



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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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: NGO EWEG Applications Due March 17, 2023

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

In the Fiscal Year 2023 State budget, Governor Phil Murphy allocated \$4.5 million dollars to support climate awareness education for New Jersey schools. As a result, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the availability of a grant opportunity related to climate awareness education.

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

Through continued support and advocacy for climate change initiatives by Governor 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 starting today, **February 15, 2023**. The NGO is available on the NJDOE's [Grants Management webpage](#).

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.

### NGO Application Deadline Dates

The application for the *Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the NJSLS for Climate Change* NGO is available to districts through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system available via NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) starting **February 15, 2023**. Districts are required to submit applications to accept or decline allocations **by March 17, 2023**. Specific details regarding the grant opportunity and the application can be found through the EWEG system.

### Technical Assistance Webinar

A webinar to support districts with the application process will be held virtually by NJDOE staff **on February 24, 2023** from **11 a.m. to 12 p.m. E.T.** Please [register online](#) to take part in the webinar.

### Contact Information

The NJDOE 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 the *Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the NJSLS for Climate Change* NGO, please contact [innovation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:innovation@doe.nj.gov).

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