

CHAPTER 68

AN ACT appropriating moneys to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of making zero interest loans to project sponsors to finance a portion of the costs of construction 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 of Environmental Protection from the Clean Water Fund - State Revolving Fund Accounts (hereinafter referred to as the "Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts") an amount equal to the Federal fiscal year 2006 capitalization grant made available to the State for clean water projects 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").

(2) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund an amount equal to the Federal fiscal year 2006 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").

The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to transfer from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts 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 said maximum amount is hereby appropriated to the department for those purposes.

(3) There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection 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).

(4) Of the sums appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Water Supply Fund" established pursuant to section 14 of the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261) pursuant to P.L.2001, c.222, the department is authorized to transfer such amounts as needed to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the purpose of providing the State match as required or will 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.

(5) Of the sums appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection 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) 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 therefrom in such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts for the purpose of providing the State match as required or will 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) Of the sums appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection 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) pursuant to P.L.2004, c.109, the department is authorized to transfer such amounts as needed to the Clean Water State

Revolving Fund Accounts for the purpose of providing the State match as required or will 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.

Any such amounts shall be for the purpose of making zero interest 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 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 Clean Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, 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 Wastewater Treatment Project Bond Act of 2003," (P.L.2003, c.162), the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and any amendatory and supplementary acts thereto, and State law.

b. The department is authorized to make zero interest 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, and subsection b. of section 2 and subsection b. of section 3 of this act for drinking water projects, up to the individual amounts indicated and in the priority stated, except as any such amount may be reduced by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 6 of this act, or if a project fails to meet the requirements of section 4 of this act.

c. The department is authorized to make zero interest 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 as 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, or section 2 of P.L.2000, c.92, including amounts resulting from the 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 and section 6 of P.L.2005, c.196, and from any repayments of loans from the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "2003 Water Resources and Wastewater Treatment Fund," or amounts deposited therein during State fiscal year 2006 pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of P.L.1985, c.329, including any Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts contained within the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," and from any repayment of loans from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

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 Number	Project Sponsor	Estimated Allowable Loan Amount
340399-08-1	Bayonne MUA	\$495,000
340945-07-1	Old Bridge MUA	\$3,446,000
340750-05-2	Township of Ocean SA	\$550,000
340640-08-1	Camden County MUA	\$825,000
340679-01-1	Linden City	\$596,000
340364-03-1	Gloucester Township MUA	\$143,000
340952-05-1	North Hudson SA	<u>\$645,000</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$6,700,000</u>

(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 6 of this act and the loan amounts certified by the commissioner in State fiscal years 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006 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 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 Number	Project Sponsor	Estimated Allowable Loan Amount
0408001-009-1	Camden City	\$2,475,000
0408001-012-1	Camden City	\$825,000
1904002-001/2/3-1	East Brookwood Estates POA	\$110,000
0102001-001-1	Atlantic City MUA	<u>\$1,980,000</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$5,390,000</u>

(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 6 of this act and the loan amounts certified by the commissioner in State fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005, 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 of this act.

(3) The loans authorized in this subsection shall have priority over the environmental infrastructure projects listed in subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

3. a. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "State Fiscal Year 2007 Clean Water Project Priority List":

Project Number	Project Sponsor	Estimated Allowable Loan Amount
340689-03	Passaic Valley SC	\$15,840,000
340815-09	Newark City	\$11,508,000
340768-03	Bergen County UA	\$55,269,000
340952-04	North Hudson SA	\$21,264,000
340259-03	Kearny Town	\$4,275,000
340850-03	Paterson City	\$15,042,000
340446-08	Edgewater MUA	\$2,475,000
340386-04	Bergen County UA	\$13,047,000
340952-08	North Hudson SA	\$8,115,000
340372-27	Ocean County UA	\$7,950,000
340817-03	Mount Holly MUA	\$17,191,000
340928-05	Jersey City MUA	\$10,707,000
340952-07	North Hudson SA	\$17,211,000
340686-05A	Hillside Borough	\$456,000
340686-05B	Irvington Township	\$1,362,000
340686-05C	Newark City	\$816,000
340686-05D	Union Township	\$1,632,000
340686-05E	West Orange Township	\$999,000
340686-05F	Elizabeth City	\$3,900,000
340809-12	Atlantic County UA	\$3,270,000
343045-01	Cape May City	\$3,819,000
343051-02	Hamilton Township	\$4,125,000
343066-02	Cherry Hill Township	\$8,376,000
343021-02	Middletown Township	\$1,704,000
340051-01	Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority	\$3,498,000
340110-02	Bergen County Improvement Authority	\$7,237,000
340839-01	Franklin Township SA	\$6,875,000
340399-21	North Bergen MUA	\$26,964,000
343054-03	New Jersey Water Supply Authority	\$3,372,000
340883-02	Asbury Park City	\$1,629,000
343034-04	Readington Township.	\$7,983,000
342010-01	Carteret Redevelopment Agency	\$21,074,000
343047-01	Byram Township	\$1,383,000
343067-01	Allendale Borough	\$4,317,000
340466-03	Denville Township	\$3,413,000
340656-03	Princeton Borough	\$1,991,000
340699-06	Middlesex County UA	\$42,025,000
340809-13	Atlantic County UA	\$459,000
340809-14	Atlantic County UA	\$2,414,000

340809-11	Atlantic County UA	\$5,970,000
340334-02	Edison Township	\$451,000
340880-02	Pequannock, Lincoln Park & Fairfield SA	\$4,955,000
340947-03	West Deptford Township	\$3,620,000
340863-02	Elmwood Park Borough	\$2,278,000
340927-04	Hammonton Town	\$175,000
340689-01	Passaic Valley SC	\$7,356,000
340709-04	Camden County MUA	\$18,207,000
340942-07	Elizabeth City	\$1,074,000
340709-03	Camden County MUA	\$9,984,000
340838-02	Evesham MUA	\$6,270,000
340044-03	Camden Redevelopment Agency	\$1,239,000
340689-10	Passaic Valley SC	\$7,725,000
340942-08	Elizabeth City	\$1,485,000
340066-01	Deptford Township MUA	\$755,000
340962-02	Stockton Boro	<u>\$473,000</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$437,004,000</u>

b. The following environmental infrastructure projects shall be known and may be cited as the "State Fiscal Year 2007 Drinking Water Project Priority List":

Project Number	Project Sponsor	Estimated Allowable Loan Amount
1214001-003	New Brunswick City	\$18,270,000
1613001-016	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	\$984,000
1613001-017	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	\$1,538,000
1613001-015	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	\$984,000
1111001-004	Trenton Water Works	\$40,110,000
0319001-002	Maple Shade Township	\$2,920,000
0822001-003	Woodbury City	\$93,000
0901001-001	Bayonne MUA	\$1,368,000
0822001-004	Woodbury City	\$79,000
1415001-001	Fayson Lake Water Company	\$355,000
1344001-001/2/3	Sea Girt Borough	\$2,129,000
1216001-004	Perth Amboy City	\$696,000
0820001-002	West Deptford Township	\$434,000
0211001-001/2/3	Elmwood Park Boro	\$ 2,657,000
1517001-008	Long Beach Township	\$371,000
1505004-001	Berkeley Township MUA	\$4,402,000
1225001-009	Middlesex Water Company	\$1,925,000
0708001-003	Glen Ridge Boro	\$864,000
1438001-001	Cliffside Park Association	\$182,000
0405001-002/3/4	Berlin Boro	\$2,165,000

1411001-001	Florham Park Boro	\$3,775,000
1510001-001	Island Heights Boro	\$237,000
0258001-001	Saddle River Boro	\$1,479,000
1530004-002	Stafford Township Water Utility	\$4,452,000
1530004-008	Stafford Township Water Utility	\$149,000
0108021-001	Sea Village Marina	<u>\$57,000</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$92,675,000</u>

4. Any loan made by the Department of Environmental Protection 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 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. The loan amount shall not exceed 50% of the allowable project cost of the environmental infrastructure facility, except that for (1) projects serving a designated Urban Center or Urban Complex; (2) projects that eliminate, reduce or improve combined sewer overflows; (3) open space land acquisition projects; (4) projects serving a designated Transit Village; (5) brownfields remediation projects located in designated Brownfields Development Areas; or (6) projects to repair or replace on-site septic systems through a Septic Management District, the loan amount shall not exceed 75% of the allowable project cost of the environmental infrastructure facility;

c. The loan shall be repaid within a period not to exceed 23 years of the making of the loan;

d. The loan shall be conditioned upon approval of a loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust pursuant to P.L.2006, c. 67.

e. 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.2006, c.67, 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).

5. The priority lists and authorization for the making of loans pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire on July 1, 2007, 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.

6. 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 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 11 of P.L.1977, c.224 (C.58:12A-11) or section 5 of P.L.1981, c.261, provided that the total loan amount does not exceed the original loan amount.

7. 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.329, 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

pursuant thereto, and the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act or the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as appropriate.

8. The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide general technical assistance to any project sponsor requesting assistance regarding environmental infrastructure project development or applications for funds for a project.

9. a. 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, or prior to repayment to the "Water Supply Fund" pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of P.L.1981, c.261, repayments of loans made pursuant to these acts may be utilized by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust 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, and 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.2006, c.67, 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 "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, or 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, 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 or P.L.2006, c.68 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 or P.L.2006, c.67, 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 "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," or the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund," as appropriate, from amounts received by or on behalf of the trust from project sponsors causing any such deficiency.

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

11. There is appropriated to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust established pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) from repayments of loans deposited in any account, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Accounts contained within the "Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "1992 Wastewater Treatment Fund," the "Water Supply Fund," the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement 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 chairman of the trust shall certify to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be necessary and appropriate for deposit into one or more reserve funds established by the trust pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-11).

12. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 2, 2006.