




SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

GRANTS PROGRAM



Consider Participating in Our Grants Program

The Sustainable Jersey Grants Program is an important resource for municipalities and schools participating in the Sustainable Jersey certification programs. It provides funding for projects that, upon completion, can be used to gain points towards certification. Projects must connect to one of the 100+ municipal and school actions available in the certification program. Project examples include waste audits, professional development for sustainability, programs that advance equity, creative assets inventories, health and wellness programs, and more.

Available Funding

All funding cycles are contingent upon receiving funding for a given year and are announced once funding is confirmed. General grant cycles offer **small grants of \$2,000** that can be used for green team capacity building and general support. These cycles also offer **larger grants** of \$10,000 (and \$20,000 for municipalities) that must be used towards a specific project.

Annual Grant Cycles

Cycle Sponsor	Project Type	School or Muni	Cycle Announced	Apps Due	Funding Awarded
 NJEA NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	General	School	Late Aug	Late Oct	Mid-Feb
 PSEG FOUNDATION	General	School Muni	Mid-Oct Mid-Nov	Mid-Mar Mid-Feb	Early June Early May

Sustainable Jersey occasionally offers and administers other funding and technical assistance opportunities, **but only the above grant cycles are part of the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program.** Participation in other programs will not affect your eligibility to apply for these grants and vice versa.

Learn More

View the **Grants page** on each of our websites. Once announced, more detailed information on an annual cycle, along with other grant and technical assistance opportunities currently being offered, will be available there.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS



SCHOOL GRANTS





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Thinking About Applying for Grants?

The Grants tab of the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools websites houses all the information municipalities and schools need to get started on a Sustainable Jersey grant application. The Sustainable Jersey Grants Program uses a standard application form for each of its annual grants cycles that does not change significantly from year to year. This allows green team members, municipal and school staff, elected/appointed officials, teachers and other stakeholders to **start working on an application offline at any time**. Applications can then be submitted via the online grants portal at the time of an open cycle. Explore the sub pages of the [Sustainable Jersey Grants Program page](#) to get started planning a Sustainable Jersey grant application today.

School Success Spotlight! Delaware Township School

Delaware Township School used a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant funded by NJEA to expand its Learning Garden, a student-designed outdoor classroom and exploration space. The project added picnic tables, rain barrels, and native plantings, giving PreK–8 students a place for science lessons, reading, art, and quiet recess. The garden now serves as a gathering spot for community events and after-school programs, inspiring students and families to connect with nature and sustainability.



Municipal Success Spotlight! Borough of Madison

Madison used a \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSEG Foundation to create a Green Infrastructure Action Plan and install a demonstration rain garden at the public library. The 400-square-foot garden, planted by volunteers and the DPW, manages about 50,000 gallons of stormwater each year. Training sessions and community events inspired homeowners and developers to build additional rain gardens across town, helping Madison reduce flooding and protect its aquifer.



Questions?

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Need to talk through a project idea or get your team up to speed on current funding opportunities? Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/SJgrantshelp to set up a Zoom meeting or phone call with Kaitlyn.

