



## Grant Cycle for Energy Projects



The Gardiner Environmental Fund is contributing \$150,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey Grants Program cycle for [municipalities](#) and [schools](#). Collaboration on projects between municipalities and schools is encouraged. For this cycle, the Gardiner Environmental Fund will fund energy projects focused on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. The cycle will award **two \$30,000 grants and nine \$10,000 grants**. These grants support energy projects that help participating schools gain points toward the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. Check to see if your school is eligible [here](#).

### Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held on Wednesday, September 18, from 1:00-2:00PM, to learn more about the application process, online submission procedures, eligible projects, and tips for a successful grant application. To register click [here](#).

To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at [grants@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:grants@sustainablejersey.com) or at 609-771-3189.

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 11:59PM

## New Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding Opportunity Available! 2019-2020 Grants Cycle Funded by NJEA



The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), as a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$180,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program cycle. With this contribution, NJEA has provided \$1,250,000 to support a sustainable future for children and communities across the state. This cycle offers **ten \$10,000**

**district or school project grants and forty \$2,000 school green team grants.** The funding support efforts to implement projects that help participating schools gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and make progress toward a sustainable future. Check to see if your school is eligible [here](#).

### Informational Webinar

A free informational webinar that will go through the details of the cycle and a walk-through of the online grant application process will be held on Thursday, September 19, from 3:00-4:00PM. Register for the webinar [here](#).

To learn more about this opportunity and to access the online grant applications, click [here](#). To download a PDF of the flyer to share with others in your school community, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kaitlyn Vollmer, Grants Program Coordinator, at [grants@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:grants@sustainablejersey.com) or at 609-771-3189.

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## There's Still Time to Become a PowerSave School!



Sustainable Jersey has partnered with South Jersey Gas and the Alliance to Save Energy to bring the PowerSave Schools program to schools within the South Jersey Gas territories. Twenty nine additional Sustainable Jersey registered schools, along with eleven returning, will be admitted for the 2019-2020 school year. PowerSave Schools directly engages students with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) principles to promote energy literacy throughout lesson plans, activities and competitions. For more information and guidelines for the SJG PowerSave Schools program, visit our [website](#).

The PowerSave activities are parallel to [action items](#) in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, with the opportunity for schools to earn points toward certification while integrating student and faculty engagement that results in innovating energy-efficient projects and ideas for best practices which other schools can learn from. For more information, visit our [website](#).

**Applications** will be accepted until positions are filled to start this fall

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## Sustainable Practices Working Sessions

New Jersey School Boards Association, in collaboration with Sustainable Jersey for Schools, is offering members and school district personnel opportunities to attend a one-day Sustainable Practices Working Session as part of its commitment to helping schools across New Jersey reach their sustainability goals. In addition to the September session there will be two more in November and February, both of which offer the same content. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. For more information click [here](#).

In each session participants will review a Sustainability Wellness Check, which will be in alignment with the [Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#) certification program. Board members will receive four board member academy credits and four [board member academy credits](#) and four [Green Leader credits](#) for participating in a working session. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited.

**Wednesday, September 25, 9:00am - 3:30pm**

NJSBA Headquarters

413 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618

[REGISTER](#)

**Thursday, November 21, 10:00am - 3:00pm**

Rutherford Hall

**Thursday, February 20, 9:00am - 3:30pm**

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6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

[REGISTER](#)

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## 2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, program and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey.

Nominations may be submitted in the categories of Climate Change and Clean Air, Water Resources, Health Ecosystems, and Habitats, Land Conservation, Healthy and Sustainable Communities, Healthy and Sustainable Businesses, and two categories in Environmental Education: Educator-Led and Student-Led Projects. Click [here](#) to download a program flyer. For questions about the application or awards program contact Tanya Oznovich at [Tanya.Oznovich@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tanya.Oznovich@dep.nj.gov).



**[Application Deadline](#): Friday, October 4 at 5:00pm**

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## Other Upcoming Events

### **Alliance For New Jersey Environmental Education's Fall Conference: "Environmental Education Outdoors: A Force for the Future"**

The Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education will be holding this conference for environmental professionals in New Jersey designed to promote innovation, networking, learning and dissemination of best practices. For more information visit the [website](#).

**Friday, September 27, 8:00AM-4:30PM**

Duke Farms Coach Barn

80 Route 206 South, Hillsborough Township NJ 08844

[REGISTER](#) - Fee applies

### **Preparing for a Group Trip Workshop**

This workshop is for teachers and leaders who have been thinking about organizing a group trip for your school or organization to Duke Farms or, if you have already been there, a way to look for new ideas to engage students. The day will be arranged to accommodate teachers as well as other group leaders. Time will be available in the afternoon to gain lesson plan ideas and resources. For more information, visit the [website](#).

**Tuesday, October 22, 8:30AM-3:00PM**

Duke Farms Coach Barn

80 Route 206 South, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844

[REGISTER](#) - Fee applies

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## Other Funding Opportunities

### **New Jersey Healthy Communities Registration of Intent to Apply for the 2020-2021 Grants Program**

The New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN) is seeking Registrations of Intent to Apply for their 2020-2021 Grants Program. NJHCN will grant successful applicants \$10,000 per year for a 2-year grant cycle (2020-2021) for activities that support a change in policies, systems and the built environment to support health through the implementation of evidence-based strategies. Recognizing that the health of disadvantaged communities is impacted by other social determinants of health, NJHCN also supports communities to address these social determinants. This

grant program is not intended to address health education or program strategies. School districts and municipalities are eligible to apply. Review the details of the NJHCN Grants Program [here](#). A Registration of Intent to Apply is required in order for the applicant to be considered for the NJHCN Grants Program. Submit your Registration of Intent to Apply [here](#). The link to the grant application will be issued to all those that submitted a Registration of Intent to Apply on September 20.

**Registration of Intent to Apply Deadline: September 17, 2019 at midnight**

## **It Pay\$ to Plug In: New Jersey's Electric Vehicle Charging Grants Program**

It Pay\$ to Plug In provides grants to offset the cost of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging stations. The program is designed to expand New Jersey's growing network of electric vehicle infrastructure, allowing residents, businesses, and government agencies to purchase and drive electric vehicles. EVs dramatically reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality for everyone.

It Pay\$ to Plug In has expanded its eligibility criteria to include workplaces, public places, and multi-unit dwellings (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses). The program is open to businesses, governments, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Private residential dwellings other than multi-unit dwellings are not eligible for grants.

Upon completion of work in accordance with the eligibility criteria, DEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs up to a maximum of:

- \$750 per Level 1 charging station
- \$5,000 per single-port Level 2 charging station
- \$6,000 per dual-port Level 2 charging station

All application forms can be found on [DriveGreen NJ](#). Please direct questions to the Bureau of Mobile Sources at [DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov](mailto:DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov).

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## **Resources**

### **Environmental Protection Agency's "Knowledge to Action" Indoor Air Quality Webinars**

Topics include: Gaining Buy-in for Optimal Ventilation, Mold Moisture & Money, Using Data to Address Asthma in Schools Healthy Schools & Healthy Students: Improving IAQ.

**All pre-recorded webinars are available [here](#)**

### **Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy**

Topics include: Construction Debris Management, Sustainable Food Waste & Materials, Waste Reduction Model, State & Local Organic Ban Planning, Disaster Debris Recovery Tools, and more.

**All pre-recorded webinars are available [here](#)**

### **North American Association For Environmental Education's Sustainability Webinar Series**

Each month the North American Association for Environmental Education holds hour-long webinars concerning key interests to environmental professionals, with the goal of raising the bar of environmental education programs. Topics include: Systems Thinking, Diversity & Inclusion in Environmental Education, Telling Your Story with Web Mapping Technology, and more! Upcoming live webinars to be announced.

**All pre-recorded and upcoming webinars are available [here](#)**

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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

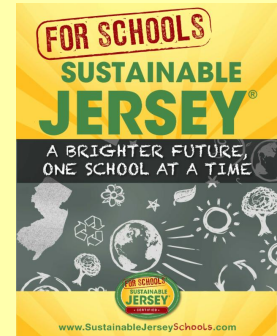
See below for important dates of Sustainable Jersey for Schools events, trainings, funding opportunities and more!

- **Sept. 18:** Gardinier Webinar
- **Sept. 19:** NJEA Webinar
- **Sept. 25:** Sustainable Practices Working Session



## Download Program Resources

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [District Registration Instructions](#)
- [School Registration Instruction](#)



We hope you will join us to take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time! If you have questions, email us at [schools@sustainablejersey.com](mailto:schools@sustainablejersey.com) or visit [www.SustainableJerseySchools.com](http://www.SustainableJerseySchools.com)

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