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## **Christie Administration Announces West Milford Township to Receive More Than \$1 Million in Grant Funding from Schools Development Authority**

**Trenton, NJ** - Furthering the Christie Administration’s commitment to providing New Jersey students with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced that the West Milford Township School District received a grant through the SDA’s Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The project represents \$2,677,422 in total estimated costs including a state grant of \$1,070,969 which leverages the local contribution of \$1,606,453.

“The infrastructure improvements made possible through the SDA’s ROD Grant Program are another example of the Christie Administration’s ongoing efforts to provide school districts throughout the State with the resources needed to provide appropriate learning facilities,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna.

The grant will provide funds to upgrade existing science labs and replace auditorium seating at West Milford High School.

Since the Christie Administration announced the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 918 grants. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs. Since the program’s inception, West Milford Township School District has received more than \$6 million in grants through the SDA’s ROD grant program.

The Department of Education (DOE) selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided \$290 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of nearly \$674 million. The SDA’s current portfolio of active grant projects represents nearly \$1.3 billion in total project costs.

In December 2013 the DOE announced the approval of 1,538 ROD Grant projects in 331 school districts throughout the state. The approval of these grants were made possible by approximately half a billion dollars in funding made available by Governor Christie for additional grant projects in Regular Operating Districts and County Vocational Schools across New Jersey.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
West Milford High School – Upgrade science labs and replace auditorium seating	\$2,677,422	\$1,070,969	\$1,606,453