



Competition Brings Innovation to Your Town

Coding for Community: A Civic Tech Competition for Local Issues

If your town has a need related to sustainability or public engagement, submit it to the Coding for Community (CfC) competition and a team of technology experts may choose your issue to develop an innovative technology solution. Maybe you need help tracking the impact of your sustainability goals related to waste or energy reduction, or maybe your town would like to expand the way that it gathers input from the public on community-wide issues? We will have the coders, programmers and designers on hand to help you tackle that issue.

All you need to do is submit your town's need statement and any supporting information or data [here](#) (click on the "Share Your Local Issue" tab) There are no limits to the amount of issues that a town can submit. You can also participate on the team that chooses your municipal issue and compete for up to \$2,000 in prize money for your town.



You are invited as we kick off the 8-week competition on **January 27 in Newark from 9:00am-4:00pm** with an event to discuss ways in which technology can be used to address community needs, share case studies and begin the formation of teams. While towns can still participate in the competition if they do not send a representative on the 27th, we encourage municipal representatives to attend the kick off event. It will be a great learning experience.

Find out more about the competition and register for the kick off event on January 27 [here](#).

And don't miss the informational webinar on **Thursday, January 4th from 1:00-2:00pm** where we will discuss the role of municipalities in Coding for Community, how to submit your town's need statement and data, the prizes and the competition in general. Register for this webinar [here](#).

The Time is Now to Start Planning your 2017 Certification & Recertification!

Upcoming Webinars

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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Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2017? Or even if it is not expiring, does your green team plan on applying for recertification to keep the momentum going? This webinar is for you. Gather helpful information to avoid a lapse in certification and/or recertify at a higher point level.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

This webinar is geared toward registered but not yet certified towns. We will share proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Initial Application Deadline: Sunday, June 4!

Sustainable Jersey Technical Assistance Opportunity

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 pilot 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

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](#)

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. For more information visit their website.

[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

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