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## NOTICE<sup>1</sup>

### IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF L. 2021, C. 200 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL AND SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY STIMULUS PROGRAM

Docket No. [QO21071023](#)

Pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU or Board) hereby gives notice of a Stakeholder Meeting on the establishment of the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program.

#### STAKEHOLDER MEETING

**DATE:** Monday, September 13, 2021  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Zoom Virtual Webinar  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mKvMBqDnRAuqRI3jXrZPmQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mKvMBqDnRAuqRI3jXrZPmQ)

On August 24, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law L. 2021, c. 200. Specifically, this law directs NJBPU to establish and administer a School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program (SSB EE Stimulus Program) Fund for the purpose of providing grants to boards of education and small businesses for the installation of certain heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems as well as energy efficient and water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances that can improve air quality and energy efficiency in schools and businesses, especially those in underserved communities.

Pursuant to the law, the SSB EE Stimulus Program Fund will be funded by monies provided to the State of New Jersey from the federal government under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, and will be allocated as follows:

**1. The School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program (SSB-VEEVR) (75% of total funds) will provide grants to ensure recipients have functional HVAC systems that are tested, adjusted, and, if necessary or cost effective, repaired, upgraded, or replaced to increase efficiency and performance.**

- 75% of SSB-VEEVR funds allotted to school districts:
  - 75% to school districts located in underserved communities
  - 25% to other school districts
- 25% of SSB-VEEVR funds allotted to small businesses:
  - 75% to small businesses located in underserved communities
  - 25% to other small businesses

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<sup>1</sup> Not a paid legal advertisement.

**2. The School and Small Business Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance Program** (SSB-NPFA) (25% of total funds) will provide grants for replacement of noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances with water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances.

- 75% of SSB-NPFA funds allocated to school districts:
  - 75% to school districts located in underserved communities
  - 25% to other school districts
- 25% of SSB-NPFA funds allocated to small businesses:
  - 75% to small businesses located in underserved communities
  - 25% to other small businesses

The law defines an underserved community as a school district in which at least 75% of public school students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. The law defines a small business as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that has its principal place of business in New Jersey, is of a size and type determined by NJBPU, and is a women- or minority-owned business.<sup>2</sup>

Board Staff anticipates posting draft program guidelines for the two programs on September 7, 2021 on the BPU website. Board Staff will present an overview of the programs and eligibility at the September 13 Stakeholder Meeting, with opportunity for clarifying questions and comments.

**The deadline for comments on the applications is 5 p.m. on September 21, 2021.** Please submit comments directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s [Public Document Search](#) tool. Comments are considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act and any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Please submit any questions regarding this matter to [energyefficiency@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:energyefficiency@bpu.nj.gov) and include the subject line “SSB EE Stimulus Program” as applicable.



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Aida Camacho-Welch  
Secretary of the Board

Dated: August 30, 2021

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<sup>2</sup> For definitions of certified women’s business and minority business, see section 2 of L. 1987, c. 55 (N.J.S.A. 52:27H-21.8).