

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of Availability of Funds

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law & Public Safety (LPS), through the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) in conjunction with the Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Committee, hereby announce the availability of the following subaward funded by FFY18 Title II grant program funds:

a. Name of the Program: Juvenile Detention Center Support Initiative

b. Purpose

The State of New Jersey was devastated in March 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 public health crisis and subsequently the State mandated shelter in place. The ensuing months have proved to be challenging, not just for the general public, but for one of our most vulnerable populations, youth in juvenile detention. Juvenile detention centers were forced to abruptly change the day to day operations of their facilities, thereby limiting youths' access to in-person family visits, professional services, and temporarily discontinuing prosocial and recreational activities, all in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus within the facilities. Understanding the major impact that the public health crisis has had, and continues to have, on New Jersey's juvenile detention centers, the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) in conjunction with the New Jersey Governor's Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Committee, is announcing the availability of grant funding to qualifying non-profit organizations. The public health crisis presents unique challenges to the health and well-being of youth involved with the justice system. The purpose of the grant will be to temporarily assist county juvenile detention centers as they work to address the impact the public health crisis has had on youth housed in detention and on facility operations. The selected providers must work collaboratively with the detention center administrator(s) or his/her designee(s). It is expected that the selected providers will work cooperatively and in concert with the Juvenile Justice Commission.

c. Funding Available: up to \$218,400 (Up to \$31,200 per facility).

- Start and end date: March 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021.
 1. Please note this is a reimbursement grant.
 2. For the purpose of this Notice of Availability of Funds (NOAF) and the application review, the applicant may serve one or more of the seven juvenile detention centers.
 3. If an applicant is applying to serve more than one juvenile detention center, they must submit one application per center.
 4. To ensure that all funds are awarded, any balance of funds may be distributed among successful applicants and awarded for use at another juvenile detention center.

d. Subject to Appropriations

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the JJC of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of JJC to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal Legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by JJC or an event of default under a grant agreement, and JJC shall not be held liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from JJC beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by JJC to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.

e. Organizations that are eligible to apply for funding under this program

- Non-profit and for-profit organizations, as well as community colleges may apply.
- State Agencies are NOT eligible to apply.

f. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding

- Must have a DUNS number. A DUNS number is used to track Federal assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. For further information visit on-line at <http://www.dnb.com/us>.
- Must not have been debarred or suspended from doing business with any unit of government. Applicants must be in good standing with all federal, state, and county agencies with which they have or had an existing grant or contractual agreement (including any grants with the Juvenile Justice Commission).
- Where appropriate, must hold current state licenses, permits and certificates.

g. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply

The Application and required attachments/forms should be emailed to jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov. “Juvenile Detention Center Support Initiative” should be included in the subject of the email. Required attachments and forms are available at <http://www.nj.gov/oag/grants.htm>.

Applicants must complete and submit the application and all required attachments/forms by the submission deadline. Applications that do not comply with the requirements of the Notice of Availability of Funds or are received after the submission deadline will be administratively rejected. Applications that do not score a minimum of 80 out of 100 possible points will not be considered for funding.

Please note that applications are being accepted via **e-mail ONLY** at jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

h. Deadline by which applications must be submitted

Applications and all required attachments must be received by 3:00 pm on January 7, 2021.

i. Applicant Bidders Conference

In effort to assist candidates in applying for these funds, a virtual bidder’s conference will be

held on November 10, 2020 at 10am. The bidder's conference is mandatory. Please read this NOAF and the funding application in its entirety prior to the event and prepare any questions you have in advance. Please note, the information provided during this bidder's conference will not be made available in any other form to those who do not attend. Please R.S.V.P via email to jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov by November 9, 2020, if you are participating the bidder's conference. You must RSVP in order to receive the information to participate.

j. Date by which applicants will be notified of approval or disapproval of funding

Applicants will be notified no later than February 8, 2021.

k. Post award meeting

In effort to assist successful applicants to understand the award process, a virtual post award will be held on February 10, 2021 at 1pm. The post award meeting is mandatory. The project director and a fiscal representative are required to participate.