



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 12, 2023  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Curriculum Supervisors, Principals  
From: Jordan Schiff, Ed.D., Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: 4 p.m. on April 28, 2023

## Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) – Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Climate Change Continuation

Through a [broadcast memo on February 15, 2023](#), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced the availability of an original grant opportunity for FY2023 related to climate awareness education, the *Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the NJSLS for Climate Change NGO*.

Due to increased interest in this opportunity, a second, identical NGO will be available on or around **April 14, 2023** for those districts that were unable to submit a completed application for the original grant. Details regarding the NGO, including application directions, will be found on the NJDOE's [Office of Grants Management webpage](#). The application **deadline is 4 p.m. April 28, 2023**. It is recommended that districts submit a completed application in the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system prior to this deadline.

*Note:* Districts that submitted a completed application in EWEG for the [original Climate Awareness Education NGO](#) before 4 p.m. on March 17, 2023 *are not eligible* to apply for the continuation NGO.

### Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the NJSLS for Climate Change NGO Continuation

Through continued support and advocacy for climate change initiatives by Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change education across its K-12 learning standards in June 2020. A statewide targeted grant opportunity to support districts with the implementation of the 2020 New Jersey Standard Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Climate Change Education is available for applications for those that did not submit a completed application for the [original Climate Awareness Education NGO](#).

The anticipated average award amount for eligible districts is approximately \$6,500. An additional 15% in funding will be provided to School Development Authority (SDA) districts, for an anticipated total amount of approximately \$7,500. Final awards are subject to the availability of state funds. Allocations from the grant can be utilized by districts for supports for educators aligned to the NJSLS for Climate Change Education such as instructional materials related to experiential learning opportunities for students, including establishing "Green Teams" consisting of students and educators to provide leadership on local climate and sustainability initiatives, evaluation strategies, technical assistance, and professional development opportunities.

### Climate Awareness Education Continuation NGO Application Deadline

The application for the *Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the NJSLS for Climate Change Continuation NGO* is available to districts through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system. Districts are required to submit applications by **4 p.m. on April 28, 2023**. It is recommended that districts submit their application prior to this deadline. Specific details regarding the grant opportunity and the application can be found through the EWEG system.

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#### **Technical Assistance Webinar**

A webinar to support districts with the application process will be held virtually by NJDOE staff on **April 21, 2023** from **11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. E.T.** Please [register online](#) to take part in the webinar.

#### **Contact Information**

The Department looks forward to continuing to support educators in the advancement of climate awareness education initiatives across New Jersey's schools.

For questions regarding climate awareness education, including questions regarding either of the *Climate Awareness Education NGOs*, please contact [innovation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:innovation@doe.nj.gov).

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