

# Offshore Wind Workforce and Skills Development Grant Challenge

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The Offshore Wind Workforce and Skills Development Grant Challenge is a competitive funding opportunity that will award grants to launch or expand workforce development and skills training programs focused on strengthening and diversifying the NJ offshore wind workforce. A total of \$3,725,000 will be available through this program, with individual awards ranging from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000. Priority in this grant challenge will be given to applicants that propose initiatives supporting training and job access for residents of Overburdened Communities.

All applications must include at least one Community-Based Organization with demonstrated experience serving a New Jersey Overburdened Community, as defined by New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law. The Community-Based Organization must either be the primary applicant or a strategic collaborator with the primary applicant.

This Grant Challenge is part of NJEDA's efforts to develop the Wind Institute for Innovation and Training.

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Q&A will be posted on this page on a rolling basis. Questions are due by February 1, 2023 at 5pm and should be submitted via email to [Windinstitute@njeda.com](mailto:Windinstitute@njeda.com).

Please review the Q&A [here](#) (revised Feb 2, 2023).

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### PROGRAM DETAILS

NJEDA is seeking proposals from organizations that can provide skill development, workforce training, job placement, and other related workforce supports to develop, implement, or expand workforce development initiatives to establish the offshore wind talent pipeline in the state.

Applicants must submit proposals that outline compelling plans to:

- Develop or expand a program that will allow New Jerseyans to access workforce opportunities in the offshore wind industry by providing tangible skill development and/or job readiness training.
- Components of programs must include direct workforce training, and where relevant, support services such as access to career services, mentorship, family services, counseling, and transportation.
- Proposed initiatives must focus on one or more of the following occupation areas as defined by Standard Occupation Codes (SOC) (see detailed Eligible Occupation List):
  - Operations Specialties Managers (SOC 11-3000)
  - Construction Trade Workers (SOC 47-5000)
  - Extraction Workers (SOC 47-5000)
  - Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations (SOC 49-9000)

Assemblers and Fabricators (SOC 51-2000)  
Metal Workers and Plastic Workers (SOC 51-4000)  
Plant and System Operators (SOC 51-8000)  
Other Production Occupations (SOC 51-9000)  
Water Transportation Workers (SOC 53-5000)  
Material Moving Workers (SOC 53-7000)

- Engage with industry and other stakeholders to design and implement a program that prepares and/or connects participants with job opportunities in offshore wind.
- Develop and/or utilize outreach and recruitment practices, program design approaches, and wrap around supports as needed such as mentorship, transportation, and childcare that target and support a diverse and inclusive pool of training participants to successfully complete the program.
- Execute the project efficiently and on schedule, achieving well-defined milestones to complete the proposed initiative.

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