



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 22, 2024  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Curriculum Supervisors  
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: NGO EWEG Application **due February 29, 2024**

## **Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO): Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) through Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Resilience**

In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 State budget, Governor Phil Murphy allocated \$4.5 million to support climate change education in New Jersey schools. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is releasing a second grant opportunity to further advance the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) in support of Climate Change Education and to support the work of local educational agencies (LEAs) in expanding climate change education across New Jersey.

### **Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the NJSLS through Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Resilience NGO**

The purpose of this competitive 12-month grant opportunity is to expand equitable access to high-quality, standards-based climate change education for K – 12 students, encourage the development of student-centered learning opportunities, and increase engagement in location-based climate change education. Up to 80 eligible LEA grant awardees will plan, coordinate, and execute an interdisciplinary, project-based unit plan and a corresponding student-led community resilience project focused on climate action and solutions in the students' local community to further their standards-based climate change education initiatives.

The NJDOE expects to make up to 80 awards, not to exceed \$31,875 each, for which eligible New Jersey LEAs may apply beginning today, **January 22, 2024**. The NGO is available on the [NJDOE's Grants Management webpage](#).

### **NGO Application Deadline Dates**

The application for the *Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the NJSLS through Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Resilience* NGO is available through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system via NJDOE's [Homerom](#) starting **January 22, 2024**. Completed applications are due in the EWEG system by **4:00 p.m. on February 29, 2024**. Specific details regarding the grant opportunity and the application can be found in the EWEG system.

### **Technical Assistance Webinar**

A webinar to support LEAs with the application process will be held virtually by NJDOE on January 25, 2024 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please [register online](#) to participate in the webinar.

### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding climate change education, including questions regarding the FY 2024 grant opportunities, please contact [climateeducation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:climateeducation@doe.nj.gov).

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