



# **Pinelands Conservation Fund**

**Policy & Implementation Committee  
Public Session**

**October 31, 2025**

# Grant Round Summary

- \$3,000,000 available
- May 9, 2025, Commission announced grant availability to eligible entities
- September 19, 2025, project proposal applications due



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- 1 application submitted
  - NJCF
  - Burlington County
- Staff reviewed and scored against evaluation matrix
- Staff recommendation in closed session



<b>Factor</b>	<b>Low (1)</b>	<b>Medium (3)</b>	<b>High (5)</b>
<b>Location: Is the project in PCF focus areas for flood or wildfire</b>	In RGA, Town, Village or Rural Development Area AND one of the designated focus areas	In designated focus areas and Preservation Area District, Special Agricultural Production Area, Agricultural Production Area or Forest Area	Within a five-mile radius of the Atlantic City Airport operated by the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) and inside the State Pinelands Area
<b>Threatened and Endangered Species Habitats:</b>	No state/federal T&E habitat per NJDEP Landscape Model AND no NJPC and ENSP sightings	T&E habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings	Grassland habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings
<b>Size:</b>	Less than 50 acres	Between 50 and 100 acres	100 acres or more; add 3 additional points if greater than 500 acres
<b>Contiguity:</b>	Less than one mile from preserved open space	Less than one mile from preserved open space and known grassland T&E habitats but not contiguous	Contiguous with preserved open space and known grassland T&E habitats
<b>Partner Contribution:</b>	66.7% of acquisition costs	At least 75% of acquisition costs	Greater than 75% of acquisition costs
<b>Maintenance &amp; Stewardship:</b>	Written maintenance /stewardship plan	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and specific stewardship project proposal	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and agreement to partner on future grant proposal for stewardship projects
<b>Environmental Justice Communities Stressors:</b>	One stressor identified	Three or four stressors identified	More than five stressors identified

# Closed session

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# Closed Session Summary

- Committee approved award of all available funding, \$3,000,000, to NJCF
  - Acquisition in the Medford-Evesham Priority Acquisition Area, Burlington County
- Recommended 1 year to execute grant agreement (November 2, 2026) recognizing:
  - Additional funding sources
  - Other granting institution requirements
- Next steps: letter to project partner notifying of the award



**Questions?**