



**To:** Institutions of Higher Education  
**From:** Office of the Secretary of Higher Education  
**Date:** January 24, 2024  
**Subject:** Climate Change Learning Collaboratives – Notice of Grant Opportunity

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Please see the attached memo from the New Jersey Department of Education regarding the *Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards through Climate Change Learning Collaboratives* grant opportunity.



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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 22, 2024  
To: Local Education Agency Leads, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education  
Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Curriculum Supervisors, New Jersey Institutes of Higher Education  
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: **Application due Tuesday, February 13, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.**

## **Notice of Grant Opportunity: Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards through Climate Change Learning Collaboratives**

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 grant opportunity to support the work of local education agencies (LEAs) through grants to New Jersey institutes of higher education (IHEs).

### **Climate Change Learning Collaboratives at New Jersey Institutes of Higher Education**

The *Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) through Climate Change Learning Collaboratives (CCLCs)* grant opportunity aims to create regional (northern, central, southern) CCLCs at a minimum of three, but up to six, New Jersey IHEs to support neighboring LEAs in their implementation of climate change education. Institute of higher education applicants will be responsible for identifying at least one community-based organization that is currently engaged in place-based environmental education in their region to serve as a partner.

The focus of this competitive grant opportunity is to deepen understanding and implementation of the NJSLS supporting Climate Change Education. The competitively funded CCLCs are anticipated to increase the knowledge and skillset of New Jersey's educators related to the NJSLS supporting Climate Change Education by:

- Providing professional development and technical assistance, including in support of experiential learning opportunities.
- Guiding educators in developing and identifying high quality instructional materials that are locally focused and culturally responsive.
- Fostering the opportunity for educators to collaborate and innovate with fellow educators at neighboring LEAs.

### **Application Availability and Deadlines**

The *Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards through Climate Change Learning Collaboratives* Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) document is now available on the [NJDOE's Office of Grants Management](#) webpage. Completed applications are due in the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) online application system by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.**

### **Technical Assistance Session**

The technical assistance session for interested IHEs is scheduled for **Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Interested IHEs should register [here](#) to attend.

### **Contact Information**

Any questions regarding this NGO can be routed to [climateeducation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:climateeducation@doe.nj.gov). For questions regarding the EWEG online application system, please contact [eweghelp@doe.nj.gov](mailto:eweghelp@doe.nj.gov).

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