

# James M. Rutala Associates, LLC

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## Memorandum

**Date:** March 16 2026  
**To:** Tom Ciccarone, City Administrator  
**From:** Jim Rutala, Rutala Associates  
**Re:** Grant Summary

As you requested, please find attached a summary of the grants and planning efforts that have been completed or are underway in the City of Ventnor. It has been our pleasure to collaborate with you and your team over the last several years and we can point to many accomplishments that have been funded through our efforts.

Awarded Grants include:

1. 2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application for Ventnor Avenue from Oxford to Suffolk - \$254,125
2. 2025 NJDOT Transportation Alternative Grant – Dorset Avenue Streetscape from the bridge to Monmouth Avenue, then from Calvert Avenue to Fulton Avenue - \$960,000
3. 2025 NJDEP Green Communities Grant Program - Tree Inventory and Community Forestry Management Plan Grant - \$20,000
4. 2025 NJBPU Grant for electric street sweeper - \$161,000
5. 2025 NJDEP Planning & Design Grants - \$1,075,000  
The NJDEP provides up to \$2 M in grants for planning and design activities. Grants have been awarded for:
  - Fulton Avenue and Fremont Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Improvements - \$440,000
  - Lafayette Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Improvements - \$185,000
  - Ventnor Heights Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement program, \$385,000
  - N. Surrey Avenue Water Tower Improvements, \$65,000
6. 2025 I-Bank Funding for Lead Water Service Lines – \$60,000,000  
The City has applied for I-Bank funding for the replacement of 3,677 water service lines throughout the City. Galvanized lines were used in the City prior to 1970, and NJDEP requires the replacement of galvanized lines. In FY27, the financing consists of 50% principal forgiveness (PF capped at \$10 million) and the equivalent of 25% interest free DEP loan and 25% I-Bank's AAA Market Interest Rate loan funding for project costs up to \$20 million.  
Status of Project:
  - Phase 1 - Plans & specifications (760 lead or galvanized steel lines) is underway. The cost estimate for Phase 1 is \$22 M.

- Winchester Avenue Water Main Replacement (Dudley to Surrey). Project Costs \$1,395,486.23
- 7. 2025 I-Bank Funding for Surrey Avenue Water Tower - \$1,143,000  
In FY27, financing consists of 100% principal forgiveness (PF capped at \$2 million) and the equivalent of 75% interest free DEP loan and 25% I-Bank's AAA Market Interest Rate loan funding for remaining project costs.
- 8. 2025 I-Bank Funding for Sewer Line Replacement - \$3,050,000  
Given that the lead service line replacement is taking place, it is prudent to replace aged sewer service lines at the same time. This I-Bank funding is for the replacement of over 3,000 sewer service laterals and the 2,320 service laterals as part of the Winchester Avenue Sewer Main Replacement. In FY27, financing consists of 100% principal forgiveness (PF capped at \$2 million) and the equivalent of 75% interest free DEP loan and 25% I-Bank's AAA Market Interest Rate loan funding for remaining project costs.  
Status of Project: Phase 1 is the Winchester Avenue Sewer Main Replacement (Cornwell to Troy). Project Costs \$2,763,615.60
- 9. 2024 NJDCA American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant for PPE for Fire Department- \$75,000
- 10. 2024 NJDCA Boardwalk Grant - \$7,110,689
- 11. 2024 NFWF Grant for Ventnor West Living Shoreline - \$200,000
- 12. 2023 NJDCA Local Efficiency Achievement Program for shared services for pothole repair - \$300,000
- 13. 2023 FEMA Grant for Lower Ventnor Heights Flood Mitigation Project - \$5,906,082 (selected for further review)
- 14. 2023 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant for Suffolk Avenue Recreation Complex - \$50,000
- 15. 2022 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant for Pavilion at Newport Avenue - \$50,000
- 16. 2022 NJDCA American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant for PPE for fire department - \$36,000
- 17. 2022 FEMA Home Elevation Grant, being managed by the City of Margate - \$4,100,758
- 18. 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant – Reconstruction of Suffolk Avenue from Edgewater Avenue to Fremont Avenue - \$310,000
- 19. 2022 NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Grant – completion of Atlantic Avenue Study - \$100,000

20. 2022 NJDEP Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - \$100,000
21. 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Suffolk Avenue and Edgewater Avenue - \$310,000
22. 2022 NJDCA Local Efficiency Achievement Program for shared services grant for Brine Services - \$100,000
23. 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Ventnor Heights Improvement Program - includes approximately 600 feet of Marshall Avenue extending from Dorsett Avenue to Somerset Avenue; and 500 feet of both Dudley Avenue and Oxford Avenue from Wellington Avenue to Marshall Avenue - \$393,380
24. 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant - The Ventnor Heights Improvement Project includes approximately 600 feet of Marshall Avenue extending from Dorsett Avenue to Somerset Avenue; and 500 feet of both Dudley Avenue and Oxford Avenue from Wellington Avenue to Marshall Avenue - \$342,070
25. 2021 NJDOT Safe Streets to Transit - improvements to the intersection of Ventnor Avenue and Little Rock - \$300,000
26. 2021 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant for Ventnor Avenue Signals –intersection improvements from Ventnor Avenue between Oxford and Baton Rouge (5 intersections) - \$290,000 for design in FY2022 and \$1,350,000 for construction in FY2023
27. 2021 NJDOT Bikeway Grant for bike lanes on Ventnor Avenue from Dorsett to Jackson - \$100,000
28. 2021 FEMA South Ventnor Heights Scoping Grant - \$154,000
29. 2020 CDBG Grant – Accessible curb ramps installed on Ventnor Avenue at Little Road and Weymouth - \$52,000
30. 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Wellington Avenue - \$222,122
31. 2020 FEMA Bulkheads along Winchester Avenue from Jackson to Surrey Avenue - \$1,638,011.05
32. 2020 Orsted – matching funds for Winchester Avenue Bulkhead - \$546,003.68
33. 2019 FEMA Ventnor Home Elevations Grant \$2,849,481.81
34. 2019 FEMA Project Scoping Grant for Ventnor West - \$154,000
35. 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Dorset Avenue - \$369,552
36. 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Hamshire Avenue - \$172,286

37. 2017 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Newport Avenue - \$390,078
38. 2016 FEMA Home Elevation Grant - \$1,248,564.78
39. 2016 NJBPU Energy Audit of all City Buildings - \$100,000
40. 2016 NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan - \$100,000
41. 2016 NJEDA North Beach Streetscape Project - \$800,000
42. 2016 NJDCA Master Planning & Post Sandy Grants - \$150,000
43. 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for Burk Avenue Improvements - \$308,526
44. 2014 NJ Historic Trust – City Hall - \$501,000

Pending Applications include:

1. 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for improvements at the Pavilion at 6500 Atlantic Avenue - \$70,000
2. 2026 NJ Historic Trust Capital Grant – City Hall - \$750,000
3. 2026 Congressionally Designated Spending Application – Atlantic Avenue Signal Synchronization - \$730,000
4. 2025 NOAA Grant Application
5. 2025 Ocean Wind Resiliency Grant
6. 2025 NJDEP National Climate Solutions Grant

Grants to be pursued include:

1. FEMA Grant for Fremont Avenue Pump Station
2. FEMA Grant for Lafayette Street Sewer Pump Station – elevate critical facility
3. FEMA Ventnor Gardens Pump Station – improvement to drainage pipe serviced by the pump station.
4. FEMA stormwater pump station at/near Marshall and Derby (South Ventnor Heights)
5. Water Meters - \$2 M – all meters would be relocated outside; existing meters are beyond their useful life. To start this I-Bank Application we need a brief description of the project including the number of meters to be installed, cost estimate, justification, construction method, etc.