



Murphy Administration Announces Recipients of the FY23 Hunger-Free Campus Grants

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To promote student success and eradicate food insecurity on college campuses, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is awarding Hunger-Free Campus grants to 12 public and private institutions of higher education. This grant program, established by the [Hunger-Free Campus Act](#) signed by Governor Phil Murphy in 2019, enables public institutions of higher education with one or more hunger-free-designated campuses to support students on their paths to success.

In the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Act, OSHE received a \$1.5M allocation, which reflected a \$500,000 increase over previous funding allocated to support the program.

“Supporting the success of our students means supporting them both in and out of the classroom,” **said Governor Murphy.** “These grants will help New Jersey institutions of higher education continue to combat hunger on college campuses on behalf of their students, as we strive to eliminate hunger throughout our state and make life more affordable for all who call our state home.”

The following institutions of higher education will be awarded grants under the Fiscal Year 2023 Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program: Atlantic Cape Community College; Essex County College; Felician University; Hudson County Community College; Monmouth University; New Jersey City University; New Jersey Institute of Technology; Ramapo College; Rider University; Rowan College at Burlington County; Rutgers University-Camden; and St. Peter’s University.

“Food insecurity is all too common on college campuses, big or small, urban or rural. If our students are to succeed, we must eradicate hunger on campuses throughout New Jersey so that they can focus on thriving in the classroom,” **said Dr. Brian K. Bridges, Secretary of Higher Education.** “An inclusive, statewide approach is critical, which is why we expanded the grant program eligibility this year to include independent public-mission institutions of higher education that receive State operating aid.”

The grant funding will be used to address student hunger, leverage more sustainable solutions to address basic food needs on campuses, raise awareness of currently-offered campus services that address basic food needs, and continue to build strategic partnerships at the local, state, and national levels to address food insecurity among students.

“Reliable access to healthy food has a significant impact on people’s wellbeing and their ability to achieve social, emotional, and academic success,” **said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.** “An often invisible struggle, it can be surprising to learn that over a third of college students struggle with having enough to eat. Through this second round of grant funding, our institutions can continue to develop the robust on-campus networks necessary to tackle food insecurity among our state’s increasingly diverse student body.”

An additional round of grant funding will open to recipients of ongoing Hunger-Free Campus grants, with the Notice of Funding available in the coming weeks.

Questions regarding the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program can be directed to OSHE@OSHE.nj.gov.