Questions and Answers from the Application Technical Assistance Session for the Climate Awareness Education: Implementing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Notice of Grant Opportunity

Q1. The materials provided note that the "grant period" is to run from April through June 2023. Does this mean that all activities associated with the grant would need to take place during this period, or does this mean that applications for the grant will be reviewed during this period?

All grant activities need to be completed and all grant funds must be expended within the grant period of 04/01/23 – 06/30/23. Please note, this grant program is a reimbursement-only program. All reimbursement requests must be submitted prior to June 15, 2023. Funds not requested by this date will be forfeited by the grantee. Applications for the grant will be reviewed prior to the beginning of the grant period.

Q2. Are instructional materials purchased by the grant funds allowed to be used only during the grant period, or can they also be used after the grant period ends?

Materials purchased can continue to be used after the grant period ends. However, all grant activities need to be completed and all grant funds must be expended within the grant period of 04/01/23 – 06/30/23.

Q3. Can clarity be provided as to the meaning of the Program Term Date: 4/01/23 - 6/30/23?

The program term date (04/01/23 – 06/30/23), also referred to as the “grant period” or “project period”, is the duration of time within which all grant activities need to be completed and all grant funds must be expended. Please note, this grant program is a reimbursement-only program. All reimbursement requests must be submitted prior to June 15, 2023. Funds not requested by this date will be forfeited by the grantee.

Q4. Must the funds be used between April - June of 2023, or can they be used the following year?

All grant activities need to be completed and all grant funds must be expended within the grant period of 04/01/23 – 06/30/23. Please note, this grant program is a reimbursement-only program. All reimbursement requests must be submitted prior to June 15, 2023. Funds not requested by this date will be forfeited by the grantee.

Q5. Are the grant funds required to be used for only one project, or can they be used for multiple projects? Can the funds be used for various schools and grades within the district?

As long as the intended use of grant funds aligns with the requirements outlined in the Notice of Grant Opportunity, districts are permitted to use the funds as they choose. This includes using the funds for multiple projects and/or across various schools and grade levels within the district.