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Everett Public Schools granted nearly \$1 million in energy grants District's share is part of \$31 million in grants to generate jobs and save energy costs

Gov. Gregoire announced last week that Everett Public School's application for nearly \$1 million in grant funding to reduce the cost of energy has been awarded. As a result, the district will receive \$947,280 for four projects in the district. Everett High School's main building, science and vocational buildings will see energy conservation upgrades, and Heatherwood Middle School's HVAC system and roof will be more energy efficient as a result of the funding.

This is the second round of grants for such projects. In each case, the State Department of Commerce granted funds to public school districts and colleges and universities. All four of the grants submitted by Everett Public Schools in this second round were approved by the Department of Commerce.

There is one more chance to apply for additional energy grant funds. The deadline for Round 3 is Oct. 22, and Everett Public Schools will be among other state districts contending for energy savings funding. "We believe it is important for our taxpayers and for the environment to consider all options for saving dollars and saving energy," explained Superintendent Gary Cohn.

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