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Christie Administration Announces Atlantic County Vocational School District to Receive \$90,762 in Grant Funding from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

Trenton, NJ - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to support critical school improvement projects in New Jersey, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced that three grants have recently been executed for the Atlantic County Vocational School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program. Grant execution signifies completion of the application process and the start of funding being issued to school districts through the SDA's ROD grant program.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced the largest single grant offering in the program's history, making approximately half a billion dollars in funding available for projects throughout the state's 559 Regular Operating Districts and 21 County Vocational Technical School Districts across New Jersey. The Department of Education, who determines the selection of school projects to receive grant funds, has approved more than 1,600 ROD Grant projects in 335 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the eligible projects are estimated to exceed \$1.2 billion, representing significant benefit not only to the children served by the state's public schools but also to the economy and construction industry as this important work advances.

The projects in the Atlantic County Vocational School District represent \$226,905 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$90,762 which leverage the local contribution of \$136,143.

Two grants will provide funds for new digital security cameras at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology's main High School building and Annex building. The third grant will provide air conditioning equipment and controls for Classroom 312 and the adjacent corridor at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1,546 grants in 323 school districts. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues and other critical needs.

The State of New Jersey has provided \$495.4 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.16 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.2 billion in total project costs.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Atlantic County Institute of Technology			
 Security upgrades-new digital security cameras 	\$108,500	\$43,400	\$65,100
Atlantic County Institute of Technology			
 Security upgrades-new digital security cameras 	\$79,285	\$31,714	\$47,571
Atlantic County Institute of Technology - New A/C equipment and controls	\$39,120	\$15,648	\$23,472
Atlantic County Vocational School	\$00,120	<i>\\</i> 10,010	φ20, 112
District Total	\$226,905	\$90,762	\$136,143

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