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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (SOCFBA) School Security, Water, and CTE Grants Now Substantially Approved

On July 1, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed A5886, A5887, and A5889 into law which provide for the approval of eligible Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (SOCFBA) School Security, Water Infrastructure, and County Vocational School District (CVSD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grants. The grants for projects listed in the legislation are now considered substantially approved.

Key Information

A list of substantially approved grant awards for each grant program are posted to the [School Facilities webpage](#). Districts with substantially approved grant awards based on proposed projects may now enter into contracts with vendors for the work outlined in the district's eligible grant application. Information on the process for reimbursement for completed projects is forthcoming.

With the Governor's enactment of this legislation, the Department has finalized project periods for these SOCFBA grants, which depends on whether the project is already completed or is proposed. The project period for proposed projects will be no later than 45 days after the completion of the proposed project. The project period for completed projects will end at the close of the current fiscal year, on June 30, 2022.

Contact information

Districts should contact the appropriate grant email address with questions:

- School Security Grant – securitygrant@doe.nj.gov
- Water Infrastructure Grant – watergrant@doe.nj.gov
- CVSD CTE Grant – ctegrant@doe.nj.gov

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