



Take a Dip in the Funding Pool



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Is your municipality or school ready to test the sustainability project waters? Sustainable Jersey is pleased to announce that the PSEG Foundation is contributing \$200,000 to support a grants program cycle for municipalities and \$100,000 to support a 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](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application deadline is Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**

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](#). For more information, click [HERE](#). **The application deadline is Friday, February 9, 2018.**

Grant Tip: Project Planning/Implementation

When crafting your grant proposal it is important to outline the specific steps needed to complete the project, including planning, implementation, community outreach and evaluation. Target completion dates should be realistic and enable the project to be completed within the performance period.

Recorded Webinars

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

Sustainable Jersey Municipal Grants Webinar

View the recording and presentation [HERE](#)

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Webinar

View the recording and presentation [HERE](#)

The Time is Now to Start Planning Your 2018 Certification & Recertification!

Moving Up to Silver Certification

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!

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification

Is your town's certification expiring in 2018, and/or does your municipality wish to maintain its green team activities and certification? Now is the time to start planning for recertification! This webinar will provide information to help you avoid a lapse and/or maintain your certification including: an overview of the certification cycle for the year; an update on new and existing action including a change to non-expiring actions, and an explanation of variable point actions; suggestions to prevent leaving actions "on the table"; accessing and using your online application; why actions are not approved.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (NEW TIME!)

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Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified

Calling all registered towns! Have you been thinking that 2018 is the year your town will join the 200 Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities that are making progress toward a more sustainable future? Would you like to receive the prestigious Sustainable Jersey certification at this year's League of Municipalities Conference? This webinar will share proven strategies and tools to help map out a path to certification within six to twelve months. Learn how to mobilize your green team, navigate the Sustainable Jersey website, select "start-up" actions, get assistance completing actions from non-profits and other groups, track your progress and more!

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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View all recorded webinar presentations [HERE](#)

Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub Event

Sharing Positive Energy

Energy efficiency measures are one of the best ways to reduce your town's greenhouse gas emissions. Join the Atlantic-Cape May Hub to learn about strategies for your town to move the commercial and residential sectors towards greater energy efficiency. You will hear about incentives from utilities and the NJ Clean Energy Program, and case studies from the ground. Sustainable Jersey's Energy Program Manager, Nancy Quirk, will also discuss an overview of the [Gold Standard in Energy](#), which includes solar and electric vehicle strategies for you municipality.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

NJM Insurance Group

840 12th Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037

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Mayor's Climate Summit Registration is Full

We are energized by the excitement of municipal officials across the state to attend the NJ Mayors' Climate Summit on February 3. Because of its high demand, we are at capacity and registration is now closed. Tune into facebook.com/NJLCV at 12:45pm that day to view a live stream of the news conference featuring several mayors presenting their local strategies to advance climate efforts and put New Jersey on track to meet more ambitious targets.

Does Your Green Team Have a One Day Project that Could Use 10-20 Energetic Volunteers?

As part of the partnership between Sustainable Jersey and the Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey, we are please to announce an opportunity for Sustainable Jersey communities to enlist students from The College of New Jersey to support your municipality's green team on a specific project that contributes to your Sustainable Jersey certification. Sample projects include but are not limited to:

- Establishing and/or maintaining community gardens or raingardens
- Removing invasive species from a park as part of a larger community improvement plan
- Tree and shrub planting for reforestation and erosion control
- Community asset mapping in neighborhoods

All projects must be within an hour drive of The College of New Jersey. For more information, including available service days, click [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Monday, February 19, 2018 at midnight



If interested, but unable to submit an application by this date, contact Megan Nicholson at nicholm@tcnj.edu or 609-771-2421.

Other Upcoming Events

2018 Breaking Ground Conference: Transforming a Region

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) will hold this one day conference to aim to implement the principles and goals of *Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan for Greater Philadelphia*. This year's conference celebrates regional cooperation and government efficiency. Sessions will focus on topics including economic development, housing, public health, transportation, the environment, government efficiency, regional planning, and more. There will also be a keynote presentation by Brian Elms, the author of *Peak Performance: How Denver's Peak Academy is Saving Money, Boosting Morale and Just Maybe Changing the World. (And How You Can, Too!)*. AIA credits are approved; AICP credits will be requested. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:30am - 3:30pm

Loews Philadelphia Hotel

1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

REGISTER: Early bird pricing before February 22 - Non-profits/government: \$75; Private sector: \$125

Bringing Together Sustainability Experts in New Jersey

The Sustainability Speaker Series (S3), sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Sustainability, provides a forum to share ideas and strategies to expand social, environmental and economic sustainability within New Jersey. S3 brings together sustainability experts and New Jersey leaders from diverse sectors to discuss how organizations can incorporate sustainability into business decisions. Events are open to everyone, including businesses, colleges, government officials, schools, nonprofits, and residents. For more information visit their [website](#).

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 9:30am - 11:00am

Earth Friendly Products Manufacturing Plant

50 Lackawanna Avenue, Parsippany, NJ 07054

REGISTER - email Sustainability@dep.nj.gov

Funding Opportunities

Deadline Extended: Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has established a compressed natural gas (CNG) grant program available for Class 5 through 8 vehicles. The \$200,000 grant program will fund the incremental cost of a CNG powered vehicle over the equivalent diesel vehicle. Awards will be capped at \$25,000 per vehicle and \$50,000 per applicant and will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Eligibility is open to vehicles registered in New Jersey. Eligible applicants for the grant program include municipalities, political subdivisions, incorporated nonprofit entities, corporations and limited liability companies or partnerships registered to do business in New Jersey. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Mark Your Calendars!

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

- **Jan. 31:** Moving Up to Silver Certification Webinar
- **Feb. 3:** Mayors' Climate Summit
- **Feb. 7:** Stay in the Game! Strategize Your Recertification Webinars
- **Feb. 21:** Making a Game Plan for Getting Certified Webinar
- **Feb. 21:** Sharing Positive Energy Regional Hub Event

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