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The Expanding Digital Literacy (EDL) grant program will enable New Jersey public libraries to teach digital skills and provide access to technology in communities with high need.

About the Grant Opportunity

As core services become available online only, the ability to use technology confidently is increasingly important. People rely on these tools to apply for jobs, access healthcare, engage in civic life and events, and participate in education. Libraries are uniquely positioned to bridge this gap and empower community members to participate fully in today's digital world.

Selected projects will increase confidence and technology skills in participants, with a focus on underserved populations, including seniors, English language learners, low-income households, individuals with disabilities, and others as identified by the applicant. Expanding Digital Literacy supports the implementation of programs that provide training on topics such as the use of digital tools, accessing information, avoiding scams, and protecting privacy. Funded projects can also focus on digital skills for specific purposes, such as workforce development, entrepreneurship, telehealth, or financial literacy.

This grant is intended for libraries in the early stages of developing digital skills programs. In addition to receiving funding, grantees will be invited to participate in monthly cohort meetings to exchange ideas, share promising practices, and provide feedback.

Deadline to apply

September 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Guidelines

Detailed guidelines are provided here, to read or download, in PDF format, to help applicants navigate the process.



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Grant Application Guidelines

Application due September 12, 2025 at 11:59pm ET

Mission of the New Jersey State Library

The New Jersey State Library (NJSL) connects people with information through its s government and people with special needs. With a focus on innovation, future trends and technologies, NJSL provides support for New Jersey’s public libraries.

Purpose and Outcome of the Grant Opportunity

The Expanding Digital Literacy (“EDL”) grant program will enable New Jersey pub

[Expanding Digital Literacy Grant Program Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

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Application

The application deadline is September 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET. [Applications must be submitted in Foundant](#) , our grants management system:

A PDF copy is available below for download.

- [Application – Digital Opportunity Grant Program \(PDF\)](#)

Application Attachments

Download the files below, in order to use the fillable forms.

- [Form A: Budget Summary Form \(Excel\)](#)
- [Form B: LSTA Subgrant Assurances and Certifications \(PDF\)](#)
- [Form C: Resolution to Apply \(PDF\)](#)

Grant Application Questions

Applicants with questions in advance of the due date may email them to grants@njstatelib.org with the subject title "Expanding Digital Literacy" until September 5, 2025.

Answers will be posted here beginning on August 12, 2025 and ending September 9, 2025.

Informational Webinar

An informational webinar will be held on August 7, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., using Microsoft Teams.

[Click here to register for the webinar](#) .

The webinar recording will be posted after the event.



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