



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: November 27, 2018
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route to: *ESSA* Coordinators, Title I School Principals, Business Administrators
From: A. Charles Wright, Ed.D., Acting Director
Office of Innovation
Deadlines: Early Learning Transitional Program: **December 18, 2018**
Social and Emotional Learning: **December 19, 2018**
STEM Curriculum Grant: **December 20, 2018**

Grant Funding Available in Areas of Early Learning, STEM, Social/Emotional Learning

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Innovation is pleased to announce the open application period for three Title I, Part A discretionary grants totaling \$11 million. These grants will be awarded in the areas of [Early Learning Transitional Programs](#) (\$4 million); [Social and Emotional Learning \(SEL\)](#) (\$5 million); and [STEM Curriculum](#) (\$2 million).

Each grant opportunity is a competitive grant program open to all New Jersey Title I-funded local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools and Renaissance Projects with a minimum poverty rate of 35 percent or higher. LEAs may apply on behalf of one or more of their Title I funded schools.

LEAs with Title I funded schools must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

- A minimum district poverty rate of 35 percent or higher; and
- Operate either a Title I Targeted Assistance program or a Title I Schoolwide program in a Title I-funded school(s).

The NJDOE will provide three regional technical-assistance sessions for these discretionary grant opportunities. Please be advised that registration is required to attend any of the technical assistance sessions listed at the link provided below. [Register online](#) for one of the technical assistance sessions.

- **North:**
Morris County Fire and Police Academy
500 W. Hanover Ave., Room 139
Morris Plains, NJ 07950 (for GPS systems, try Morristown 07960)
Monday, December 3, 2018
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Central:**
Somerset County Human Services Building
27 Warren St., Somerville, NJ 08876
Thursday, December 6, 2018
9 am - 1 pm
- **South:**
Regional Emergency Training Center
420 Woodbury-Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Friday, December 7, 2018
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In order for the NJDOE to provide the highest level of support and preparation, please inform the NJDOE via email of your intent to apply for any of these discretionary grant opportunities at TitleRedirect@doe.nj.gov.

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