

# BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION FACT SHEET “Greenbacks to Go Green” Program

The clean energy program offered by the Burlington County Bridge Commission includes 3 components:

- Up-front funding for and facilitation of an **energy audit**;
- Procuring contractors to implement **energy conservation measures** identified in the audit’s findings, and
- Providing financing for resulting **energy projects** by issuing bonds at reduced borrowing costs and interest rates using the County guarantee.

## **Eligible Facilities**

Municipal and local government-owned facilities—offices, courtrooms, town halls, police and fire stations, sanitation buildings, transportation structures, schools and community centers.

## **Energy Audit**

### *Up-front Funding*

- The Commission will provide funds to local governments, at zero percent interest, to fund the upfront costs of the energy audits.
- The NJBPU will reimburse local governments 75% of the costs incurred to perform the audit; when recommendations are implemented it will reimburse the remaining 25%.
- Participants will repay the Commission when they receive reimbursement funds from the NJBPU.

### *No-cost Grant-writing Services*

Participants can have their NJBPU’s energy audit applications prepared free of charge through Commission-sponsored grant-writing services provided by Community Grants, Planning & Housing.

### *Simplified Audit Process*

The Commission plans to fast-track the energy audits by procuring a single firm to perform all energy audits and, using economies of scale, procuring consultants to implement recommendations.

## **Energy Conservation Measures**

Towns and school districts can participate in one or both of these Clean Energy Projects:

- One for local entities who want simply to implement energy conservation measures, involving existing facilities, which would include lighting, heating and air conditioning
- One for those who want to develop renewable energy projects that tap into solar or wind power.

## **Energy Projects: Financing**

The Commission will offer financing at favorable interest rates for participants to implement the recommendations which result from the audits.