



REVISED REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS – COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS

September 23, 2025

PURPOSE

In August 2010, the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (OWEDA) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a program for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates to incentivize the development of offshore wind facilities in New Jersey. In furtherance of this purpose, Governor Murphy issued the 2018 Executive Order No. 8, calling upon the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to fully implement the OWEDA. Ocean Wind LLC, a joint venture between Ørsted and PSEG, was selected by the BPU on June 21, 2019 to build an offshore wind farm and to perform certain related activities.

As part of the selection process, Ocean Wind committed to starting a Pro-NJ Grantor Trust (the Trust) and to fund the Trust with \$15,000,000 over the course of seven years to support economic development throughout the State of New Jersey. The Trust seeks to provide grants in a total amount up to \$10,000,00 to fund municipal infrastructure projects, educational research, and nonprofit initiatives supporting coastal resiliency in Ocean County, Atlantic County, and Cape May County. The purpose of this Revised Request for Applications (RFA) is to clarify page limits for Grant Application submissions.

PROCESS

Prospective applicants should submit a Grant Application in the form attached to this RFA and/or released on the Trust's website to the Trust Manager in PDF form through the Trust's website at ProNJTrust.com. The narrative portion of the submission (the "Submission Requirements"), excluding any required attachments to the Grant Application (the "Required Document Submissions"), should not exceed twenty (20) pages in length. Following review of the submitted Grant Applications, the Trustees may set individual grant limits and request additional information from certain respondents to this RFA. The Trustees, or any review committee established by the Trustees, will only be considering Grant Applications that comply with the terms of this RFA.

ELIGIBILITY

The Trust encourages New Jersey municipalities, counties, municipal and county educational institutions, and eligible nonprofits in Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties with coastal resiliency projects and initiatives to submit Grant Applications. Only entities that meet these eligibility criteria will be considered.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective Applicants must submit a Grant Application website, including all applicable supporting documentation, in the form attached hereto and/or released on the Trust's website.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

A Prospective Applicant may submit its Grant Application by email to info@pronjtrust.org by 3:00 p.m. on the submission deadline, which has been extended to October 31, 2025. Please note that Grant Application submissions that fail to provide required information, or those exceeding the twenty-page limitation, exclusive of the Required Document Submissions, may be disqualified, or Applicants may be asked to re-submit a compliant submission within the RFA submission period. If the Grant Application is incomplete and required information is missing, the Trust Manager will alert the applicant of this and request the additional information/documents be submitted within three (3) business days. Failure to submit the missing information or documents may result in the applicant being disqualified.

OCEAN WIND PRO-NJ GRANTOR TRUST
GRANT APPLICATION
(Coastal Resiliency 2025)

Key Dates

Invitation to Submit Grant Proposal: Revised on September 23, 2025 (“Revised RFA Date”)

Grant Proposal Due Date: October 31, 2025

Interview/Presentations: Through November 21, 2025

Anticipated Grant Award Date: December 2025

Person to Contact with Questions: Trust Administrator, per the Revised RFA

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

In August 2010, the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act (OWEDA) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a program for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates to incentivize the development of offshore wind facilities. In 2018, in furtherance of this purpose, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 8, calling upon the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to fully implement the OWEDA. Ocean Wind LLC, a subsidiary of Ørsted, was selected by BPU on June 21, 2019 to build an offshore wind farm and to perform certain related activities. As part of the selection process, Ocean Wind committed to forming a Pro-NJ Grantor Trust (the Trust) and to fund the trust with \$15,000,000 over approximately seven years to support economic development throughout the State.

The purpose of the Trust is to:

1. Enable or facilitate Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), particularly those located in New Jersey, entry into the offshore wind industry.
2. Support the development of an offshore wind energy industry supply chain and workforce in New Jersey.
3. Advance New Jersey port development for offshore wind energy related uses.
4. Support development of coastal resiliency, coastal transportation, and grid reliability.

Grant Proposal Requests - Guidelines:

1. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and adherence to specified guidelines.
2. Applications must set forth a qualifying municipal, city, or county infrastructure project, educational research, or non-profit initiative that supports the stated Trust purpose of supporting coastal resiliency, coastal transportation, and grid reliability in Ocean, Cape May or Atlantic County (a “Project”).
3. Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant with reasons for incompleteness.
4. Applications that do not adhere to the specified guidelines by the submission deadline will be returned to the applicant with reasons for the rejection and no further action will be taken on that specific application.
5. The Advisory Committee and/or Trustees will review and consider applications that are complete and conform to these guidelines for awards based on merit and any funding caps imposed by the Trustees.

Anticipated Funding Distribution:

1. An Applicant may not receive the full amount of its grant request and must certify that the Project will still be economically feasible if the Applicant receives less than the full amount of its grant request. If there is a minimum amount the Applicant must receive in order for the Project to be economically feasible, the Applicant must clearly identify that amount and provide support for such a statement. Ultimately, award amounts are entirely within the discretion of the Trustees.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for substantive evaluation, an applicant's submission must meet the criteria set forth below. If the application does not meet these eligibility requirements, it will be considered ineligible and removed from further evaluation.

1. This grant round is open to the following types of entities: New Jersey municipalities, cities and counties, educational institutions, and non-profits located in Atlantic County, Cape May County and Ocean County.
2. A qualifying application must include a Project, as defined above.
3. An Applicant must submit all requested information and documents as set forth below.
4. An Applicant shall be in compliance with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and laws.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant shall provide the following information with its grant proposal:

1. Cover Page: shall include the Project title and contact information.
2. Project Overview: shall include the following information:
 - a. Background: Applicant should discuss their history, successes, and current research and development relevant to the grant.
 - b. Key Personnel: Applicant should provide information regarding key personnel involved in the Project, including the name and contact information for the municipal engineer, as well as any other partners, including the nature of commitments made (financial or otherwise) by each project partner, the breakdown or responsibilities among project partners, biographies of key personnel to be involved in the project, and corporate qualifications. Applicant shall also submit resumes or curriculum vitae of key personnel.
 - c. Project Description: Applicant should provide a broad overview of the proposed project and its viability. It should include the following:
 - i. An overview discussion of the proposed Project
 - ii. An analysis of the necessity of the Project
 - iii. Economic and development opportunities that stem from the Project in offshore wind industry
 - iv. How the Project will provide public safety or advance equity in low-income neighborhoods
 - v. How the Project will impact public health, if at all
 - vi. A description of overall Project objectives, including mitigation or recovery efforts

- . A management plan and Project timeline with key internal milestones and consideration of the Distribution Schedule of Trust Funds
 - i. Details about the Project location and facilities
 - ii. Explanation as to how the project furthers the coastal resiliency in the municipality, city and/or county.
- d. Project Budget and Grant Request: Applicant should include details on total anticipated project costs, cost-share, and how the applicant intends to use grant funds. It should address why the grant funding is necessary to implement the project, as well as how grant funds will increase business and economic development. It should include, at minimum, the following:
 - i. A detailed description of how and why the applicant intends to use grant funds.
 - ii. A total project budget with line items for the following, as applicable: equipment, labor, personnel, permitting/inspections, and administrative expenses (this can reference the pro forma).
 - iii. A financial pro-forma for the proposal including total cost, revenue streams, and relevant assumptions. Include a discussion of any values that cannot be quantified.
 - iv. Other sources of funds to be used in the project, including other federal, state grants and cash or in-kind services.
 - v. A proposed disbursement schedule for requested grant funds with supporting description. Applicant must submit a disbursement schedule that corresponds with the timeline set forth in the "Key Dates" on page 2 of this application. If the disbursement schedule proposed in Applicant's Expression of Interest is no longer feasible, Applicant must describe why its new proposal is feasible and affirmatively state that its Project is still viable, considering the revised timeline.
 - vi. If applicable, letters of financial commitment indicating that funding is available or financing is secured for completion of the proposed project.

3. Experience: Applicant shall provide:

- a. A description of the Applicant's employees'/consultants'/contractors' qualifications, relevant expertise, and time commitment of the key personnel.

4. Legal Issues: Applicant should provide information regarding any potential issues (legal, regulatory, etc.) that the project may encounter, including any conflicts of interest.

EVALUATION & SELECTION PROCESS

The evaluation process consists of (1) technical review; (2) interview/presentation; and (3) selection.

1. Technical Review: The Trustees, with support from their Advisory Committee, will review and evaluate each grant proposal passing the Expressions of Interest phase of review based on consideration and scoring of the following factors:

- Trust Purpose
 - Extent to which the project furthers the goals, objectives, and purposes of the Trust;
- Experience and Resources
 - The capabilities of the Applicant and its key personnel to address all aspects of the project with high probability of success, including the qualifications, relevant expertise, and time commitment of the key personnel;
 - The sufficiency of the Applicant's facilities and equipment to support the Project.
- Impacts and Outcomes:
 - Sufficiency of technical detail in the application to assess whether the proposed project is innovative in its approach, and technically viable, including relevant data, calculation, and discussion of prior work that support the viability of the proposed project;
 - The necessity of the Project, as set forth by the municipal/city engineer or other such qualified individuals, as may be applicable to the applicant;
 - Extent of potential legal issues that may impact the project;
 - Extent to which Applicant's proposed project will have both long- and short-term impacts including, but not limited to:
 - How the Project will provide public safety or advance equity in low-income neighborhoods
 - How the Project will impact public health, if at all
 - Whether the Project's objectives include mitigation or recovery efforts
 - Extent to which estimated impact is realistic and significant.
 - Extent to which application addresses precise needs or purposes to be addressed.
- Financial Merit of the Project:
 - Reasonableness of the budget and spend plan for the project;
 - Cost-effectiveness of the proposed project, considering any matching funds available to the applicant;
 - The financial standing of the Applicant and ability to secure additional funds necessary for the project;
 - Reasonableness of the management plan to execute on the commitments and to make appropriate mid-course adjustments;

- o The financial benefits and advantages that the project will bring to the State of New Jersey.
3. Interview/Presentation: The Trustees, or their Advisory Committee, will require applicants to provide a presentation or attend an interview regarding the project. Presentations and interviews may be conducted in-person, by telephone, or by video conference. Applicants must ensure that the most qualified individual(s) (such as the municipal/city engineer) attend(s) the Interview and a PowerPoint presentation on key aspects of the proposed Project is required. If such interview or presentation is required, a Trust representative will contact applicants directly to schedule.
 4. Selection: The Trustees may award grants based upon the Technical Review, Interview/Presentation, and the amount of available funds. The awarding of Trust grants is entirely within the discretion of the Trustees. Following the selection, applicants being awarded the grant(s), will receive a letter confirming its award and enclosed Grant Agreement. A return of the fully executed Grant Agreement and any negotiated disbursement/funding schedule will be prerequisites for the receipt of any Trust monies.

REQUIRED DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS

The Applicant shall submit the following documents with its grant proposal:

- List of key personnel and subcontractors and consultants, if any. If applicable, provide company name, contact person, contact information and intended scope of work.
- Notarized Representations and Signature by Authorized Agent: the Application must contain the signature of the municipal/city engineer, or other such qualified individual, as is applicable to the particular applicant, certifying to the representations made in the Representations form.
- Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Statement: Applicant must agree not to discriminate against employees and applicants for employment because of age; race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; marital status; or affectional, sexual or gender orientation or identification.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Applicants must disclose any direct or indirect, actual or potential conflicts of interests they may have with Ocean Wind, Ørsted or the Trust. A direct or indirect conflict is any situation in which an individual or member of their family or close business or personal acquaintance is employed by, or serves as Trustee, Trust Manager, Advisory Committee member, or as a consultant for, Ocean Wind, Ørsted or the Trust, or may be reasonably construed to have a direct or indirect personal or financial interest in any business affairs of any of them.
- Notarized Release of Liability. The Release must contain the signature of a duly authorized officer or agent of the company.
- Any other information the Advisory Committee or Trustees may request.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Form shall be submitted with all grant applications. (Attach separate pages as necessary)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

Applicant Website (if applicable): _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

List the contact information for the person who is authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of the Applicant.

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Title of Project: _____

Project Purpose: _____

Amount of Request: _____ Project Budget: _____

Project Start and End Date (if applicable) : _____

REPRESENTATIONS AND SIGNATURE BY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

(If multiple signatories, please complete additional copies of this form)

I, the undersigned, declare and represent that:

1. I am an authorized agent of the Applicant and have authority to submit this application.
2. The information provided in this proposal is true and accurate.
3. The proposed Project will be economically feasible through completion, even if the Applicant receives less than the full amount of its grant request and the Applicant will be able to fully fund the remainder of the Project through other sources of funds. Alternatively, the minimum amount needed for the Project to be economically feasible is _ , and Applicant has attached documentation in support of this statement hereto.
4. I have read this grant application in its entirety and agreed unconditionally to all of the conditions and requirements.
5. I have disclosed any direct or indirect, actual or potential conflicts of interest Applicant may have with the Trust, Ocean Wind or Ørsted on the attached sheet or stated that no such conflict of interest exists. A direct or indirect conflict is any situation in which an individual or member of their family or close business or personal acquaintance is employed by the Trust, Ocean Wind or Ørsted or may be reasonably construed to have a direct or indirect personal or financial interest in any business affairs of the Trust, Ocean Wind or Ørsted.
6. I understand that Applicant shall not discriminate against employees and applicants for employment because of age; race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; marital status; or affectional, sexual or gender orientation or identification.
7. I understand and accept that the approval or rejection of Applicant's grant proposal is within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Trust and that there is no legal commitment until all due diligence has been performed and a properly authorized contract has been executed by both parties.
8. I understand and acknowledge that the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grantor Trust is a \$15 million fund established by Ørsted and Ocean Wind, LLC, with the goal of ensuring that the offshore wind industry in New Jersey is developed in a sustainable and inclusive way. I further understand, acknowledge and agree that the Trust may promote its activities using the name of the Applicant and a description of the Applicant's proposed Project during the course of its operations.

Submitted on behalf of Applicant:

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title (printed):

Date: _____ Subscribed and sworn before me
this _____ day of _____ 2022

Notary Public of New Jersey

Print Name

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

Applicant agrees not to discriminate against employees and applicants for employment because of age; race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; marital status; or affectional, sexual or gender orientation or identification.

Applicant will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such employees/applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

If applicable, Applicant will further ensure that any subcontractors contracting with Applicant will sign an identical Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Statement. Applicant represents and warrants that it will not subcontract with any third-party that refuses to sign such a Statement.

Submitted on behalf of Applicant:

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title (printed):

Date:

APPLICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

The purpose of this form is to give grant applicants an opportunity to disclose any individual or organizational conflict of interest, or potential conflicts of interest that exist. A disclosure does not automatically result in the grant application being removed from the review process. Please read the descriptions below and mark the appropriate boxes that pertain to you and your organization for this grant application round. Please note that "applicant" includes all owners, officers and individuals in management positions of the applicant.

Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when someone applying for a grant has a professional or personal relationship that would make it difficult for Trust representatives to fulfill their professional duties impartially. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical or improper act results from it.

Conflicts of interest may be actual or perceived. An actual conflict of interest occurs when a decision or action would be compromised without taking immediate appropriate action to eliminate the conflict. A perceived conflict of interest is any situation in which a reasonable person would conclude that conflict duties or loyalties exist.

I. Individual Conflicts of Interest

An individual conflict of interest occurs when any of the following conditions is present:

- a. An applicant uses his/her status to obtain special advantage, benefit, or access to obtain a grant from the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grantor Trust.
- b. An applicant receives or accepts money or anything else of value from another grant applicant or has equity or a financial interest in a or partial or whole ownership of a competing grant applicant entity.
- c. An applicant is a consultant, employee, Trustee, or Advisory Board member of the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grantor Trust, Ørsted or Ocean Wind, LLC, or is an immediate family member of a consultant, employee, Trustee, or Advisory Board member of the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grantor Trust, Ørsted or Ocean Wind, LLC.

I certify that I have read and understand the description of individual conflict of interest above and (check one of the following two boxes):

- ☐ Based on the criteria and description above, I do not have any conflicts of interest.
- ☐ Based on the criteria and description above, I have an actual or potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, which I am listing immediately below.

Name/Relationship and/or description of the conflict of interest (attach additional pages if needed):

II. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

An organizational conflict of interest occurs when: an applicant is unable or potentially unable to fulfill the terms of the grant due to competing duties or contractual obligations; or an applicant has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all applicants.

All applicants must provide a list of all individuals or entities with which it has relationships that creates, or appears to create, a conflict of interest with the work that is contemplated by the applicant's grant request. The list should indicate the name of the individual or entity, the relationship and a description of the conflict.

I certify that I have read and understand the description of individual conflict of interest above and (check one of the following two boxes):

- ☐ Based on the criteria and description above, I do not have any conflicts of interest.
- ☐ Based on the criteria and description above, I have an actual or potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, which I am listing immediately below.

Name/Relationship and/or description of the conflict of interest (attach additional pages if needed):

III. Certification

The applicant warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to individual or organizational conflicts of interest. The applicant agrees that if, after award, a conflict of interest is discovered, an immediate and full disclosure in writing shall be made to the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grantor Trust which shall include a description of the action which the grantee has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If a conflict of interest is determined to exist, the Trust may, at its discretion, cancel the grant. In the event the applicant was aware of the conflict of interest prior to the award for their grant and did not disclose the conflict to the Trust, the Trust may terminate the grant for default. The provisions of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts entered into by the grantee in performance of the duties under the grant.

Submitted on behalf of Applicant:

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title (printed):

Date:

[SIGNATURE PAGE – RELEASE OF LIABILITY – OCEAN WIND PRO-NJ GRANTOR TRUST]

READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. IT INCLUDES A RELEASE OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS.

APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER IS AN EXPRESS CONDITION OF THE TRUST'S ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT FOR ANY GRANT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, and the undersigned having full authority to execute this Release on behalf of the Applicant, the Applicant hereto has caused this Release to be executed as of the date set forth below.

Applicant (company/entity):

By (sign): _____

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Dated:

Subscribed and sworn before me
this _____ day of _____ 2022

Notary Public of New Jersey

Print Name