

**SIX LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AWARDED GRANTS IN THE COALITION ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM**

**VERSAILLES, KY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023** — The Coalition Energy Sustainability Program (ESP), in collaboration with, First American Education Finance, Ecosystem, and Solar Financing Solutions, is pleased to announce the recipients of the launch grants. Six esteemed educational institutions have been selected to receive these grants, marking a significant step toward creating sustainable and energy-efficient campuses.

The Coalition ESP is a collaborative initiative designed to provide private, nonprofit schools with the resources and support necessary to transition their campuses towards sustainable energy environments. The program aims to facilitate decarbonization, reduce energy operating expenses, enhance resiliency, address deferred maintenance, and achieve other related campus objectives.

After a highly competitive selection process, the following institutions have been awarded launch grants:



Ithaca, NY



Portland, OR



Milwaukee, WI



Atlanta, GA



Atlanta, GA



New York, NY

These institutions stood out in a crowded and highly qualified field. All the grant applicants demonstrated an impressive commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. However, each selected school's unique vision and goals align seamlessly with the mission of the Coalition ESP. Over the coming months, they will collaborate with Ecosystem, First American, and Solar Financing Solutions to assess and enhance their energy practices on their campuses.

"We are thrilled to announce these six outstanding institutions as the recipients of our launch grants," said Lyen Crews, President of the Coalition for College Cost Savings. "Their dedication to sustainability and energy efficiency is commendable, and we are confident that their efforts will serve as inspiring examples for others in the education sector."

In the next phase of the program, each awardee will undergo a comprehensive campus strategic assessment led by Ecosystem. This assessment will serve as the foundation for developing actionable roadmaps tailored to their specific campus objectives. With the support of the Coalition ESP, these schools will embark on a path towards a greener, more sustainable future.

Just as the Coalition ESP looks forward to working closely with these institutions and facilitating their journey toward energy sustainability, we anticipate collaborating with a wide range of Coalition members to help them reach their goals. Together, they will contribute to a more environmentally conscious education sector and a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

For more information about the Coalition Energy Sustainability Program and its initiatives, please visit <https://www.thecoalition.us/energy-sustainability-program>.

**About the Coalition Energy Sustainability Program:**

The Coalition Energy Sustainability Program is a collaborative effort between the Coalition, First American Education Finance, Ecosystem, and Solar Financing Solutions. It aims to support private, nonprofit schools in their transition towards sustainable energy environments, promoting environmental stewardship and energy efficiency within the education sector.

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