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To: Institutions of Higher Education
From: Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Notice of Grant Opportunity FY23: Lifelong Learning Accounts (LiLA)

As a part of Governor Murphy's Future of Work initiative, the Office of Innovation and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) established the [Lifelong Learning Accounts \(LiLA\)](#) program. This initiative was built to empower participants to drive their own career development by providing job-coaching, training, and employment support for jobless or chronically unemployed New Jersey residents. This two-year pilot program, funded at \$10 million in FY 2023, will be managed by NJDOL and begins in March 2023.

Eligibility for the grant program requires being a non-profit or for-profit entity, a government agency, or an institution of higher education. The expected goal is to identify and serve at least 100 low-income adults who are willing and able to complete training and obtain work. Each approved grantee is estimated to receive up to \$750,000 per year, if performance goals and expenditures are met. Upon acceptance to the program, each resident will receive a \$9,600 learning credit that can be used towards training, career development, childcare, or other expenses related to gaining meaningful employment.

Applications must be submitted electronically via email to OTWS@dol.nj.gov by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2023. NJDOL is also hosting a technical assistance workshop on February 15th at 10:00 a.m. for potential applicants.

The Notice of Grant Opportunity and more information on how to register for the technical assistance workshop can be found here:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/assets/PDFs/Grants/FY23/LiLA%20NGO%20-%20FINAL%20v2.pdf>