



To: New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education
From: Vance T. Stephens, Director of Policy
Date: August 6, 2025
Subject: Notice of Grant Opportunity: FY2026 Innovation Dual Enrollment Program

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE), in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), is pleased to announce the release of the FY2026 Innovation Dual Enrollment Program [Notice of Grant Opportunity \(NGO\)](#). The grant, administered by OSHE, provides local education agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) the opportunity to start or expand dual enrollment programs that promote high student participation, particularly for underrepresented student groups highlighted in the [Dual Enrollment Study Commission's report](#).

The grant is open to all operating New Jersey public school LEAs that, based on 2023-24 NJ School Performance Report, have at least forty percent (40%) economically disadvantaged high school student enrollment and have an established dual enrollment partnership, or an intent to partner, with an accredited New Jersey IHE.

Districts may apply for funding based on the grade nine through twelve student enrollment as indicated in **Table 1**. The grant program runs **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**.

Table 1: Maximum Award Per LEA Grade 9-12 Student Enrollment

LEA Grade 9-12 Student Enrollment	Maximum Award Eligibility
Greater than 2,000	\$100,000
500 to 2,000	\$75,000
Fewer than 500	\$50,000

The grant application, which includes a required [budget form](#), must be submitted by school districts to OSHE by **Friday, September 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m.** via the [Qualtrics link](#) and via email, as laid out in the Notice of Grant Opportunity.

LEAs have been notified of the opportunity and are working on applications. IHEs are encouraged to communicate with eligible LEAs to develop and/or bolster their dual enrollment partnerships.

For questions regarding the FY2026 Innovation Dual Enrollment Program, please contact Vance T. Stephens, OSHE Director of Policy, at Vance.Stephens@oshe.nj.gov with a copy to Sara Lipsett, OSHE Grants Manager, at Sara.Lipsett@oshe.nj.gov by **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**.