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**Middlesex County Public Health Department
Applies for Shared Service Grant**

The Middlesex County Public Health Department is in the process of applying for a Shared Services grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The underlying theme of the grant is to prevent duplication of services and develop a better understanding of the changing needs of the community. If awarded, the public health department can receive up to \$300,000 to improve shared services within the County.

Middlesex County Freeholder Ronald G. Rios, Chairman of the Public Health and Education Committee stated, "It is important for county and local agencies to be cost effective and continue to provide needed services to the residents of Middlesex County. Through this grant the County can continue to educate residents about important health issues through a regionalized approach".

The Public Health Department plans to utilize the grant to reduce duplicate services, update existing mutual aid agreements, offer continued public health services, and provide educational programs in the following topics: obesity, substance abuse, sexual assault prevention, dating violence, teenager concerns, pandemic influenza preparedness, and public health emergency preparedness.

David A. Papi, Director-Health Officer of the Middlesex County Public Health Department stated, "This grant will provide the Public Health Department an opportunity to enhance existing services and create new programs through cost effective regional planning and implementation".