

## **2024-26 Spotted Lanternfly Program – Chemical Control Treatment Opportunity Grant**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) hereby publishes notice of grants, subject to the availability of funds, in the following program for the Spotted Lanternfly Chemical Control Treatment Program.

A total of up to \$50,000 per county, and up to \$20,000 per municipality, subject to the availability of funds to be encumbered on a first-come, first-served basis, will be provided to county and municipal governments in the state who are interested in performing chemical treatment activities against this invasive foreign insect during the 2024 - 2026 treatment seasons.

All County and Municipal governments in New Jersey may apply for funding to provide chemical treatments against populations of this insect on their private and public lands. It is the intent that the NJDA will pay by reimbursement for all actual costs incurred by the County or municipality in providing the treatment services, without profit, which shall include the costs for (a) spray equipment, traps or vacuums and supplies, (b) materials and (c) labor, as expended and submitted by the governmental participants. Only costs incurred for treatment services or population reduction services provided during the 2024 through 2026 treatment seasons are eligible for reimbursement.

Interested County and Municipal governments must submit a completed application, agree to the terms and conditions of the grant program as set forth in the application form, and receive approval from the Department. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are encumbered. Furthermore, no applications received after November 30, 2024, will be considered.

Applications will be posted on the Department's website for the County / Municipal governments to complete and submit. Applications for the funding are to be submitted in either a hard copy or electronic submission to NJDA at the mail and electronic addresses shown below. An application must be submitted and approved in order for a County / Municipality to be eligible to receive grant funds.

This availability of funding is to be published in the February 5, 2024 New Jersey Register, and information regarding this grant opportunity is immediately available on the Department's website at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/grants/> .