



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 30, 2025  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: School District Grant Specialists, School District Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors, School District Directors of Counseling and Guidance.  
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: May 15, 2025

## **Empowering Educators: The 2025 Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO)**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the release of a grant opportunity designed to incentivize local education agencies (LEAs) to address teacher climate and culture with the specific focus of exploring strategies aimed at reclaiming teacher time.

The *Empowering Educators: The 2025 Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant* is a limited competitive grant that **is open only to those who DID NOT participate in the 2024 Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant.**

This NGO is intended to provide LEAs with the opportunity to develop policies, programming, guidance and/or equivalencies (PPGEs) aimed at reclaiming teacher time through the reduction of administrative paperwork and other tasks that divert teacher attention from classroom instruction. It is intended that PPGEs developed through this grant program can be shared and replicated statewide.

### **NGO Application Deadline Dates**

The Empowering Educators NGO is now available on the NJDOE's [Office of Grants Management webpage](#). The application will be completed using the Electronic Web-Enabled Grants (EWEG) System accessed through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) web portal. The NGO application must be **submitted by 4 p.m. on May 15, 2025**. Specific details regarding the NGO and its respective application can be found through the EWEG system. Please ensure that the LEA is applying to the appropriate grant opportunity (please refer to the eligibility parameters above).

### **Technical Assistance Webinar**

A webinar to support districts with the application process will be held by NJDOE on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11:00am Please register [here](#).

### **Contact information**

For more information regarding these opportunities, please direct questions to [EduEval@doe.nj.gov](mailto:EduEval@doe.nj.gov). For technical assistance regarding access to EWEG, please direct questions to [EWEGhelp@doe.nj.gov](mailto:EWEGhelp@doe.nj.gov).

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