



New Jersey Family Engagement HUB

Building Stronger Connections: Family and Community Activities

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FAQs for New Jersey Family Engagement HUB Stipend

Question # 1

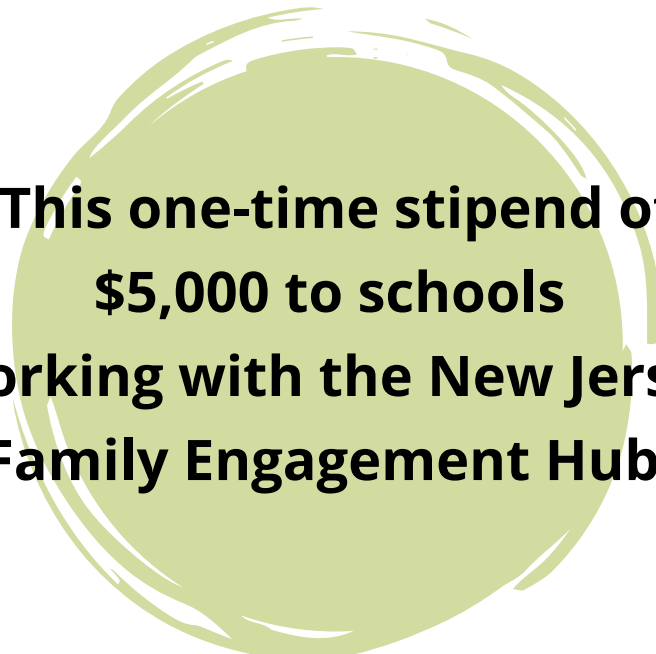
When will we receive this stipend?

School districts will receive the stipend thirty days after signing the memorandum of understanding (MOU).

Question # 2

What are some ways we can use this stipend?

The Gap Assessment we conduct will help expose areas that your school district could build up to improve family and community participation.



**This one-time stipend of
\$5,000 to schools
working with the New Jersey
Family Engagement Hub.**



Stipend ideas for **families**

- Parent leadership classes to help strengthen family capacity in navigating the system and being effective advocates.
- Family Fitness Night
- Parent Meet & Greet
- Parent Focus Groups
- Parent University Sessions
- Family fun days and nights (a fun fair/carnival)
- Classes for new parents
- Host fun and educational learning sessions for children and their families (door prizes, dinner)
- Send and fund active and involved parents to family engagement conferences



LET'S EXPLORE CREATIVE IDEAS

**to make the most of the New Jersey
Family Engagement HUB stipend for:**

- Families
- Teachers
- School Administrators
- Communities



Stipend ideas for **school administrators**

- Inviting local early childhood experts to come and speak to your families can also help educate parents and guardians on how they can help with their children's early childhood development.
- Start a community cafe in the school building.
- A staffed family center with workshops on learning strategies, referrals to social services, and informal gatherings.



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Stipend ideas for **teachers**


- Stipend for teachers to host monthly parent/teacher groups
- Increase adult presence in the hallways, lunchroom, playground
- School Garden Program
- Recess Runners Program
- <https://mileageclub.fitnessfinders.net/>
- Stipend for back to school night being in mid-August instead of mid-September





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 <https://njfehub.org>

Stipend ideas for **communities**

- Create a campaign to find CBO partnerships to increase family engagement so that they can create sustainable family engagement strategies for events.
- Create a survey for stakeholders to participate in identifying areas of need for financial support to build family engagement.
- Stipends for compensating for team members' time in committee meetings.
- Leverage families' talents for volunteer opportunities and encourage them to reach out to their employers for products or service donations to the school/community.
- Stipend for committee to establish partnerships with local businesses and nonprofit organizations to provide additional resources to families
- Community Mentoring Program with parents volunteers, teachers, and college/high school students as tutors.

