

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

#### **Notice of Availability of Funds**

#### **2023 Summer Expansion Programming**

**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 grant program funds:

**a. Name of the Program:** 2023 Summer Expansion Programming.

**b. Purpose**

Research conducted nationally has shown that in conjunction with a positive home life, school, and employment, summer programs are one of the many building blocks that provide positive youth development. Research also indicates that at-risk youth who are provided opportunities to participate in prosocial activities engage in less risky behavior and ultimately show evidence of higher rates of successful transitions into adulthood. Summer programs are one way to ensure that young people have access to adequate positive opportunities. The available evidence suggests that summer programs can prevent a variety of negative behaviors among youth and improve social and emotional outcomes. The purpose of this initiative is to provide positive youth development activities to at-risk youth during the summer months when they are not in school. Applicants must be currently providing services to youth and are expected to expand the level of service and/or add an additional component to existing programming.

**c. Funding available:** Up to \$408,000 (Up to 136,000 per region).

- Start and end date: April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. There will be no extension of the grant period.

- Award amounts will be determined based on the number of successful applicants and will be at least \$5,000, and no more than \$30,000 per applicant, per region.
- To equitably distribute funds statewide, up to \$136,000 will be awarded regionally on a competitive basis. To ensure that all funds are awarded, any balance of funds may be distributed among successful applicants within that region and/or may be awarded to another region.
- If an applicant is applying for more than one region, they must submit one application per region.
- Requests for more than \$30,000 will be rejected without funding consideration.
- Please note that this is a reimbursement grant, however the selected provider can request upfront funding for startup costs, in the amount up to 25 percent of the total award. The selected provider will be given instructions on how to make this request following their award. The remainder of the funds will be reimbursed after the initial disbursement of funds has been expended.
- Please note that it is **not** expected that services will be provided for the entire region. Applicants may choose a specific community/neighborhood, municipality, cluster of municipalities, county, or a cluster of counties, as areas to be served.
- For the purposes of this Notice of Availability of Funds (NOAF) and the application review, the regions will be categorized as:
  - **Northern Regional Counties:** Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren;
  - **Central Regional Counties:** Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union; and
  - **Southern Regional Counties:** Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem.

**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**

- Must be a legally established: nonprofit organization, which meets the 501(C)3 standards of the Internal Revenue Service and be registered with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs; for-profit youth serving organization; faith-based organization; unit of local government; or vo-tech or school district that are currently serving youth.
- State Agencies are NOT eligible to apply.

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

- Must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) number. The EIN number is used to track Federal assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. For further information visit on-line at [www.einnumber.net/new-jersey](http://www.einnumber.net/new-jersey).
- 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.
- Must not replace funds that have been appropriated for an existing program or programmatic component. Grant funds must be used to establish summer services for youth where none previously existed or enhance an existing summer program.
- Must have provided services to youth in the summer of 2021 or 2022.
- Must demonstrate experience providing services to at-risk youth at the local level.

**g. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply**

The Application and required attachments/forms should be emailed to [jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov](mailto:jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov). “2023 Summer Expansion Programming Application” should be included in the subject of the email. Required attachments and forms are available at <http://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/noafs.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 only being accepted via **e-mail** at [jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov](mailto: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 24, 2023.

**i. Applicant Bidders Conference**

In effort to assist candidates in applying for these funds, a virtual bidder’s conference will be held on December 12, 2022, at 10:00 am. 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](mailto:jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov) by December 11, 2022, if you are participating in 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 March 20, 2023.

**k. Post award Meeting**

In effort to assist successful applicants to understand the award process, a virtual post award will be held on March 22, 2023. The post award meeting is mandatory. The project director and a fiscal representative are required to participate.