the
7 “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the
8 “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts” contained
9 within that fund, for the purpose of providing the State match as
10 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
11 available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the
12 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

13 (13) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
14 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
15 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
16 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be available on
17 or before June 30, 2026, and any repayments of loans and interest
18 therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums
19 appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the
20 purposes of drinking water project loans and technical assistance
21 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
22 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
23 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

24 (14) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
25 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
26 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
27 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
28 supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State
29 Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans
30 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
31 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
32 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

33 (15) There is appropriated to the department such amounts as
34 may be received by the Department of Community Affairs, as the
35 grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban
36 Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster
37 Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as may be available on or before
38 June 30, 2026, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water
39 and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as
40 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
41 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
42 Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the
43 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

44 (16) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
45 be available on or before June 30, 2026, as repayments of drinking
46 water project loans and any interest therefrom from the “Water
47 Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water
48 Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the purposes of

1 drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may
2 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
3 to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
4 Drinking Water Act.

5 (17) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “Water
6 Supply Fund” pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222,
7 P.L.2002, c.70, and P.L.2003, c.158, the department is authorized to
8 transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and
9 interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026,
10 in such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving
11 Fund accounts contained within the Water Supply Fund established
12 for the purposes of providing drinking water project loans and
13 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
14 capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water
15 projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

16 (18) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “1992
17 Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997,
18 c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001,
19 c.222, and P.L.2002, c.70, the department is authorized to transfer
20 any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest
21 therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such
22 amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
23 accounts contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for
24 the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing
25 the State match as may be required for the award of the
26 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
27 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

28 (19) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “2003
29 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to
30 P.L.2004, c.109 and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized
31 to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans
32 and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30,
33 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State
34 Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water
35 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of
36 providing clean water project loans and providing the State match
37 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
38 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
39 Federal Clean Water Act.

40 (20) There is appropriated to the department the sums deposited
41 by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank into the Clean Water State
42 Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “1992
43 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
44 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
45 Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater
46 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act
47 of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “2003 Water Resources and
48 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and the Drinking Water State

1 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (6) of
2 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the
3 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and
4 Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621¹ of the 2024-2025 session), as
5 may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of
6 providing clean water project loans and drinking water project loans
7 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
8 the capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
9 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking
10 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

11 Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero-
12 interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans, to the extent
13 sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government
14 units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as “project
15 sponsors”) to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of
16 clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2
17 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and
18 administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by
19 the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean
20 Water Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L.2009, c.77,
21 the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985.” P.L.1985, c.329,
22 the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, the
23 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
24 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “Green Acres,
25 Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of
26 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control,
27 Water Resources, and the Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act
28 of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any amendatory and supplementary
29 acts thereto.

30 (21) Of the \$54.6 million appropriated to the department for the
31 capital construction of drinking water infrastructure by the State
32 fiscal year 2025 appropriations act, P.L.2024, c.22, plus any
33 appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022,
34 2023, and 2024, up to \$25 million may be transferred to the New
35 Jersey Infrastructure Bank to invest, provide debt service reserve or
36 guarantee, or pay interest on behalf of a sponsor of a drinking water
37 environmental infrastructure project.

38 (22) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
39 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
40 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
41 P.L.2025, c. , the department is authorized to transfer up to \$5
42 million to the trust for technical assistance to disadvantaged
43 communities.

44 (23) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
45 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
46 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
47 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
48 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to

1 utilize up to \$60 million for principal forgiveness of up to \$2
2 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in
3 the department's technical assistance program for construction costs
4 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
5 infrastructure projects.

6 (24) There is appropriated to the department for the purposes of
7 eligible clean water project grants such amounts as may be received
8 by the department under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
9 Grants Program, as the grantee from the United States
10 Environmental Protection Agency and as may be available on or
11 before June 30, 2026.

12 (25) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
13 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
14 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
15 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
16 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
17 utilize up to \$60 million to provide grants of up to \$2 million per
18 applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the Water
19 Bank's technical assistance program for planning and design costs
20 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
21 infrastructure projects.

22 b. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
23 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
24 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
25 subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act
26 for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and
27 in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible
28 project applications, except that any such amounts may be reduced
29 if a project fails to meet the requirements of sections 4 or 5 of this
30 act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant
31 to section 7 of this act.

32 (1) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
33 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
34 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects, shall be issued as
35 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
36 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
37 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
38 outfalls. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to
39 this paragraph shall not exceed \$5 million per borrower whenever
40 practicable. For project costs greater than \$5 million, up to and
41 including \$10 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall
42 be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
43 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
44 project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended
45 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For combined
46 sewer overflow projects that receive no principal forgiveness
47 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are

1 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
2 percent of the trust's market rate.

3 (2) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
4 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
5 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects shall be issued as
6 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
7 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
8 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
9 outfalls that meet "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" affordability
10 criteria. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this
11 paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department's
12 affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the
13 department's affordability score and project costs up to and
14 including \$8 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
15 be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department's
16 affordability score and project costs up to and including \$7 million,
17 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For
18 project costs greater than \$8 million in the case of a Tier 1
19 borrower, and greater than \$7 million in the case of a Tier 2
20 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
21 the trust's market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that
22 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
23 outfalls that meet "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" affordability
24 criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-
25 forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available,
26 the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the
27 trust's market rate.

28 (3) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
29 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
30 2025 for water quality restoration projects, shall be issued as
31 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for water quality
32 restoration projects. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
33 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
34 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
35 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
36 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
37 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
38 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
39 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water
40 quality restoration projects that receive no principal forgiveness
41 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
42 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
43 percent of the trust's market rate.

44 (4) A maximum of \$19 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
45 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
46 2025, for clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the
47 "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" affordability criteria as set
48 forth by the department shall be issued as provided in subsection a.

1 of section 3 of this act. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
2 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable
3 tier of the department's affordability score. For a borrower
4 satisfying Tier 1 of the department's affordability score and project
5 costs up to and including \$3 million, 100 percent of the principal of
6 the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the
7 department's affordability score and project costs up to and
8 including \$2 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
9 be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$3 million in the case of
10 a Tier 1 borrower or greater than \$2 million in the case of a Tier 2
11 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
12 the trust's market rate. For clean water projects sponsored by
13 applicants that meet the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund"
14 affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because
15 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
16 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
17 the trust's market rate.

18 (5) A maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
19 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
20 2025, for water and energy efficiency projects shall be issued as
21 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that
22 address water and energy efficiency goals that meet the eligibility
23 requirements for water and energy efficiency as defined in the
24 United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Green Project
25 Reserve Guidance." The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
26 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
27 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
28 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
29 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
30 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
31 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
32 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water and
33 energy efficiency projects that receive no principal forgiveness
34 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
35 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
36 percent of the trust's market rate.

37 (6) A maximum of \$27 million in principal forgiveness for
38 emerging contaminant projects shall be issued as provided in
39 subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that primarily
40 address substances and microorganisms, which are known or
41 anticipated in the environment and which may pose newly
42 identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the
43 environment. For project costs up to and including \$10 million, 100
44 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven, whenever
45 practicable. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan
46 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
47 rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal
48 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such

1 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
2 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

3 (7) A maximum of \$2 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
4 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
5 2025, for combined sewer overflow or stormwater management
6 projects shall be issued to finance up to 20 percent of project costs
7 for projects that qualify for a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater
8 Reuse grant. 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
9 forgiven and the remaining project costs shall be financed through a
10 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant from the department.

11 (8) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness shall be
12 issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to
13 improve stormwater resilience. The amount of a principal-
14 forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed
15 \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up
16 to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
17 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
18 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
19 For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a
20 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
21 stormwater resilience projects that receive no principal forgiveness
22 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
23 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
24 percent of the trust's market rate.

25 (9) The projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and
26 subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified
27 in P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, are granted
28 continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of
29 P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, provided such
30 projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2025.

31 c. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
32 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
33 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
34 subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up
35 to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated,
36 provided:

37 (1) up to \$5 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
38 loans, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in
39 State fiscal year 2025 for drinking water systems serving
40 populations of up to 10,000 residents, shall be available for drinking
41 water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents
42 wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$1 million in the
43 aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount
44 per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per
45 project sponsor. Project costs greater than \$2 million shall have a
46 loan funded at a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's
47 market rate;

1 (2) a maximum of \$5 million in principal forgiveness shall be
2 available for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000
3 persons. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall have 100
4 percent principal forgiveness for drinking water systems that are
5 participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the
6 Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association. A
7 loan issued pursuant to this paragraph for drinking water systems
8 that serve fewer than 1,000 persons that are not participating in the
9 Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the
10 New Jersey Water Association shall have 100 percent principal
11 forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant. For project costs
12 greater than \$2 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of
13 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

14 (3) a maximum of \$18 million of principal forgiveness shall be
15 available for drinking water projects that primarily address
16 emerging contaminants, for which principal forgiveness may be
17 authorized for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount of up
18 to \$3 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$3
19 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
20 the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that
21 receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness
22 funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan
23 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
24 rate;

25 (4) up to \$41 million of the sums appropriated to the department
26 from the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L.
27 117-58, may be issued for principal forgiveness for drinking water
28 projects other than those to address emerging contaminants or lead
29 that meet the affordability criteria of the department. A maximum
30 of \$20 million of principal forgiveness pursuant to this paragraph
31 shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan
32 amount up to and including \$10 million for a borrower satisfying
33 the department's affordability criteria whose project is identified as
34 among the department's highest ranked drinking water projects. A
35 maximum of \$21 million of principal forgiveness shall be available
36 for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and
37 including \$3 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier
38 1 affordability score and up to and including \$2 million for
39 borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 2 affordability score.
40 For projects that would otherwise qualify under this subsection for
41 principal forgiveness that receive no principal forgiveness because
42 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
43 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
44 the trust's market rate; and

45 (5) up to \$68 million plus any appropriated but unallocated funds
46 designated in State fiscal year 2025 may be issued for principal-
47 forgiveness loans for drinking water systems that meet the
48 department's affordability criteria pursuant to the State's lead

1 service line replacement program to finance lead service line
2 replacements. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued
3 pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of
4 the department's affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier
5 1 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal
6 forgiveness shall not exceed 80 percent of the total loan amount of
7 up to \$16 million per water system. For project costs up to and
8 including \$20 million, 80 percent of the principal of the loan shall
9 be forgiven and the remaining 20 percent of the loan shall have a
10 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
11 project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended
12 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For a borrower
13 satisfying Tier 2 of the department's affordability score, the amount
14 of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan
15 amount of up to \$10 million per water system. For project costs up
16 to and including \$20 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
17 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
18 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
19 For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a
20 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
21 lead service line replacement projects that receive no principal
22 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
23 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
24 interest rate of 20 percent of the trust's market rate.

25 Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent
26 there are sufficient eligible project applications and as may be
27 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
28 the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
29 Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the
30 Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of
31 this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or
32 5 of this act.

33 The department is authorized to increase the maximum amounts
34 available for principal forgiveness pursuant to this subsection or
35 subsection b. of this section, to the extent additional funds are
36 available.

37 d. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
38 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
39 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
40 sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and
41 requirements set forth in this section from any unexpended balances
42 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987,
43 c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of P.L.1989, c.189,
44 section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 1
45 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 1 of
46 P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 of
47 P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of P.L.1998,
48 c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92,

1 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002,
2 c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 2 of
3 P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 and
4 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, sections 1
5 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.102,
6 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2011,
7 c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 of
8 P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 2
9 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended
10 by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as amended
11 by P.L.2017, c.326, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended
12 by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, sections 1 and 2 of
13 P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as
14 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
15 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
16 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
17 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, including amounts
18 resulting from the low bid and final building cost reductions
19 authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 7 of
20 P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 of
21 P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of P.L.1992,
22 c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, c.106,
23 section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L. 1996, c.85, section 6
24 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 of
25 P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of P.L.2001,
26 c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, c.158,
27 section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, section 6
28 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 of
29 P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of P.L.2010,
30 c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43,
31 section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, section 7 of
32 P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by
33 P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as amended by
34 P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by
35 P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, section 7 of P.L.2019, c.193, as
36 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, section 7 of P.L.2020, c.49, as
37 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
38 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
39 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
40 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, and from any repayments
41 of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,
42 the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
43 “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “2003 Water Resources
44 and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and amounts deposited therein
45 during State fiscal year 2024 and State fiscal year 2025 pursuant to
46 the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, and section 2 of
47 P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto,
48 including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts

1 contained within the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and from any
2 repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State
3 Revolving Fund.

4 e. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
5 principal-forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the
6 project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects
7 listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water
8 projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief
9 Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except
10 that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of
11 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a
12 project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this
13 act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for
14 Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial
15 assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy and for
16 projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and
17 vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or
18 a natural disaster.

19 f. The department is authorized to increase the aggregate sums
20 specified in subsections b. and c. of this section by the amount of
21 interest accrued pursuant to a short-term or temporary loan made to
22 a project sponsor pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing
23 Program.

24 g. For the purposes of this act:

25 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
26 Protection.

27 “Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” means the
28 “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,” Pub.L.113-2, and any
29 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

30 “Sandy financing” means grants, zero-interest loans or principal-
31 forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental
32 Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water or
33 drinking water projects, or clean water or drinking water project
34 match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

35 “Technical assistance” means all services and assistance
36 provided for the benefit of eligible project sponsors, including, but
37 not limited to, public engagement services, technical assistance and
38 expertise, and community education, for the purposes of identifying
39 and pursuing a clean water or drinking water project, as described
40 in the financial plan developed pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1985,
41 c.334 (C.58:11B-21) or section 25 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-
42 21.1).

43 “Trust” means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created
44 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

45

46 2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
47 purpose of making supplemental zero-interest loans to or on behalf

1 of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water
2 environmental infrastructure projects:

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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Rutgers University	S340500-01R	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04R	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Total Projects: 2		\$3,900,000	\$5,200,000

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5 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
6 difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these
7 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
8 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
9 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and
10 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
11 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
12 department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans
13 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
14 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
15 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
16 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
17 7 of this act.

18 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
19 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of
20 section 3 of this act.

21 b. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
22 purpose of making supplemental loans to or on behalf of the project
23 sponsors listed below for the following drinking water
24 environmental infrastructure projects:

25

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
East Orange City	0705001-014R	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	0712001-016R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	2004002-012R	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Total Projects: 4		\$14,250,000	\$19,000,000

26
27 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
28 difference between the allowable loan amount required by these

1 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
2 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
3 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2020 and 2024 and
4 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
5 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
6 department pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261. The loans
7 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
8 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
9 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
10 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
11 7 of this act.

12 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
13 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection b. of
14 section 3 of this act.

15 c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable
16 department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to
17 between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan
18 amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100
19 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be
20 provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing
21 program year in which the construction loan component of the
22 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
23 issued an interim financing program loan for the project, or, in the
24 absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and
25 conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

26
27 3. a. (1) The following environmental infrastructure projects
28 shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State
29 Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":
30

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Oakland Borough	S340418-06	\$5,790,000	\$7,720,000
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	S340547-17	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Mendham Borough	S340159-04	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Newark City	S340815-25	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-29	\$9,525,000	\$12,700,000
Montgomery Township	S340130-03	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Newark City	S340815-26	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Camden City	S340366-07	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Camden City	S340366-14	\$7,027,500	\$9,370,000

Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-18	\$15,750,000	\$21,000,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-17	\$19,500,000	\$26,000,000
Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	S340384-10	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Elizabeth City	S340942-20	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Elizabeth City	S345070-01	\$3,000,001	\$4,000,001
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-33	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Kearny Town	S340259-11	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Ridgefield Park Village	S340688-06	\$9,150,000	\$12,200,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-08	\$1,305,525	\$1,740,700
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-64	\$37,500,000	\$50,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-19	\$300,000	\$400,000
North Hudson Sewer Authority	S340952-39	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-22	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Verona Township	S340533-05	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Hackensack City	S340923-13	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-16	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-37	\$91,125,000	\$121,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-53	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S345200-01	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-49	\$222,102,676	\$296,136,901
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-33	\$80,250,000	\$107,000,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-08	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Pennsville Sewerage Authority	S340870-05	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Beach Haven Borough	S344220-01	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000

Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340123-02	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-23	\$45,000,000	\$60,000,000
Linden Roselle Sewer Authority	S340299-08	\$20,250,000	\$27,000,000
Flemington Borough	S340440-06	\$1,102,500	\$1,470,000
Gloucester County Utilities Authority	S340902-15	\$10,875,000	\$14,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-67	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority	S340400-11	\$16,500,000	\$22,000,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-09	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-26	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-09a	\$465,378	\$620,504
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-09b	\$4,879,407	\$6,505,876
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-09c	\$681,323	\$908,430
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-09d	\$1,689,260	\$2,252,347
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-09e	\$1,022,282	\$1,363,042
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-09g	\$889,742	\$1,186,322
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-09h	\$1,837,001	\$2,449,335
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-09i	\$1,189,072	\$1,585,429
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-08a	\$1,443,750	\$1,925,000
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-08b	\$16,188,750	\$21,585,000
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-08c	\$2,141,250	\$2,855,000
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-08d	\$5,538,750	\$7,385,000
JMEUC - Maplewood Township	S340686-08e	\$2,178,750	\$2,905,000
JMEUC - Millburn Township	S340686-08f	\$1,942,500	\$2,590,000
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-08g	\$3,262,500	\$4,350,000

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JMEUC - Roselle Park Borough	S340686-08h	\$1,020,000	\$1,360,000
JMEUC - South Orange Village Township	S340686-08i	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-08j	\$2,842,500	\$3,790,000
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-08k	\$6,022,500	\$8,030,000
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-08l	\$3,847,500	\$5,130,000
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority	S340882-11	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Lakehurst Borough	S340150-01	\$1,912,500	\$2,550,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-08	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Cumberland County Utilities Authority	S340550-09	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	S340236-02	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-57	\$24,375,000	\$32,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-36	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Hamilton Township	S340898-06	\$3,037,500	\$4,050,000
South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority	S340377-07	\$2,827,500	\$3,770,000
Stafford Township	S340946-09	\$3,510,000	\$4,680,000
Metuchen Borough	S340360-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Somerville Borough	S340551-01	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Netcong Borough	S340538-01	\$75,000	\$100,000
Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority	S340911-03	\$495,000	\$660,000
Stafford Township	S340946-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Vernon Township	S340745-03	\$2,271,750	\$3,029,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	S340579-05	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hightstown Borough	S340915-08	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000

Delanco Sewerage Authority	S340956-03	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-20	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04a	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-30	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	S340145-07	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-12	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-13	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340700-19	\$6,099,338	\$8,132,450
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-11	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Western Monmouth Utilities Authority	S340128-08	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-09	\$5,700,000	\$7,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-09	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-22	\$1,987,500	\$2,650,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-07	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-03	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-04	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hillside Township	S340686-10	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
Hopewell Township	S340282-03	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000

Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-01	\$2,007,375	\$2,676,500
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-03	\$1,022,625	\$1,363,500
Berkeley Heights Township	S340385-08	\$525,000	\$700,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-02	\$75,000	\$100,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-01	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Carneys Point Sewerage Authority	S340502-08	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Haddon Heights Borough	S340877-02	\$487,500	\$650,000
Highlands Borough	S340901-05	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Medford Lakes Borough	S340319-03	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-03	\$75,000	\$100,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Wenonah Borough	S340531-01	\$997,500	\$1,330,000
Clinton Township Sewerage Authority	S340873-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Fieldsboro Borough	S340522-01	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
North Bergen Township	S340652-17	\$3,225,000	\$4,300,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	S340132-10	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-46	\$51,750,000	\$69,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-54	\$16,950,000	\$22,600,000
Ocean Gate Borough	S340151-02	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-35	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-65	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hackensack City	S340923-15	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority	S340652-19	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340810-05	\$22,500,000	\$30,000,000

Boonton Town	S340265-02	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
Runnemede Borough	S340363-07	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Newton Town	S340449-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-19	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-16	\$450,000	\$600,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-17	\$967,649	\$1,290,198
Gloucester Township	S340364-18	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Newton Town	S340449-10	\$1,651,125	\$2,201,500
Hackensack City	S340923-25	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Trenton City	S340416-14	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
New Brunswick City	S340437-13	\$2,587,500	\$3,450,000
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	S340439-04	\$2,300,000	\$3,066,667
East Orange City	S340843-03	\$12,825,000	\$17,100,000
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	S342008-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Burlington City	S340140-02	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
South Orange Village	S340103-02	\$2,002,500	\$2,670,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-14	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Lyndhurst Township	S340426-09	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-06	\$3,540,000	\$4,720,000
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-02	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Bordentown City	S340219-04	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Island Heights Borough	S340176-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Total Projects: 151		\$1,279,030,279	\$1,705,373,702

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2 (2) The department is authorized to make clean water and
3 drinking water project loans to the following municipalities
4 receiving funding from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,"
5 established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure
6 Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Pemberton Twp.	Pinelands 1	\$2,929,000
Manchester Twp./Jackson MUA	Pinelands 2	\$7,192,035
Galloway Twp.	Pinelands 4	\$3,493,440
Winslow Twp.	Pinelands 5	\$1,728,940
Total Pinelands Projects: 4		\$15,343,415

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2 b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be
3 known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year
4 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-002	\$54,000,000	\$72,000,000
Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514002-001	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Orange City	0717001-013	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-004	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-035	\$116,250,000	\$155,000,000
Ridgewood Village	0251001-001	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Belleville Township	0701001-008	\$2,676,564	\$3,568,752
Livingston Township	0710001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Livingston Township	0710001-002	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Waldwick Borough	0264001-003	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	0228001-002	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-004	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Lake Stockholm Systems, Inc.	1911002-001	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011	\$15,667,500	\$20,890,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-004	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Newton Town	1915001-001	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000

Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-004	\$6,525,000	\$8,700,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-012	\$48,750,000	\$65,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	1526001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-006	\$945,000	\$1,260,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-006	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-004	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Park Ridge Borough	0247001-002	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-014	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0324001-004	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Verona Township	0720001-006	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-010	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-016	\$39,375,000	\$52,500,000
Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209002-005	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-004	\$1,746,720	\$2,328,960
Stone Harbor Borough	0510001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Newton Town	1915001-003	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-011	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Burlington City	0305001-003	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Hoboken City	0905001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Brunswick Township	1215001-008	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-002	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000

Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-003	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1101002-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	1516001-007	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Clinton Town	1005001-012	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Roosevelt Borough	1314001-003	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-008	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-009	\$600,000	\$800,000
Robbinsville Township	1112001-001	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-014	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Allamuchy Township	2101001-001	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners Association	1904001-005	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Mount Arlington Borough	1426005-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Pemberton Township	0329004-001	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	1509001-002	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-001	\$75,000	\$100,000
Total Projects: 59		\$488,773,284	\$651,697,712

c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

4. Any financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1 a. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection has certified
2 that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977,
3 c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997,
4 c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted
5 pursuant thereto;
- 6 b. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a loan for an
7 environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this
8 act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing
9 program year in which the construction loan component of the
10 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
11 issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an
12 interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the
13 State fiscal year 2026 financing program;
- 14 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act,
15 the department allowable loan amount may be 100 percent of the
16 total allowable loan amount for:
- 17 (1) clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a)
18 municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure
19 Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and
20 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
21 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal,
22 county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that
23 do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but
24 where the municipal participant through its service agreement with
25 the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and
26 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
27 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment
28 obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and
29 credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service
30 agreement;
- 31 (2) clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities
32 receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing
33 and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant –
34 Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and
- 35 (3) clean water loans to municipal, county, or regional sewerage
36 authorities that qualify for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
37 grants for combined sewer overflows or stormwater management
38 projects;
- 39 d. With the exception of a loan for which the department issues
40 100 percent of the loan amount pursuant to subsection b. of section
41 2, subsection c. of section 3, and subsection c. of this section, the
42 loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New
43 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
44 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
45 and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621¹ of the 2024-2025 session);
- 46 e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30
47 years, or 35 years for loans funded pursuant to the federal "Water
48 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014," 33 U.S.C.

1 s.3901 et seq. as amended and supplemented, or 45 years for
2 combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the
3 loan; and

4 f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
5 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
6 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
8 to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to
9 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467
10 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621 of
11 the 2024-2025 session), or to administrative fees payable to the
12 trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334
13 (C.58:11B-5).

14 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law or
15 regulation to the contrary, drinking water projects may be funded by
16 the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund” established pursuant to
17 section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of
18 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302. Drinking water projects financed by the
19 Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund shall be funded in accordance
20 with the regulations applicable to the financing of wastewater
21 projects by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund unless and until
22 regulations specific to the financing of drinking water projects are
23 promulgated.

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25 5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the department pursuant
26 to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

27 a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
28 compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal
29 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act;

30 b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
31 compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329,
32 P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003,
33 c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

34 c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
35 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
36 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
37 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
38 to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
39 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
40 and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621 of the 2024-2025 session), or
41 to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o.
42 of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

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44 6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans
45 pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026,
46 and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a
47 loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act
48 shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

1 7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
2 to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made
3 available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2
4 and 3 of this act based upon final or low-bid building costs defined
5 in and determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted
6 by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329,
7 section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or section 5 of
8 P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not
9 exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The
10 commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual
11 amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project
12 sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to
13 exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon
14 additional project costs to comply with the department's guidance
15 for asset management, emergency response, flood protection, and
16 auxiliary power.

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18 8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is
19 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224,
20 P.L.1985, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88,
21 P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules
22 and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental
23 Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal
24 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act,
25 and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and
26 supplementary acts thereto.

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28 9. The department shall provide general technical assistance to
29 any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental
30 infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a
31 project.

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33 10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving
34 Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any
35 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to
36 the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of
37 section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992
38 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
39 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water
40 State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
41 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
42 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to
43 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
44 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
45 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
46 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, or prior
47 to the repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund"
48 pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302,

1 repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by
2 the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to
3 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended and
4 supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions
5 established by the commissioner and trust, approved by the State
6 Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334
7 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or securities
8 law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust bonds
9 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending
10 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025
11 session and Assembly Bill No. ¹~~5622~~ 5621¹ of the 2024-2025
12 session), and to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust
13 pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-
14 5) by the project sponsors receiving trust loans.

15 b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
16 pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory
17 and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the
18 "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
19 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater
20 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of
21 P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
22 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to
23 repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to
24 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
25 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
26 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
27 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
28 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, or prior
29 to repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant
30 to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302, the trust is further
31 authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to
32 P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38,
33 P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85,
34 P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92,
35 P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109,
36 P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68,
37 P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43,
38 P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32,
39 P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as
40 amended by P.L.2018, c.137, P.L.2019, c.12, P.L.2019, c.193, as
41 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by
42 P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328,
43 P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as
44 amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by
45 P.L.2025, c.10, or this act, to secure repayment of trust bonds
46 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.1995, c.218,
47 P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85, P.L.1999, c.173,
48 P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71, P.L.2003, c.159,

1 P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67, P.L.2007, c.140,
2 P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62, P.L.2011, c.95,
3 P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26, P.L.2015, c.107,
4 P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by P.L.2017, c.327,
5 P.L.2018, c.84, as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, P.L.2019, c.192, as
6 amended by P.L.2019, c.515, P.L.2020, c.48, as amended by
7 P.L.2021, c.22, P.L.2021, c.204, as amended by P.L.2021, c.316,
8 P.L.2022, c.100, as amended by P.L.2023, c.5, P.L.2023, c.119, as
9 amended by P.L.2023, c.343, P.L.2024, c.41, as amended by
10 P.L.2025, c.8, or P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
11 Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill
12 No. ¹**5622** 5621¹ of the 2024-2025 session) and to secure the
13 administrative fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant
14 to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

15 c. To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy
16 any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment
17 deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for
18 deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
19 "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment
20 Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State
21 Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
22 Treatment Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined
23 Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," or the "Pinelands Infrastructure
24 Trust Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf
25 of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.
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27 11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
28 to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be required
29 pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the
30 Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
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32 12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
33 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from
34 repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or
35 before June 30, 2026, including the "Clean Water State Revolving
36 Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply
37 Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
38 Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and
39 Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State
40 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received
41 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
42 as the chairperson or secretary of the trust shall certify to the
43 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and
44 appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts
45 established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334
46 (C.58:11B-11).

- 1 13. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
2 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), funds
3 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act deposited in
4 any account including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
5 "Water Supply Fund," or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
6 as appropriate, funds transferred by the department to the New
7 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to paragraph (21) of subsection
8 a. of section 1 of this act, and funds from any net earnings received
9 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
10 as the chairperson of the trust certifies to the Commissioner of
11 Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for
12 deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts established by
13 the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).
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15 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4426

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 9, 2025

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4426.

As reported, this bill would appropriate certain federal and State moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the purpose of implementing the State Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP). The bill would appropriate these funds for the purpose of making loans to local governments and privately-owned water companies (project sponsors) for a portion of the costs of water infrastructure projects. A companion bill, Senate Bill No. 4467 of this session, would authorize the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) to execute loans using the funds appropriated to the DEP by this bill to finance a portion of the costs of the clean water and drinking water projects enumerated by the bill.

The bill would authorize the DEP to use the moneys appropriated by the bill to fund the following projects:

(1) in subsection a. of section 2 of the bill, a list of two projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$5.2 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(2) in subsection b. of section 2 of the bill, a list of four projects to improve drinking water systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$19 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(3) in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List," a list of 151 projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems, representing \$1.7 billion in estimated total loan amounts;

(4) in paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, a list of four projects in the Pinelands area that are receiving funding under the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302, to improve water discharge and treatment systems, representing \$15.3 million in estimated total loan amounts; and

(5) in subsection b. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List," a list of 59 projects to improve drinking water systems, representing \$651.7 million in estimated total loan amounts.

The bill would also appropriate the unexpended balances from various funds to the DEP, and allow the DEP to transfer moneys between various State funds, for the purpose of funding the NJEIFP and providing the State match for federal funding provided under the federal laws, including the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, as detailed in subsection a. of section 1 of the bill. In addition, the bill would appropriate to the DEP funds deposited in the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" and the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund" pursuant to the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. 117-58.

The bill would authorize loans to certain project sponsors to include zero interest or principal forgiveness, subject to certain funding limits and restrictions detailed in subsections b. through e. of section 1 of the bill. Projects designated for zero interest or principal forgiveness loans include projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls, water quality restoration projects, water and energy efficiency projects, and emerging contaminant projects.

The bill would establish certain requirements on loans to project sponsors made by the DEP pursuant to the bill, as enumerated in section 4 of the bill. The bill would also establish additional restrictions, described in section 5 of the bill, for "Sandy financing loans," which are those loans that utilize federal funding provided pursuant to the federal "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013," Pub.L. 113-2. Under the bill, the project lists and the DEP's authorization to utilize the funds appropriated by the bill would expire on July 1, 2026.

The bill would also authorize the NJIB to utilize repayments of loans made using moneys from various State funds, enumerated in subsections a. and b. of section 10 of the bill, to recoup trust bond repayments and administrative fees that have not been paid by project sponsors instead of redepositing the money into the funds. However, the bill would also require the NJIB to make a compensatory deposit into certain State funds, as detailed in subsection c. of section 10 of the bill, when the NJIB receives the deficient payments or fees from the project sponsor. Finally, the bill would appropriate to the NJIB, from repayments of loans, interest payments, certain federal funds, and any earnings received from the investment of those funds, as enumerated in sections 12 and 13 of the bill, such amounts as the chairperson or secretary of the NJIB certifies are necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds established by the NJIB.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4426

with Assembly Floor Amendment 25-4129s
(Proposed by Assemblyman SCHNALL)

ADOPTED: JUNE 30, 2025

These floor amendments correct a cross reference to another bill.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5622

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 19, 2025

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2026.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2025)

1 **AN ACT** appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental
2 Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans or
3 principal forgiveness loans to project sponsors to finance a
4 portion of the costs of environmental infrastructure projects.

5
6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. a. (1) There is appropriated to the department from the
10 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to
11 section 1 of P.L.2009, c.77, an amount equal to the federal fiscal
12 year 2025 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean
13 water project loans and technical assistance pursuant to the “Water
14 Quality Act of 1987,” 33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq., and any amendatory
15 and supplementary acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the
16 “Federal Clean Water Act”) and such sums as are made available to
17 the department from the “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” from
18 funds made available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure
19 Investment and Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for clean water project
20 loans and technical assistance.

21 (2) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
22 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
23 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
24 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be necessary to
25 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
26 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
27 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
28 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
29 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
30 Water Act.

31 (3) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
32 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
33 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
34 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
35 supplement the sums appropriated from the Clean Water State
36 Revolving Fund for the purposes of clean water project loans and
37 technical assistance and providing the State match as may be
38 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
39 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

41 (4) There is appropriated to the department from the “Drinking
42 Water State Revolving Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of
43 P.L.1998, c.84, an amount equal to the federal fiscal year 2025
44 capitalization grant made available to the State for drinking water
45 projects pursuant to the “Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of
46 1996,” Pub.L. 104-182, and any amendatory and supplementary
47 acts thereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Federal Safe Drinking
48 Water Act”), and such sums as are made available to the department

1 from the “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund” from funds made
2 available pursuant to the federal “Infrastructure Investment and
3 Jobs Act,” Pub.L. 117-58, for drinking water project loans and
4 technical assistance.

5 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
6 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
7 pursuant to the “Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,”
8 Pub.L.116-63, additional amounts as may be necessary to address a
9 threat to public health and an amount equal to the maximum amount
10 authorized to be transferred is appropriated to the department for
11 those purposes.

12 The department is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water
13 State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
14 an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be transferred
15 pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to meet present
16 and future needs for the financing of eligible drinking water
17 projects and an amount equal to that maximum amount is
18 appropriated to the department for those purposes.

19 The department is authorized to transfer from the Drinking
20 Water State Revolving Fund to the Clean Water State Revolving
21 Fund an amount up to the maximum amount authorized to be
22 transferred pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act to meet present
23 and future needs for the financing of eligible clean water projects
24 and an amount equal to that maximum amount is appropriated to the
25 department for those purposes.

26 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the
27 department is authorized to utilize funds from the Clean Water State
28 Revolving Fund for the purposes of the Drinking Water State
29 Revolving Fund and may charge interest on loans made with such
30 invested funds to the extent permitted by the Federal Clean Water
31 Act and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

32 (5) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
33 balances from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including the
34 balances from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, and
35 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
36 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
37 loans and technical assistance and providing the State match as may
38 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
39 to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
40 Water Act.

41 (6) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
42 balances from the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
43 pursuant to section 15 of the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of
44 1985,” P.L.1985, c.329, and any repayments of loans and interest
45 therefrom, as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, for the
46 purposes of clean water project loans and providing the State match
47 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made

1 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
2 Federal Clean Water Act.

3 (7) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
4 balances from the “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” established
5 pursuant to section 27 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland
6 and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, and
7 any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available
8 on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
9 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
10 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
11 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

12 (8) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
13 balances from the “2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
14 Treatment Fund,” established pursuant to subsection a. of section 19
15 of the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and
16 Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162,
17 and any repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be
18 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean
19 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
20 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
21 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
22 Water Act.

23 (9) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
24 balances from the “Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,”
25 established pursuant to section 14 of the “Pinelands Infrastructure
26 Trust Bond Act of 1985,” P.L.1985, c.302, and any repayments of
27 loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on or before June
28 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project loans and drinking
29 water project loans and providing the State match as may be
30 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
31 the State for clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean
32 Water Act and for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal
33 Safe Drinking Water Act.

34 (10) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
35 balances from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
36 Overflow Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the
37 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
38 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, and any
39 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, as may be available on
40 or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of clean water project
41 loans and providing the State match as may be required for the
42 award of the capitalization grants made available to the State for
43 clean water projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

44 (11) There is appropriated to the department the unappropriated
45 balances from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and any
46 repayments of loans and interest therefrom, including the balances
47 from the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act as may be

1 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of drinking
2 water project loans.

3 (12) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
4 be needed from loan repayments and interest earnings from the
5 “Water Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the
6 “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the
7 “Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Match Accounts” contained
8 within that fund, for the purpose of providing the State match as
9 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
10 available to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the
11 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

12 (13) There is appropriated to the department from the “Interim
13 Environmental Financing Program Fund,” established by the New
14 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to subsection d. of section 9 of
15 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9), such amounts as may be available on
16 or before June 30, 2026, and any repayments of loans and interest
17 therefrom, as may be necessary to supplement the sums
18 appropriated from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the
19 purposes of drinking water project loans and technical assistance
20 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
21 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
22 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

23 (14) There is appropriated to the department from the “Disaster
24 Relief Emergency Financing Program Fund,” established by the
25 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
26 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), such amounts as may be necessary to
27 supplement the sums appropriated from the Drinking Water State
28 Revolving Fund for the purposes of drinking water project loans
29 and providing the State match as may be required for the award of
30 the capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking
31 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

32 (15) There is appropriated to the department such amounts as
33 may be received by the Department of Community Affairs, as the
34 grantee from the United States Department of Housing and Urban
35 Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster
36 Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), as may be available on or before
37 June 30, 2026, for the purposes of CDBG-DR eligible clean water
38 and drinking water project loans and providing the State match as
39 may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
40 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
41 Federal Clean Water Act and drinking water projects pursuant to the
42 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

43 (16) There is appropriated to the department such sums as may
44 be available on or before June 30, 2026, as repayments of drinking
45 water project loans and any interest therefrom from the “Water
46 Supply Fund,” established pursuant to section 14 of the “Water
47 Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, for the purposes of
48 drinking water project loans and providing the State match as may

1 be required for the award of the capitalization grants made available
2 to the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
3 Drinking Water Act.

4 (17) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “Water
5 Supply Fund” pursuant to P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2001, c.222,
6 P.L.2002, c.70, and P.L.2003, c.158, the department is authorized to
7 transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and
8 interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026,
9 in such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving
10 Fund accounts contained within the Water Supply Fund established
11 for the purposes of providing drinking water project loans and
12 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
13 capitalization grants made available to the State for drinking water
14 projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

15 (18) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “1992
16 Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to P.L.1996, c.85, P.L.1997,
17 c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92, P.L.2001,
18 c.222, and P.L.2002, c.70, the department is authorized to transfer
19 any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans and interest
20 therefrom as may be available on or before June 30, 2026, in such
21 amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
22 accounts contained within the 1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund for
23 the purposes of providing clean water project loans and providing
24 the State match as may be required for the award of the
25 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
26 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act.

27 (19) Of the sums appropriated to the department from the “2003
28 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund” pursuant to
29 P.L.2004, c.109 and P.L.2007, c.139, the department is authorized
30 to transfer any unexpended balances and any repayments of loans
31 and interest therefrom as may be available on or before June 30,
32 2026, in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State
33 Revolving Fund accounts contained within the 2003 Water
34 Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund for the purposes of
35 providing clean water project loans and providing the State match
36 as may be required for the award of the capitalization grants made
37 available to the State for clean water projects pursuant to the
38 Federal Clean Water Act.

39 (20) There is appropriated to the department the sums deposited
40 by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank into the Clean Water State
41 Revolving Fund, the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “1992
42 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
43 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
44 Abatement Fund,” established pursuant to the “Stormwater
45 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act
46 of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “2003 Water Resources and
47 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and the Drinking Water State
48 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (6) of

1 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the
2 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and
3 Assembly Bill No. 5621 of the 2024-2025 session), as may be
4 available on or before June 30, 2026, for the purposes of providing
5 clean water project loans and drinking water project loans and
6 providing the State match as may be required for the award of the
7 capitalization grants made available to the State for clean water
8 projects pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and for drinking
9 water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

10 Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero-
11 interest and principal-forgiveness financing loans, to the extent
12 sufficient funds are available, to or on behalf of local government
13 units or public water utilities (hereinafter referred to as “project
14 sponsors”) to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of
15 clean water projects and drinking water projects listed in sections 2
16 and 3 of this act, and for the purpose of implementing and
17 administering the provisions of this act, to the extent permitted by
18 the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean
19 Water Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L.2009, c.77,
20 the “Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985.” P.L.1985, c.329,
21 the “Water Supply Bond Act of 1981,” P.L.1981, c.261, the
22 “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow
23 Abatement Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.181, the “Green Acres,
24 Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of
25 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control,
26 Water Resources, and the Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act
27 of 2003,” P.L.2003, c.162, and any amendatory and supplementary
28 acts thereto.

29 (21) Of the \$54.6 million appropriated to the department for the
30 capital construction of drinking water infrastructure by the State
31 fiscal year 2025 appropriations act, P.L.2024, c.22, plus any
32 appropriated funds designated in State fiscal years 2021, 2022,
33 2023, and 2024, up to \$25 million may be transferred to the New
34 Jersey Infrastructure Bank to invest, provide debt service reserve or
35 guarantee, or pay interest on behalf of a sponsor of a drinking water
36 environmental infrastructure project.

37 (22) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
38 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
39 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
40 P.L.2025, c. , the department is authorized to transfer up to \$5
41 million to the trust for technical assistance to disadvantaged
42 communities.

43 (23) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
44 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
45 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
46 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
47 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
48 utilize up to \$60 million for principal forgiveness of up to \$2

1 million per applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in
2 the department's technical assistance program for construction costs
3 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
4 infrastructure projects.

5 (24) There is appropriated to the department for the purposes of
6 eligible clean water project grants such amounts as may be received
7 by the department under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
8 Grants Program, as the grantee from the United States
9 Environmental Protection Agency and as may be available on or
10 before June 30, 2026.

11 (25) Of the funds appropriated or reappropriated to the
12 department for the capital construction of drinking water and clean
13 water infrastructure by the State fiscal year 2026 appropriations act,
14 P.L.2025, c. , plus any appropriated funds designated in State
15 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the department is authorized to
16 utilize up to \$60 million to provide grants of up to \$2 million per
17 applicant to disadvantaged communities participating in the Water
18 Bank's technical assistance program for planning and design costs
19 associated with clean water or drinking water environmental
20 infrastructure projects.

21 b. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
22 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
23 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
24 subsection a. of section 2 and subsection a. of section 3 of this act
25 for clean water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and
26 in the priority stated, to the extent there are sufficient eligible
27 project applications, except that any such amounts may be reduced
28 if a project fails to meet the requirements of sections 4 or 5 of this
29 act, or by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant
30 to section 7 of this act.

31 (1) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
32 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
33 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects, shall be issued as
34 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
35 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
36 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
37 outfalls. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to
38 this paragraph shall not exceed \$5 million per borrower whenever
39 practicable. For project costs greater than \$5 million, up to and
40 including \$10 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall
41 be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
42 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
43 project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan shall have a blended
44 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For combined
45 sewer overflow projects that receive no principal forgiveness
46 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
47 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
48 percent of the trust's market rate.

1 (2) A maximum of \$18 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
2 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
3 2025 for combined sewer overflow projects shall be issued as
4 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to communities in
5 combined sewer overflow sewersheds for construction projects that
6 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
7 outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability
8 criteria. The amount of principal forgiveness issued pursuant to this
9 paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of the department’s
10 affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier 1 of the
11 department’s affordability score and project costs up to and
12 including \$8 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
13 be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the department’s
14 affordability score and project costs up to and including \$7 million,
15 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven. For
16 project costs greater than \$8 million in the case of a Tier 1
17 borrower, and greater than \$7 million in the case of a Tier 2
18 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
19 the trust’s market rate. For combined sewer overflow projects that
20 reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow
21 outfalls that meet “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability
22 criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because principal-
23 forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer available,
24 the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the
25 trust’s market rate.

26 (3) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
27 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
28 2025 for water quality restoration projects, shall be issued as
29 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for water quality
30 restoration projects. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
31 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
32 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
33 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
34 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
35 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust’s market rate. For
36 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
37 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust’s market rate. For water
38 quality restoration projects that receive no principal forgiveness
39 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
40 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
41 percent of the trust’s market rate.

42 (4) A maximum of \$19 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
43 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
44 2025, for clean water projects sponsored by applicants that meet the
45 “Clean Water State Revolving Fund” affordability criteria as set
46 forth by the department shall be issued as provided in subsection a.
47 of section 3 of this act. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
48 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable

1 tier of the department's affordability score. For a borrower
2 satisfying Tier 1 of the department's affordability score and project
3 costs up to and including \$3 million, 100 percent of the principal of
4 the loan shall be forgiven. For a borrower satisfying Tier 2 of the
5 department's affordability score and project costs up to and
6 including \$2 million, 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall
7 be forgiven. For project costs greater than \$3 million in the case of
8 a Tier 1 borrower or greater than \$2 million in the case of a Tier 2
9 borrower, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
10 the trust's market rate. For clean water projects sponsored by
11 applicants that meet the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund"
12 affordability criteria that receive no principal forgiveness because
13 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
14 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
15 the trust's market rate.

16 (5) A maximum of \$10 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
17 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
18 2025, for water and energy efficiency projects shall be issued as
19 provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that
20 address water and energy efficiency goals that meet the eligibility
21 requirements for water and energy efficiency as defined in the
22 United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Green Project
23 Reserve Guidance." The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan
24 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$2 million per
25 borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up to and
26 including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
27 forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall have a
28 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
29 project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a blended
30 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For water and
31 energy efficiency projects that receive no principal forgiveness
32 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
33 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
34 percent of the trust's market rate.

35 (6) A maximum of \$27 million in principal forgiveness for
36 emerging contaminant projects shall be issued as provided in
37 subsection a. of section 3 of this act to projects that primarily
38 address substances and microorganisms, which are known or
39 anticipated in the environment and which may pose newly
40 identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the
41 environment. For project costs up to and including \$10 million, 100
42 percent of the principal of the loan shall be forgiven, whenever
43 practicable. For project costs greater than \$10 million, the loan
44 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
45 rate. For emerging contaminant projects that receive no principal
46 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
47 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
48 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate.

1 (7) A maximum of \$2 million in principal forgiveness, plus any
2 appropriated but unallocated funds designated in State fiscal year
3 2025, for combined sewer overflow or stormwater management
4 projects shall be issued to finance up to 20 percent of project costs
5 for projects that qualify for a Sewer Overflow and Stormwater
6 Reuse grant. 100 percent of the principal of the loan shall be
7 forgiven and the remaining project costs shall be financed through a
8 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant from the department.

9 (8) A maximum of \$8 million in principal forgiveness shall be
10 issued as provided in subsection a. of section 3 of this act to
11 improve stormwater resilience. The amount of a principal-
12 forgiveness loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed
13 \$2 million per borrower whenever practicable. For project costs up
14 to and including \$4 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
15 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
16 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
17 For project costs greater than \$4 million, the loan shall have a
18 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
19 stormwater resilience projects that receive no principal forgiveness
20 because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are
21 no longer available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25
22 percent of the trust's market rate.

23 (9) The projects listed in subsection a. of section 2 of this act and
24 subsection a. of section 3 of this act that were previously identified
25 in P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, are granted
26 continued priority status and shall be subject to the provisions of
27 P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by P.L.2025, c.10, provided such
28 projects receive short-term funding prior to June 30, 2025.

29 c. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
30 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
31 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
32 subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up
33 to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated,
34 provided:

35 (1) up to \$5 million of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
36 loans, plus any appropriated but unallocated funds designated in
37 State fiscal year 2025 for drinking water systems serving
38 populations of up to 10,000 residents, shall be available for drinking
39 water systems serving populations of up to 10,000 residents
40 wherein principal forgiveness shall not exceed \$1 million in the
41 aggregate and shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan amount
42 per project sponsor in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per
43 project sponsor. Project costs greater than \$2 million shall have a
44 loan funded at a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's
45 market rate;

46 (2) a maximum of \$5 million in principal forgiveness shall be
47 available for drinking water systems that serve fewer than 1,000
48 persons. A loan issued pursuant to this paragraph shall have 100

1 percent principal forgiveness for drinking water systems that are
2 participating in the Community Engineering Corp or the
3 Engineering Contract with the New Jersey Water Association. A
4 loan issued pursuant to this paragraph for drinking water systems
5 that serve fewer than 1,000 persons that are not participating in the
6 Community Engineering Corp or the Engineering Contract with the
7 New Jersey Water Association shall have 100 percent principal
8 forgiveness of up to \$2 million per applicant. For project costs
9 greater than \$2 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of
10 25 percent of the trust's market rate;

11 (3) a maximum of \$18 million of principal forgiveness shall be
12 available for drinking water projects that primarily address
13 emerging contaminants, for which principal forgiveness may be
14 authorized for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount of up
15 to \$3 million per applicant. For project costs greater than \$3
16 million, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
17 the trust's market rate. For emerging contaminant projects that
18 receive no principal forgiveness because principal-forgiveness
19 funds allocated to such projects are no longer available, the loan
20 shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market
21 rate;

22 (4) up to \$41 million of the sums appropriated to the department
23 from the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L.
24 117-58, may be issued for principal forgiveness for drinking water
25 projects other than those to address emerging contaminants or lead
26 that meet the affordability criteria of the department. A maximum
27 of \$20 million of principal forgiveness pursuant to this paragraph
28 shall be available for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan
29 amount up to and including \$10 million for a borrower satisfying
30 the department's affordability criteria whose project is identified as
31 among the department's highest ranked drinking water projects. A
32 maximum of \$21 million of principal forgiveness shall be available
33 for up to 100 percent of the total fund loan amount up to and
34 including \$3 million for borrowers satisfying the department's Tier
35 1 affordability score and up to and including \$2 million for
36 borrowers satisfying the department's Tier 2 affordability score.
37 For projects that would otherwise qualify under this subsection for
38 principal forgiveness that receive no principal forgiveness because
39 principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such projects are no longer
40 available, the loan shall have a blended interest rate of 25 percent of
41 the trust's market rate; and

42 (5) up to \$68 million plus any appropriated but unallocated funds
43 designated in State fiscal year 2025 may be issued for principal-
44 forgiveness loans for drinking water systems that meet the
45 department's affordability criteria pursuant to the State's lead
46 service line replacement program to finance lead service line
47 replacements. The amount of a principal-forgiveness loan issued
48 pursuant to this paragraph shall be based on the applicable tier of

1 the department's affordability score. For a borrower satisfying Tier
2 1 of the department's affordability score, the amount of principal
3 forgiveness shall not exceed 80 percent of the total loan amount of
4 up to \$16 million per water system. For project costs up to and
5 including \$20 million, 80 percent of the principal of the loan shall
6 be forgiven and the remaining 20 percent of the loan shall have a
7 blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate. For
8 project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a blended
9 interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For a borrower
10 satisfying Tier 2 of the department's affordability score, the amount
11 of principal forgiveness shall not exceed 50 percent of the total loan
12 amount of up to \$10 million per water system. For project costs up
13 to and including \$20 million, 50 percent of the principal of the loan
14 shall be forgiven and the remaining 50 percent of the loan shall
15 have a blended interest rate of 50 percent of the trust's market rate.
16 For project costs greater than \$20 million, the loan shall have a
17 blended interest rate of 25 percent of the trust's market rate. For
18 lead service line replacement projects that receive no principal
19 forgiveness because principal-forgiveness funds allocated to such
20 projects are no longer available, the loan shall have a blended
21 interest rate of 20 percent of the trust's market rate.

22 Loans may be made pursuant to this subsection to the extent
23 there are sufficient eligible project applications and as may be
24 required for the award of the capitalization grants made available to
25 the State for drinking water projects pursuant to the Federal Safe
26 Drinking Water Act. Any such amounts may be reduced by the
27 Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of
28 this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 or
29 5 of this act.

30 The department is authorized to increase the maximum amounts
31 available for principal forgiveness pursuant to this subsection or
32 subsection b. of this section, to the extent additional funds are
33 available.

34 d. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
35 principal-forgiveness financing loans to or on behalf of the project
36 sponsors for the environmental infrastructure projects listed in
37 sections 2 and 3 of this act under the same terms, conditions and
38 requirements set forth in this section from any unexpended balances
39 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1987,
40 c.200, section 2 of P.L.1988, c.133, section 1 of P.L.1989, c.189,
41 section 1 of P.L.1990, c.99, section 1 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 1
42 of P.L.1992, c.38, section 1 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 1 of
43 P.L.1994, c.106, section 1 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 1 of
44 P.L.1996, c.85, section 1 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 2 of P.L.1998,
45 c.84, section 2 of P.L.1999, c.174, section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92,
46 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2001, c.222, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2002,
47 c.70, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2003, c.158, sections 1 and 2 of
48 P.L.2004, c.109, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2005, c.196, sections 1 and

1 2 of P.L.2006, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2007, c.139, sections 1
2 and 2 of P.L.2008, c.68, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.102,
3 sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2010, c.63, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2011,
4 c.93, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2012, c.43, sections 1 and 2 of
5 P.L.2013, c.95, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2014, c.25, sections 1 and 2
6 of P.L.2015, c.108, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended
7 by P.L.2017, c.14, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2017, c.143, as amended
8 by P.L.2017, c.326, sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended
9 by P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, sections 1 and 2 of
10 P.L.2019, c.193, as amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as
11 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
12 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
13 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
14 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, including amounts
15 resulting from the low bid and final building cost reductions
16 authorized pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1987, c.200, section 7 of
17 P.L.1988, c.133, section 6 of P.L.1989, c.189, section 6 of
18 P.L.1990, c.99, section 6 of P.L.1991, c.325, section 6 of P.L.1992,
19 c.38, section 6 of P.L.1993, c.193, section 6 of P.L.1994, c.106,
20 section 6 of P.L.1995, c.219, section 6 of P.L. 1996, c.85, section 6
21 of P.L.1997, c.221, section 7 of P.L.1998, c.84, section 6 of
22 P.L.1999, c.174, section 6 of P.L.2000, c.92, section 6 of P.L.2001,
23 c.222, section 6 of P.L.2002, c.70, section 6 of P.L.2003, c.158,
24 section 6 of P.L.2004, c.109, section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, section 6
25 of P.L.2006, c.68, section 6 of P.L.2007, c.139, section 6 of
26 P.L.2008, c.68, section 7 of P.L.2009, c.102, section 6 of P.L.2010,
27 c.63, section 6 of P.L.2011, c.93, section 6 of P.L.2012, c.43,
28 section 6 of P.L.2013, c.95, section 7 of P.L.2014, c.25, section 7 of
29 P.L.2015, c.108, section 7 of P.L.2016, c.32, as amended by
30 P.L.2017, c.14, section 7 of P.L.2017, c.143 as amended by
31 P.L.2017, c.326, section 7 of P.L.2018, c.85, as amended by
32 P.L.2018, c.137 and P.L.2019, c.12, section 7 of P.L.2019, c.193, as
33 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, section 7 of P.L.2020, c.49, as
34 amended by P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by
35 P.L.2021, c.328, P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6,
36 P.L.2023, c.120, as amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as
37 amended by P.L.2025, c.10, and this act, and from any repayments
38 of loans and interest from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,
39 the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “Water Supply Fund,” the
40 “1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund,” the “2003 Water Resources
41 and Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and amounts deposited therein
42 during State fiscal year 2024 and State fiscal year 2025 pursuant to
43 the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, and section 2 of
44 P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto,
45 including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts
46 contained within the “Wastewater Treatment Fund,” and from any
47 repayment of loans and interest from the Drinking Water State
48 Revolving Fund.

1 e. The department is authorized to make zero-interest and
2 principal-forgiveness Sandy financing loans to or on behalf of the
3 project sponsors for the Sandy environmental infrastructure projects
4 listed in subsection a. of section 3 of this act for clean water
5 projects, in a manner consistent with the Federal Disaster Relief
6 Appropriations Act, up to the individual amounts indicated, except
7 that any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of
8 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 7 of this act, or if a
9 project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or 7 of this
10 act, provided a maximum of \$300 million shall be provided for
11 Sandy financing loans for clean water projects to provide financial
12 assistance to communities affected by the Storm Sandy and for
13 projects whose purpose is to reduce flood damage risk and
14 vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or
15 a natural disaster.

16 f. The department is authorized to increase the aggregate sums
17 specified in subsections b. and c. of this section by the amount of
18 interest accrued pursuant to a short-term or temporary loan made to
19 a project sponsor pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing
20 Program.

21 g. For the purposes of this act:

22 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
23 Protection.

24 “Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” means the
25 “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,” Pub.L.113-2, and any
26 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

27 “Sandy financing” means grants, zero-interest loans or principal-
28 forgiveness loans provided by the Department of Environmental
29 Protection from funds made available to the State for clean water or
30 drinking water projects, or clean water or drinking water project
31 match, pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.

32 “Technical assistance” means all services and assistance
33 provided for the benefit of eligible project sponsors, including, but
34 not limited to, public engagement services, technical assistance and
35 expertise, and community education, for the purposes of identifying
36 and pursuing a clean water or drinking water project, as described
37 in the financial plan developed pursuant to section 21 of P.L.1985,
38 c.334 (C.58:11B-21) or section 25 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-
39 21.1).

40 “Trust” means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created
41 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

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43 2. a. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
44 purpose of making supplemental zero-interest loans to or on behalf
45 of the project sponsors listed below for the following clean water
46 environmental infrastructure projects:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Rutgers University	S340500-01R	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04R	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Total Projects: 2		\$3,900,000	\$5,200,000

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2 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
3 difference between the allowable loan amounts required by these
4 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
5 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
6 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and
7 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
8 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
9 department pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329. The loans
10 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
11 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
12 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
13 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
14 7 of this act.

15 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
16 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection a. of
17 section 3 of this act.

18 b. (1) The department is authorized to expend funds for the
19 purpose of making supplemental loans to or on behalf of the project
20 sponsors listed below for the following drinking water
21 environmental infrastructure projects:
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
East Orange City	0705001-014R	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	0712001-016R	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
New Jersey American Water Co.	2004002-012R	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Total Projects: 4		\$14,250,000	\$19,000,000

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24 (2) The loans authorized in this subsection shall be made for the
25 difference between the allowable loan amount required by these
26 projects based upon final building costs pursuant to section 7 of this
27 act and the loan amounts certified by the Commissioner of
28 Environmental Protection in State fiscal years 2020 and 2024 and

1 for increased allowable costs as defined and determined in
2 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
3 department pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261. The loans
4 authorized in this subsection shall be made to or on behalf of the
5 project sponsors listed, up to the individual amounts indicated and
6 in the priority stated, to the extent sufficient funds are available,
7 except as a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4, 5, or
8 7 of this act.

9 (3) The zero-interest loans for the projects authorized in this
10 subsection shall have priority over projects listed in subsection b. of
11 section 3 of this act.

12 c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable
13 department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to
14 between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan
15 amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100
16 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be
17 provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing
18 program year in which the construction loan component of the
19 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
20 issued an interim financing program loan for the project, or, in the
21 absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and
22 conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.

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24 3. a. (1) The following environmental infrastructure projects
25 shall be known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State
26 Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List":

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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Oakland Borough	S340418-06	\$5,790,000	\$7,720,000
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	S340547-17	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Mendham Borough	S340159-04	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Newark City	S340815-25	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-29	\$9,525,000	\$12,700,000
Montgomery Township	S340130-03	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Newark City	S340815-26	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Camden City	S340366-07	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Camden City	S340366-14	\$7,027,500	\$9,370,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-18	\$15,750,000	\$21,000,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-17	\$19,500,000	\$26,000,000

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Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	S340384-10	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Elizabeth City	S340942-20	\$17,250,000	\$23,000,000
Elizabeth City	S345070-01	\$3,000,001	\$4,000,001
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-33	\$21,750,000	\$29,000,000
Kearny Town	S340259-11	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Ridgefield Park Village	S340688-06	\$9,150,000	\$12,200,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-08	\$1,305,525	\$1,740,700
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-64	\$37,500,000	\$50,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-19	\$300,000	\$400,000
North Hudson Sewer Authority	S340952-39	\$13,500,000	\$18,000,000
Perth Amboy City	S340435-22	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Verona Township	S340533-05	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Hackensack City	S340923-13	\$12,750,000	\$17,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-16	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-37	\$91,125,000	\$121,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-53	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S345200-01	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-49	\$222,102,676	\$296,136,901
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-33	\$80,250,000	\$107,000,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-08	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
Pennsville Sewerage Authority	S340870-05	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Beach Haven Borough	S344220-01	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340123-02	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-23	\$45,000,000	\$60,000,000

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Linden Roselle Sewer Authority	S340299-08	\$20,250,000	\$27,000,000
Flemington Borough	S340440-06	\$1,102,500	\$1,470,000
Gloucester County Utilities Authority	S340902-15	\$10,875,000	\$14,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-67	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority	S340400-11	\$16,500,000	\$22,000,000
Long Branch Sewerage Authority	S340336-09	\$4,200,000	\$5,600,000
Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340386-26	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-09a	\$465,378	\$620,504
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-09b	\$4,879,407	\$6,505,876
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-09c	\$681,323	\$908,430
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-09d	\$1,689,260	\$2,252,347
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-09e	\$1,022,282	\$1,363,042
JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-09g	\$889,742	\$1,186,322
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-09h	\$1,837,001	\$2,449,335
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-09i	\$1,189,072	\$1,585,429
JMEUC - East Orange City	S340686-08a	\$1,443,750	\$1,925,000
JMEUC - Elizabeth City	S340686-08b	\$16,188,750	\$21,585,000
JMEUC - Hillside Township	S340686-08c	\$2,141,250	\$2,855,000
JMEUC - Irvington Township	S340686-08d	\$5,538,750	\$7,385,000
JMEUC - Maplewood Township	S340686-08e	\$2,178,750	\$2,905,000
JMEUC - Millburn Township	S340686-08f	\$1,942,500	\$2,590,000
JMEUC - Newark City	S340686-08g	\$3,262,500	\$4,350,000
JMEUC - Roselle Park Borough	S340686-08h	\$1,020,000	\$1,360,000
JMEUC - South Orange Village Township	S340686-08i	\$1,515,000	\$2,020,000

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JMEUC - Summit City	S340686-08j	\$2,842,500	\$3,790,000
JMEUC - Union Township	S340686-08k	\$6,022,500	\$8,030,000
JMEUC - West Orange Township	S340686-08l	\$3,847,500	\$5,130,000
Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority	S340882-11	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Lakehurst Borough	S340150-01	\$1,912,500	\$2,550,000
Ocean County	S344080-10	\$187,500	\$250,000
Ocean County	S344080-11	\$262,500	\$350,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-08	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Cumberland County Utilities Authority	S340550-09	\$10,500,000	\$14,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	S340236-02	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-57	\$24,375,000	\$32,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-36	\$11,625,000	\$15,500,000
Hamilton Township	S340898-06	\$3,037,500	\$4,050,000
South Monmouth Regional Sewer Authority	S340377-07	\$2,827,500	\$3,770,000
Stafford Township	S340946-09	\$3,510,000	\$4,680,000
Metuchen Borough	S340360-02	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Somerville Borough	S340551-01	\$2,775,000	\$3,700,000
Netcong Borough	S340538-01	\$75,000	\$100,000
Manasquan River Regional Sewerage Authority	S340911-03	\$495,000	\$660,000
Stafford Township	S340946-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Vernon Township	S340745-03	\$2,271,750	\$3,029,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	S340579-05	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hightstown Borough	S340915-08	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Delanco Sewerage Authority	S340956-03	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	S340699-20	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000

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Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	S340325-04a	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-30	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority	S340821-10	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	S340145-07	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-12	\$6,750,000	\$9,000,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-13	\$3,450,000	\$4,600,000
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority	S340700-19	\$6,099,338	\$8,132,450
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-11	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Western Monmouth Utilities Authority	S340128-08	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Franklin Township Sewerage Authority	S340839-09	\$5,700,000	\$7,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-09	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000
Hackensack City	S340923-22	\$1,987,500	\$2,650,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340943-07	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-03	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
North Brunswick Township	S340888-04	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340066-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hillside Township	S340686-10	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
Hopewell Township	S340282-03	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-01	\$2,007,375	\$2,676,500

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Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340514-03	\$1,022,625	\$1,363,500
Berkeley Heights Township	S340385-08	\$525,000	\$700,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-02	\$75,000	\$100,000
North Haledon Borough	S340229-01	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Carneys Point Sewerage Authority	S340502-08	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Haddon Heights Borough	S340877-02	\$487,500	\$650,000
Highlands Borough	S340901-05	\$6,375,000	\$8,500,000
Medford Lakes Borough	S340319-03	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-03	\$75,000	\$100,000
Hamburg Borough	S340149-04	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Wenonah Borough	S340531-01	\$997,500	\$1,330,000
Clinton Township Sewerage Authority	S340873-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Fieldsboro Borough	S340522-01	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
North Bergen Township	S340652-17	\$3,225,000	\$4,300,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	S340132-10	\$13,650,000	\$18,200,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-46	\$51,750,000	\$69,000,000
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	S340689-54	\$16,950,000	\$22,600,000
Ocean Gate Borough	S340151-02	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority	S340640-35	\$3,862,500	\$5,150,000
Ocean County Utilities Authority	S340372-65	\$3,150,000	\$4,200,000
Hackensack City	S340923-15	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority	S340652-19	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340810-05	\$22,500,000	\$30,000,000
Boonton Town	S340265-02	\$2,475,000	\$3,300,000
Runnemede Borough	S340363-07	\$8,250,000	\$11,000,000

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Newton Town	S340449-04	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-19	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-16	\$450,000	\$600,000
Gloucester Township	S340364-17	\$967,649	\$1,290,198
Gloucester Township	S340364-18	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Newton Town	S340449-10	\$1,651,125	\$2,201,500
Hackensack City	S340923-25	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Trenton City	S340416-14	\$18,000,000	\$24,000,000
New Brunswick City	S340437-13	\$2,587,500	\$3,450,000
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	S340439-04	\$2,300,000	\$3,066,667
East Orange City	S340843-03	\$12,825,000	\$17,100,000
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	S342008-07	\$5,625,000	\$7,500,000
Burlington City	S340140-02	\$1,950,000	\$2,600,000
South Orange Village	S340103-02	\$2,002,500	\$2,670,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	S340448-14	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Lyndhurst Township	S340426-09	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
West Deptford Township	S340947-06	\$3,540,000	\$4,720,000
Glen Ridge Borough	S340861-02	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Bordentown City	S340219-04	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Island Heights Borough	S340176-03	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Ship Bottom Borough	S340311-04	\$2,062,500	\$2,750,000
Total Projects: 151		\$1,279,030,279	\$1,705,373,702

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2 (2) The department is authorized to make clean water and
3 drinking water project loans to the following municipalities
4 receiving funding from the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund,"
5 established pursuant to section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure
6 Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302:

Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Pemberton Twp.	Pinelands 1	\$2,929,000
Manchester Twp./Jackson MUA	Pinelands 2	\$7,192,035
Galloway Twp.	Pinelands 4	\$3,493,440
Winslow Twp.	Pinelands 5	\$1,728,940
Total Pinelands Projects: 4		\$15,343,415

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2 b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be
3 known and may be cited as the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year
4 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List":
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Project Sponsor	Project Number	Estimated Allowable DEP Loan Amount	Estimated Total Loan Amount
Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-002	\$54,000,000	\$72,000,000
Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514002-001	\$11,250,000	\$15,000,000
Orange City	0717001-013	\$975,000	\$1,300,000
Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-004	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-035	\$116,250,000	\$155,000,000
Ridgewood Village	0251001-001	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Belleville Township	0701001-008	\$2,676,564	\$3,568,752
Livingston Township	0710001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Livingston Township	0710001-002	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Waldwick Borough	0264001-003	\$5,250,000	\$7,000,000
Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	0228001-002	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Essex Fells Borough	0706001-004	\$3,750,000	\$5,000,000
Lake Stockholm Systems, Inc.	1911002-001	\$1,725,000	\$2,300,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-011	\$15,667,500	\$20,890,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-004	\$1,875,000	\$2,500,000
Newton Town	1915001-001	\$3,000,000	\$4,000,000

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Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-004	\$6,525,000	\$8,700,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-012	\$48,750,000	\$65,000,000
Seaside Heights Borough	1526001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-006	\$945,000	\$1,260,000
Bloomfield Township	0702001-006	\$13,125,000	\$17,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	\$2,100,000	\$2,800,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-004	\$2,250,000	\$3,000,000
Park Ridge Borough	0247001-002	\$3,187,500	\$4,250,000
Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1506001-014	\$2,700,000	\$3,600,000
Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0324001-004	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Verona Township	0720001-006	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Hawthorne Borough	1604001-002	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	\$3,300,000	\$4,400,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-010	\$5,400,000	\$7,200,000
NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-016	\$39,375,000	\$52,500,000
Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209002-005	\$3,525,000	\$4,700,000
Allentown Borough	1302001-004	\$1,746,720	\$2,328,960
Stone Harbor Borough	0510001-001	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000
Newton Town	1915001-003	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Hightstown Borough	1104001-011	\$825,000	\$1,100,000
Burlington City	0305001-003	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Hoboken City	0905001-003	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
North Brunswick Township	1215001-008	\$4,875,000	\$6,500,000
Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-002	\$1,425,000	\$1,900,000

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Deptford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0802001-003	\$1,275,000	\$1,700,000
East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1101002-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority	1516001-007	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Clinton Town	1005001-012	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Roosevelt Borough	1314001-003	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-008	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Roosevelt Borough	1341001-009	\$600,000	\$800,000
Robbinsville Township	1112001-001	\$1,650,000	\$2,200,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-014	\$2,625,000	\$3,500,000
Allamuchy Township	2101001-001	\$1,125,000	\$1,500,000
Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners Association	1904001-005	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Mount Arlington Borough	1426005-001	\$1,575,000	\$2,100,000
Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-005	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000
Pemberton Township	0329004-001	\$4,125,000	\$5,500,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	1509001-002	\$2,325,000	\$3,100,000
High Bridge Borough	1014001-001	\$75,000	\$100,000
Total Projects: 59		\$488,773,284	\$651,697,712

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- c. The department is authorized to adjust the allowable department loan amount for projects authorized in this section to between zero percent and 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, and, if the department loan amount is adjusted to 100 percent of the total allowable loan amount, the loan shall be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing program year in which the construction loan component of the project was certified by the department, and for which the trust issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the State fiscal year 2026 financing program.
4. Any financing loan made by the department pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1 a. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection has certified
2 that the project is in compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977,
3 c.224, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997,
4 c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted
5 pursuant thereto;
- 6 b. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a loan for an
7 environmental infrastructure project listed in section 2 or 3 of this
8 act shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the financing
9 program year in which the construction loan component of the
10 project was certified by the department, and for which the trust
11 issued an interim financing program loan, or, in the absence of an
12 interim financing program loan, the terms and conditions of the
13 State fiscal year 2026 financing program;
- 14 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act,
15 the department allowable loan amount may be 100 percent of the
16 total allowable loan amount for:
- 17 (1) clean water project and drinking water project loans to (a)
18 municipalities that do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure
19 Bank credit policy but are subject to State financial supervision and
20 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
21 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), or (b) municipal,
22 county, or regional sewerage authorities, or utilities authorities, that
23 do not satisfy the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank credit policy but
24 where the municipal participant through its service agreement with
25 the authority or utility is under State financial supervision and
26 oversight pursuant to the "Local Government Supervision Act
27 (1947)," P.L.1947, c.151 (C.52:27BB-1 et seq.), and the repayment
28 obligation of the authority or utility is secured by the full faith and
29 credit of the participating municipality pursuant to the service
30 agreement;
- 31 (2) clean water and drinking water loans to municipalities
32 receiving funding under the United States Department of Housing
33 and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant –
34 Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR); and
- 35 (3) clean water loans to municipal, county, or regional sewerage
36 authorities that qualify for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse
37 grants for combined sewer overflows or stormwater management
38 projects;
- 39 d. With the exception of a loan for which the department issues
40 100 percent of the loan amount pursuant to subsection b. of section
41 2, subsection c. of section 3, and subsection c. of this section, the
42 loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New
43 Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
44 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
45 and Assembly Bill No. 5621 of the 2024-2025 session);
- 46 e. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 30
47 years, or 35 years for loans funded pursuant to the federal "Water
48 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014," 33 U.S.C.

1 s.3901 et seq. as amended and supplemented, or 45 years for
2 combined sewer overflow abatement projects, of the making of the
3 loan; and

4 f. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
5 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
6 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
8 to loans made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to
9 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467
10 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill No. 5621 of the 2024-
11 2025 session), or to administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant
12 to subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

13 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law or
14 regulation to the contrary, drinking water projects may be funded by
15 the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" established pursuant to
16 section 14 of the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of
17 1985," P.L.1985, c.302. Drinking water projects financed by the
18 Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund shall be funded in accordance
19 with the regulations applicable to the financing of wastewater
20 projects by the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund unless and until
21 regulations specific to the financing of drinking water projects are
22 promulgated.

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24 5. Any Sandy financing loan made by the department pursuant
25 to this act shall be subject to the following requirements:

26 a. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
27 compliance with the provisions of Title X, Chapter 7 of the Federal
28 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act;

29 b. The commissioner has certified that the project is in
30 compliance with the provisions of P.L.1977, c.224, P.L.1985, c.329,
31 P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003,
32 c.162, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

33 c. The loan shall be subject to any other terms and conditions as
34 may be established by the commissioner and approved by the State
35 Treasurer, which may include, notwithstanding any other provision
36 of law to the contrary, subordination of a loan authorized in this act
37 to loans made by the trust pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before
38 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session
39 and Assembly Bill No. 5621 of the 2024-2025 session), or to
40 administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to subsection o. of
41 section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

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43 6. The eligibility lists and authorization for the making of loans
44 pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2026,
45 and any project sponsor which has not executed and delivered a
46 loan agreement with the department for a loan authorized in this act
47 shall no longer be entitled to that loan.

1 7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized
2 to reduce or increase the individual amount of loan funds made
3 available to or on behalf of project sponsors pursuant to sections 2
4 and 3 of this act based upon final or low-bid building costs defined
5 in and determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted
6 by the commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.329,
7 section 2 of P.L.1999, c.362 (C.58:12A-12.2), or section 5 of
8 P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not
9 exceed the estimated total allowable loan amount. The
10 commissioner is authorized to reduce or increase the individual
11 amount of loan funds made available to or on behalf of project
12 sponsors pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act in an amount not to
13 exceed 10 percent of the total allowable loan amount based upon
14 additional project costs to comply with the department's guidance
15 for asset management, emergency response, flood protection, and
16 auxiliary power.

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18 8. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act is
19 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1977, c.224,
20 P.L.1985, c.302, P.L.1985, c.329, P.L.1989, c.181, P.L.1992, c.88,
21 P.L.1997, c.223, P.L.1997, c.225, or P.L.2003, c.162, and the rules
22 and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental
23 Protection pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal
24 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, the Federal Clean Water Act,
25 and the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and
26 supplementary acts thereto.

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28 9. The department shall provide general technical assistance to
29 any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental
30 infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a
31 project.

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33 10. a. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving
34 Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any
35 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to
36 the "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of
37 section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992
38 Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
39 28 of P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the Drinking Water
40 State Revolving Fund, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
41 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
42 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, prior to
43 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
44 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
45 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
46 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, or prior
47 to the repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund"
48 pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302,

1 repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by
2 the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to
3 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), as amended and
4 supplemented by P.L.1997, c.224, under terms and conditions
5 established by the commissioner and trust, approved by the State
6 Treasurer, and consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334
7 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and federal tax, environmental or securities
8 law, to the extent necessary to secure repayment of trust bonds
9 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending
10 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025
11 session and Assembly Bill No. 5621 of the 2024-2025 session), and
12 to secure the administrative fees payable to the trust pursuant to
13 subsection o. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5) by the
14 project sponsors receiving trust loans.

15 b. Prior to repayment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
16 pursuant to section 1 and 2 of P.L.2009, c.77 and any amendatory
17 and supplementary acts thereto, prior to repayment to the
18 "Wastewater Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section
19 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, prior to repayment to the "1992 Wastewater
20 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 28 of
21 P.L.1992, c.88, prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund"
22 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, prior to
23 repayment to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, prior to
24 repayment to the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
25 Treatment Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of
26 P.L.2003, c.162, prior to repayment to the "Stormwater
27 Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund"
28 pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1989, c.181, or prior
29 to repayment to the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund" pursuant
30 to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.302, the trust is further
31 authorized to utilize repayments of loans made pursuant to
32 P.L.1989, c.189, P.L.1990, c.99, P.L.1991, c.325, P.L.1992, c.38,
33 P.L.1993, c.193, P.L.1994, c.106, P.L.1995, c.219, P.L.1996, c.85,
34 P.L.1997, c.221, P.L.1998, c.84, P.L.1999, c.174, P.L.2000, c.92,
35 P.L.2001, c.222, P.L.2002, c.70, P.L.2003, c.158, P.L.2004, c.109,
36 P.L.2005, c.196, P.L.2006, c.68, P.L.2007, c.139, P.L.2008, c.68,
37 P.L.2009, c.102, P.L.2010, c.63, P.L.2011, c.93, P.L.2012, c.43,
38 P.L.2013, c.95, P.L.2014, c.25, P.L.2015, c.108, P.L.2016, c.32,
39 P.L.2017, c.143, as amended by P.L.2017, c.326, P.L.2018, c.85, as
40 amended by P.L.2018, c.137, P.L.2019, c.12, P.L.2019, c.193, as
41 amended by P.L.2019, c.514, P.L.2020, c.49, as amended by
42 P.L.2021, c.21, P.L.2021, c.203, as amended by P.L.2021, c.328,
43 P.L.2022, c.99, as amended by P.L.2023, c.6, P.L.2023, c.120, as
44 amended by P.L.2023, c.344, P.L.2024, c.35, as amended by
45 P.L.2025, c.10, or this act, to secure repayment of trust bonds
46 issued to finance loans approved pursuant to P.L.1995, c.218,
47 P.L.1996, c.87, P.L.1997, c.222, P.L.1998, c.85, P.L.1999, c.173,
48 P.L.2000, c.93, P.L.2001, c.224, P.L.2002, c.71, P.L.2003, c.159,

1 P.L.2004, c.110, P.L.2005, c.197, P.L.2006, c.67, P.L.2007, c.140,
2 P.L.2008, c.67, P.L.2009, c.101, P.L.2010, c.62, P.L.2011, c.95,
3 P.L.2012, c.38, P.L.2013, c.94, P.L.2014, c.26, P.L.2015, c.107,
4 P.L.2016, c.31, P.L.2017, c.142, as amended by P.L.2017, c.327,
5 P.L.2018, c.84, as amended by P.L.2019, c.30, P.L.2019, c.192, as
6 amended by P.L.2019, c.515, P.L.2020, c.48, as amended by
7 P.L.2021, c.22, P.L.2021, c.204, as amended by P.L.2021, c.316,
8 P.L.2022, c.100, as amended by P.L.2023, c.5, P.L.2023, c.119, as
9 amended by P.L.2023, c.343, P.L.2024, c.41, as amended by
10 P.L.2025, c.8, or P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
11 Senate Bill No. 4467 of the 2024-2025 session and Assembly Bill
12 No. 5621 of the 2024-2025 session) and to secure the administrative
13 fees payable to the trust under these loans pursuant to subsection o.
14 of section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5).

15 c. To the extent that any loan repayment sums are used to satisfy
16 any trust bond repayment or administrative fee payment
17 deficiencies, the trust shall repay such sums to the department for
18 deposit into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the
19 "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment
20 Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the Drinking Water State
21 Revolving Fund, the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater
22 Treatment Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined
23 Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," or the "Pinelands Infrastructure
24 Trust Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf
25 of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.
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27 11. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is
28 authorized to enter into capitalization grant agreements as may be
29 required pursuant to the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act,
30 the Federal Clean Water Act, or the Federal Safe Drinking Water
31 Act.
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33 12. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
34 established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from
35 repayments of loans and interest deposited in any account, on or
36 before June 30, 2026, including the "Clean Water State Revolving
37 Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply
38 Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer
39 Overflow Abatement Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and
40 Wastewater Treatment Fund," or the Drinking Water State
41 Revolving Fund, as appropriate, and from any net earnings received
42 from the investment and reinvestment of such deposits, such sums
43 as the chairperson or secretary of the trust shall certify to the
44 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and
45 appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds or accounts
46 established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334
47 (C.58:11B-11).

1 under the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985,"
2 P.L.1985, c.302, to improve water discharge and treatment systems,
3 representing \$15.3 million in estimated total loan amounts; and

4 (5) in subsection b. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and
5 State Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List," a
6 list of 59 projects to improve drinking water systems, representing
7 \$651.7 million in estimated total loan amounts.

8 The bill would also appropriate the unexpended balances from
9 various funds to the DEP, and allow the DEP to transfer moneys
10 between various State funds, for the purpose of funding the NJEIFP
11 and providing the State match for federal funding provided under
12 the federal laws, including the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking
13 Water Act, as detailed in subsection a. of section 1 of the bill. In
14 addition, the bill would appropriate to the DEP funds deposited in
15 the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" and the "Drinking Water
16 State Revolving Fund" pursuant to the federal "Infrastructure
17 Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. 117-58.

18 The bill would authorize loans to certain project sponsors to
19 include zero interest or principal forgiveness, subject to certain
20 funding limits and restrictions detailed in subsections b. through e.
21 of section 1 of the bill. Projects designated for zero interest or
22 principal forgiveness loans include projects that reduce or eliminate
23 discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls, water quality
24 restoration projects, water and energy efficiency projects, and
25 emerging contaminant projects.

26 The bill would establish certain requirements on loans to project
27 sponsors made by the DEP pursuant to the bill, as enumerated in
28 section 4 of the bill. The bill would also establish additional
29 restrictions, described in section 5 of the bill, for "Sandy financing
30 loans," which are those loans that utilize federal funding provided
31 pursuant to the federal "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013,"
32 Pub.L. 113-2. Under the bill, the project lists and the DEP's
33 authorization to utilize the funds appropriated by the bill would
34 expire on July 1, 2026.

35 The bill would also authorize the NJIB to utilize repayments of
36 loans made using moneys from various State funds, enumerated in
37 subsections a. and b. of section 10 of the bill, to recoup trust bond
38 repayments and administrative fees that have not been paid by
39 project sponsors instead of redepositing the money into the funds.
40 However, the bill would also require the NJIB to make a
41 compensatory deposit into certain State funds, as detailed in
42 subsection c. of section 10 of the bill, when the NJIB receives the
43 deficient payments or fees from the project sponsor. Finally, the
44 bill would appropriate to the NJIB, from repayments of loans,
45 interest payments, certain federal funds, and any earnings received
46 from the investment of those funds, as enumerated in sections 12
47 and 13 of the bill, such amounts as the chairperson or secretary of

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- 1 the NJIB certifies are necessary and appropriate for deposit into one
- 2 or more reserve funds established by the NJIB.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5622

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 2025

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5622.

As reported, this bill would appropriate certain federal and State moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the purpose of implementing the State Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP). The bill would appropriate these funds for the purpose of making loans to local governments and privately-owned water companies (project sponsors) for a portion of the costs of water infrastructure projects. A companion bill, Assembly Bill No. 5621 of this session, would authorize the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) to execute loans using the funds appropriated to the DEP by this bill to finance a portion of the costs of the clean water and drinking water projects enumerated by the bill.

The bill would authorize the DEP to use the moneys appropriated by the bill to fund the following projects:

(1) in subsection a. of section 2 of the bill, a list of two projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$5.2 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(2) in subsection b. of section 2 of the bill, a list of four projects to improve drinking water systems that had previously received a loan and require supplemental loans, representing \$19 million in estimated total loan amounts;

(3) in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Clean Water Project Eligibility List," a list of 151 projects to improve water discharge and treatment systems, representing \$1.7 billion in estimated total loan amounts;

(4) in paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of the bill, a list of four projects in the Pinelands area that are receiving funding under the "Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985," P.L.1985, c.302, to improve water discharge and treatment systems, representing \$15.3 million in estimated total loan amounts; and

(5) in subsection b. of section 3 of the bill, the "Storm Sandy and State Fiscal Year 2026 Drinking Water Project Eligibility List," a list of 59 projects to improve drinking water systems, representing \$651.7 million in estimated total loan amounts.

The bill would also appropriate the unexpended balances from various funds to the DEP, and allow the DEP to transfer moneys between various State funds, for the purpose of funding the NJEIFP and providing the State match for federal funding provided under the federal laws, including the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, as detailed in subsection a. of section 1 of the bill. In addition, the bill would appropriate to the DEP funds deposited in the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund" and the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund" pursuant to the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub.L.117-58.

The bill would authorize loans to certain project sponsors to include zero interest or principal forgiveness, subject to certain funding limits and restrictions detailed in subsections b. through e. of section 1 of the bill. Projects designated for zero interest or principal forgiveness loans include projects that reduce or eliminate discharges from combined sewer overflow outfalls, water quality restoration projects, water and energy efficiency projects, and emerging contaminant projects.

The bill would establish certain requirements on loans to project sponsors made by the DEP pursuant to the bill, as enumerated in section 4 of the bill. The bill would also establish additional restrictions, described in section 5 of the bill, for "Sandy financing loans," which are those loans that utilize federal funding provided pursuant to the federal "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013," Pub.L.113-2. Under the bill, the project lists and the DEP's authorization to utilize the funds appropriated by the bill would expire on July 1, 2026.

The bill would also authorize the NJIB to utilize repayments of loans made using moneys from various State funds, enumerated in subsections a. and b. of section 10 of the bill, to recoup trust bond repayments and administrative fees that have not been paid by project sponsors instead of redepositing the money into the funds. However, the bill would also require the NJIB to make a compensatory deposit into certain State funds, as detailed in subsection c. of section 10 of the bill, when the NJIB receives the deficient payments or fees from the project sponsor. Finally, the bill would appropriate to the NJIB, from repayments of loans, interest payments, certain federal funds, and any earnings received from the investment of those funds, as enumerated in sections 12 and 13 of the bill, such amounts as the chairperson or secretary of the NJIB certifies are necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds established by the NJIB.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

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TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S2167/A1406 (Ruiz, Vitale/Haider, Swain) – Requires public and certain nonpublic schools to comply with breakfast and lunch standards adopted by USDA

S3052/A4878 (Johnson, Space/Park, Tucker, Speight) – Concerns grade options at public institutions of higher education for service member and dependents unable to complete course due to military obligation

S3711/A5153 (McKeon, Zwicker/Haider, Reynolds-Jackson, Spearman) – Makes annual allocation of \$500,000 from Clean Communities Program Fund for public outreach concerning single-use plastics reduction program permanent.

SCS for S3982/A4592 (Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson/Carter, Morales) – Requires certain information be provided to parent at least two business days prior to annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meeting; establishes IEP Improvement Working Group in DOE.

S4263/A5408 (Vitale, Scutari/Carter, Sumter, Speight) – Revises certain provisions concerning, and establishes certain education and data reporting requirements related to, involuntary commitment.

S4426/A5622 (Burzichelli, Singer/Schnall, Peterpaul, Kane) – Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2026

S4439/A5729 (Lagana, Cryan/Swain) – Establishes protections for student-athletes and certain institutions of higher education concerning name, image, or likeness compensation; repeals “New Jersey Fair Play Act.”

A3128/SCS for S4071/S3155 (Coughlin, Wimberly, Pintor Marin/Ruiz, Scutari, Singleton, Greenstein, Turner) – Authorizes HMFA to use certain tax credits; directs HMFA to conduct tax credit auctions to provide financial assistance for certain housing purposes

A4897/S3769 (Carter, Atkins, Reynolds-Jackson/Cryan, Amato) – Revises law requiring certain student identification cards to contain telephone number for suicide prevention hotline

A5170/S4027 (Pintor Marin, Speight/Cruz-Perez, Pou) – Requires State to purchase certain unused tax credits issued under New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020

A5546/S4388 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner) – Concerns financial powers and responsibilities of Capital City Redevelopment Corporation.

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Karabinchak Bill Aiming to End Traffic-Related Deaths Signed Into Law

Karabinchak, Allen, Carter and Verrelli bill establishes the "New Jersey Target Zero Commission" to study traffic safety measures

(TRENTON) — Assemblyman [Robert J. Karabinchak's](#) bill focusing on ending traffic-related deaths became law today. Bill [A1476](#), sponsored by Assembly members Karabinchak, [John Allen](#), [Linda S. Carter](#), and [Anthony S. Verrelli](#) will establish a New Jersey Target Zero Commission to study, examine, and review traffic safety measures with a focus on access, equity, and mobility for all road users.



According to [recently released data](#) from the New Jersey State Police, 692 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2024 in New Jersey.

“New Jersey’s rise in traffic fatalities is a trend that we absolutely must reverse,” **said Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak (D-Middlesex)**. “I can’t imagine the pain of losing a loved one in a senseless traffic accident. No parent should ever have to bury a family member because our roads are not safe. No family should endure the devastation caused by reckless drivers or dangerous roadways. These deaths are preventable, and we must take action to improve safety.”

Under the bill, a commission comprising of thirteen members will have the responsibility to develop a comprehensive and coordinated action plan aimed at achieving the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roadways by 2040.

“This legislation serves as a reminder that traffic fatalities can be avoided if the right resources are in place,” **said Assemblyman Allen (D-Hudson)**. “The commission established by this bill would help us plan and allocate resources so that we can reach zero, and ultimately an end to pedestrian fatalities.”

“Bringing together traffic safety experts to explore ways to improve access, equity, and mobility is essential to achieving Target Zero,” **said Assemblywoman Linda Carter (D-Somerset, Union)**. “As we work to make our roads safer, we must consider the needs of drivers, pedestrians, and everyone who uses our roadways.”

“The signing of the New Jersey Target Zero Commission into law marks a significant step in our efforts to enhance roadway safety and ultimately create safer communities for all,” **said Assemblyman Verrelli (D-Hunterdon, Mercer)**. “This legislation will empower us to protect New Jersey’s road users through data-driven policies, infrastructure redesigns and educational initiatives, all aimed at achieving our goal of zero fatalities.”