



## New Funding Available for Municipalities and Schools



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Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for municipalities and \$100,000 to support a Small Grants Program cycle for schools.

The municipal cycle will award four (4) \$20,000, eight (8) \$10,000 and twenty (20) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey actions. **The application deadline is Tuesday, February 27, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

The schools cycle will award four (4) \$10,000 grants to school districts or schools, and thirty (30) \$2,000 grants to support efforts related to Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions. **The application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2017.** For more information, click [HERE](#).

### Informational Webinars

Two informational webinars were held to review the online application process, requirements, and tips for successful applications.

#### Sustainable Jersey Municipal Webinar

View the [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

#### Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinar

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## Public Information & Engagement Initiatives

### PIE Technology Assessment Pilot

Sustainable Jersey is pleased to provide **free** consulting services to two pilot municipalities to support the implementation of the Public Information & Engagement actions. The consultant will work with the selected municipalities to complete a Public Information & Engagement (PIE) Technology Assessment. The assessment will provide a roadmap for transitioning to new forms of communications and engagement through emerging technologies that include digital and online tools outlined in the actions.

Over a two-month period the consultant will conduct a series of meetings with municipal stakeholders to gather information and insight related to each municipality's current state of operations and its aspirations regarding data communications and civic engagement practices. At the conclusion of a two-month period, the consultant will provide the pilot municipalities with a written Public Information & Engagement Technology Assessment. The assessment will include detailed recommendations for strategically incorporating new systems and technologies into municipal operations to meet its goals and identify related technology and staff costs. For more information, visit our [website](#).

**Application Deadline:** Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 11:59pm

## Win Money and an Innovative Solution for Your Town

The upcoming Coding for Community competition will match Sustainable Jersey towns with a team of technologists from around the region to address local sustainability and/or public engagement issues. Over the course of eight weeks, the teams will identify relevant municipal data sets and explore how that information can be used to develop applications that can streamline operations, improve services, engage the public, and save money. There are several different ways that your town can participate, learn more [here](#). Plan to join us for the kick off in Newark on January 27th where we will drill down on how technology can be used to address your local issues and teams will form. Team projects will be judged by a panel of experts and prizes awarded.

**Friday, January 27, 2017, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

NJIT Campus Center, the Atrium  
150 Bleeker Street, Newark, NJ 07102

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**CODING FOR COMMUNITY**

**A CIVIC TECH COMPETITION TO SOLVE LOCAL ISSUES**

### Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held to discuss the Technology Assessment and Coding for Community Competition initiatives, and how they can help your town incorporate digital technologies to meet your sustainability goals.

**Thursday, January 4, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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## 441 Municipalities Now Participating

Welcome new registrant Green Township in Sussex County. We look forward to certifying you! View the status of your town on the [Participating Communities Map](#).

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## Sustainable Jersey NJLM Sessions Now Posted

Were you unable to attend the Sustainable Jersey sessions during the NJLM Conference, or want to refer to the presentations? The nine session presentations are now posted on the [Sustainable Jersey website](#). Topics covered include stormwater management, small grants, program updates, waste management, arts and economic development, open government, NJ Clean Energy Program, Sustainable Jersey Gold standard, and resources to help achieve certification.

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## Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

### Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar

Is your municipality interested in attaining silver certification? If so, then you should attend this webinar to get tips from silver certified municipalities and Sustainable Jersey staff on how to make the transition, and the actions that can set you on the fast path to silver!

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

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# Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Events

## Connecting the Drops

Do you have municipal water or a private well? Do you know where your drinking water comes from and if it is safe? The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will host this FREE meeting to provide information from local experts on drinking water. Speakers will address the source of local drinking water, threats to water supplies, water treatment process, how to read your consumer confidence reports, and what to test if you have a private well.

**Monday, January 8, 2017, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Camden County Regional Emergency Training Facility  
420 Woodbury Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012  
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## Other Upcoming Events

### Road Diet Workshop

Four-lane undivided roadways often experience a large number of crashes, and one treatment for addressing this safety concern is a Road Diet, which involves converting an existing four-lane segment into three lanes. The New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and Together North Jersey are partnering with FHWA to offer a free one-day workshop that explores how road diets can improve safety, operations, and livability in communities. The workshop will provide information about different road diets and why they work, how to identify good road candidates, and practice reallocating street space for other uses, including non-motorized user needs.

**Thursday, January 12, 2017, 9:00am - 4:30pm**  
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority  
1 Newark Center, 17th Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102  
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For a list of other upcoming events, visit the [Events & Trainings Page](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### New Jersey Health Institute: Next Generation Community Leaders

This grant is intended to further the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's vision of building a Culture of Health by leveraging the strengths of youth to affect change in their communities. This program will support communities in preparing the next generation of civic and community leaders by providing them with the resources and technical assistance they need to focus the time, talent, and energy of youth and providing the youth with an opportunity to make meaningful change in their communities through summer employment on a self-designed, community-focused project. At the conclusion of this three-year initiative, successful grantees will have engaged teams of 10-15 youth in the following actions: Developing civic engagement and leadership skills; participating in meaningful summer employment; participating in civic engagement opportunities; actively engaging in an alumni network. Grants will total up to \$200,000 per grantee over three years. For more information visit their [website](#).

**[Application Deadline:](#) January 12, 2017**

### Local Transportation Project Grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is now accepting applications for State Aid grants to counties and municipalities for traditional and nontraditional transportation initiatives. Grants are available for transportation projects in the following categories: municipal aid, transit village, bikeways, and safe streets to transit.

**[Application Deadline:](#) February 3, 2017**

## It Pay\$ to Plug In

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities have teamed up to launch a new "It Pays To Plug In" grant program. The first phase of the program will provide \$725,000 in reimbursement grants to offset some of the costs to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations. The grants are a component of the state's "Drive Green New Jersey" initiative that also includes a website with information about the different types of electric vehicles available, how to charge them, affordability, and impact on air quality. The grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis of up to \$250 for each Level 1 charging station installed, and up to \$5,000 for each Level 2 charging station installed. Eligible applicants include public, private, for-profit, nonprofit, educational and governmental entities. Owners of parking facilities used by commuters or employees of other companies are also eligible. Learn how your municipality or school district can take advantage of this grant opportunity and earn points towards Sustainable Jersey Certification! For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline:** As Funding Allows

## Renewable Electric Storage Program

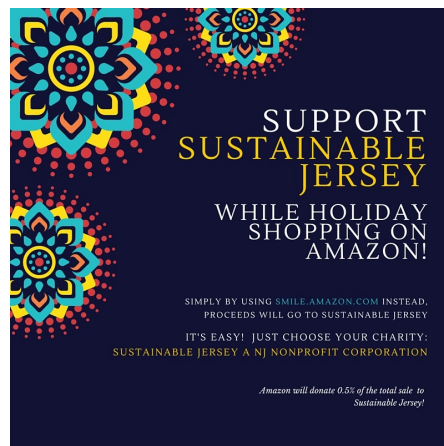
The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is offering this program which provides financial incentives for electric energy storage systems that are integrated with Class 1 renewable energy projects installed behind-the-meter at non-residential customer sites. This program will support the installation of renewable electric storage systems in government, commercial, institutional and industrial entities for the purpose of providing emergency back-up power for essential services, offsetting peak loads, and/or helping stabilize the electric distribution system through the provision of frequency regulation services. The open enrollment program offers an incentive of \$300 per kWh of energy capacity, and the maximum incentive per project is \$300,000 or 30% of the project's total cost, whichever is less. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**Application Deadline:** Open Enrollment

For a list of other funding opportunities visit our [Grants Portal](#)

## Something to Smile About :)

Are you shopping online this holiday season and looking for a special way to give back? If you're using Amazon you can donate 0.5% of every purchase you make to Sustainable Jersey by using the AmazonSmile site. The site offers the same products, Prime benefits, and prices as the normal site, but includes a donation made by Amazon to the charity of your choice. To learn more and register Sustainable Jersey as your charity, click [HERE](#). If you'd rather make your own donation straight to Sustainable Jersey you can do so on our [Support Us](#) page.



## How to Have an Eco-Friendly Holiday

Are you looking to trim your holiday waistline, ways to "green" the holiday season, and/or reduce your global holiday footprint? Check out the great resources below with tips on how to have an eco-friendly holiday season.

- [NJDEP Waste Reduction Ideas](#)
- [USEPA Greening the Season](#)

- [NERC Reducing our Global Holiday Footprint](#)
- [inhabitat Eco-Friendly Gift Wrap Alternatives](#)



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