

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

#### Notice of Availability of Funds

#### 2023 Attorney General's Youth Outreach Program for New Jersey Amateur Boxing

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, State Athletic Control Board (hereafter, "Department"), announces availability of the following grant program funds:

- I. Name of program:** 2023 Attorney General's Youth Outreach Program for Trenton Amateur Boxing.
- II. Purpose:** Funding is being made available for a New Jersey non-profit, private youth-serving organization and/or faith-based organization, who partner with a New Jersey amateur boxing club registered with the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing or Mid-Atlantic Association (MAA), to strengthen and/or develop partnerships with police, youth supervision agencies, other youth-serving organizations, educators and other key stakeholders to coordinate a network of support and assistance to vulnerable at-risk youths between the ages of 11 and 18, who are interested in amateur boxing and are candidates for facing adverse experiences or experienced trauma and reside in a Trenton economically disadvantaged or high crime area. A partnership between an existing New Jersey amateur local boxing club and a community-based, nonprofit organization will be formed to support youth interested in amateur boxing and/or have been referred from police, prosecutors, youth supervisors, and youth-servicing agencies and organizations because of their adverse behaviors involving fighting (without the use of weapons) as a result of trauma.

The program's aim is prevention-based— to deter youth from becoming involved in delinquent or criminal behaviors, reduce juvenile recidivism, and foster positive youth development through coordinating access to a range of services and programs to address individual needs and challenges. In addition, the program promotes significant law enforcement engagement with youth to introduce them to law enforcement careers that will be available to them if they become physically fit and avoid criminal behavior.

Youth referred to the program will be screened and assessed to determine the following: suitability for the program; to identify underlying issues; comprehensive needs; and individual strengths. Thereafter, a collaborative case plan will be developed for youth accepted into the program. The case plan will include the involvement of parents, guardians, or other caregiving adults and community advocates. Youth will be provided with appropriate and evidence-based activities, interventions, and referrals for services. Case plans shall include comprehensive

boxing/physical fitness training, connections to social services, counseling, treatment, mentoring, or other needed services, and, where appropriate, may address family or caregiver issues as a component of the overall intervention strategy.

Issues that may be addressed through services or referrals to services would include, but not be limited to: mental health services; addiction treatment; health care referrals; wrap-around support for transitioning youth; financial literacy; tutoring and mentoring programs; trauma-informed counseling; after-school educational and enrichment programs; pre-employment training; educational support; family engagement; mediation services; and GED programs. Plan implementation and success will be monitored by the lead agency, both for compliance with the recommended course of action and to evaluate the efficacy of the program. Performance measures will be utilized to determine individual progress and to evaluate the program and its components.

Operation of the program will require the technological capacity to integrate and update information from a variety of sources and to track cases and program outcomes. Reporting on program development, progress, operations, and outcomes to the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, or a designee Division, will be required.

Program operators will be required to offer technical assistance training to the New Jersey Local Boxing Clubs (hereafter referred to as "NJLBC") on Fundraising Preparedness and Establishing Partnerships with local non-profits and/or faith-based organizations, as well as offer ten (10) life skills workshops to Trenton, New Jersey amateur boxing participants aged 11 - 18 years.

Awardees shall:

1. Be responsible for providing youth service plans, activities, and/or referrals, assessments and evaluations for local boxing club (LBC) participants in Trenton; and
2. Activities must include, but are not limited to boxing/physical fitness training and ten (10) workshops that address the following topics for:
  - a) Youth: Money Management & Financial Planning; Positive Ways to Have Fun Drug & Alcohol Free; Conflict Resolution; Anger Management; Gang Prevention; Interpersonal Social Skills; Career Development; Health, Wellness & Nutrition; Public Safety and Law Enforcement Engagement (with involvement from the local police department and New Jersey State Police at Headquarters); and
  - b) Coaches: Health, Wellness & Nutrition; Organizational Planning & Development; Financial Planning, Fund Raising & Grant Writing.

**III. Available funding:** A total of up to but not exceeding \$65,000 may be awarded to support One (1) nonprofit youth-serving organization or faith-based organization located in Trenton for one year. Funding will be made available through a competitive process on a reimbursement basis. The anticipated funding period is April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. The Department reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding, and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested.

Please note that funding allocations and individual sub-award amounts are subject to change. Sub-recipients 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 of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue to such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department 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 Legislatures to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement and the Department 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 the Department 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 the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement. The Department reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts different than requested.

- IV. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:** Organizations eligible to apply are non-profit, private youth-serving organizations or faith-based organizations located in Trenton, who are willing to partner with New Jersey local boxing clubs registered with the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing or Mid-Atlantic Association.
- V. Qualifications needed to be considered for funding:** All applicants must develop a strategic plan that includes detail on the targeted population of participants; the process and criteria for referral; anticipated sources of referrals; intake and screening processes for prospective participants; operation of a center; a case plan system; a menu of potential interventions, conditions, requirements, and program offerings; a process to monitor participant's compliance and progress; remediation options; and an evaluation component. Applicants should also have a plan in place to form an advisory team consisting of coaches and the local police department to provide guidance on program activities and sustainability.

Applications must include three (3) letters of support, one must be from a New Jersey Local Boxing Club registered with the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing or Mid-Atlantic Boxing Association; one must be from the local police department; and one must be from one of the following entities: local government leader(s), the county prosecutor, the local board of education, probation agencies, juvenile parole and the county youth services commission, faith-based partners, and other non-mandatory youth serving agencies within the juvenile justice system who will play a role in the implementation of the proposal or who are expressing support for the concept. Applicants must also include proof of the NJ LBC's registration with the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing and/or Mid-Atlantic Association.

Any applicant must include a letter of compliance with the New Jersey Charities Registration, proof of IRS 501(c)(3) status and New Jersey Business Registration. In addition, the applicant must commit to regularly serve or support vulnerable Trenton youth interested in or referred

to amateur boxing between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age, who are facing adverse experiences or trauma. Applicant proposals may incorporate identified governmental and non-governmental resources that the entity anticipates utilizing, provided such usage is consistent with all relevant Federal, State, and local contracting and bidding procedures.

- VI. Application procedure:** All eligible applicants must prepare and submit a proposal that addresses Sections II, V, and VI of this NOAF as well as include the documents referenced therein. The following scored program components must be included in the proposal:

***Problem Statement/Needs Assessment - 15 points***

Clearly state the problem/need that will be addressed with grant funds. Describe the impact of the problem on the community, families, and youth and any steps that have been taken to address the problem. Identify gaps in youth services and additional resources that are needed to resolve the problem. Applications should include a strong focus on collaboration, leveraging existing resources, and strengthening existing networks.

***Goals, Objectives, Action Strategy - 25 points***

The goals, objectives, and action strategy should respond to the General Requirements discussed above. In addition, applicants shall provide an overview of the program that includes the stated goals of the program. List clear and measurable objectives to achieve each goal, describing specific approaches that will be taken to address the issues referenced in the problem statement and the outcomes you expect to achieve through the implementation of your strategy. Fully describe the implementation process and use of evidence-based practices (hereinafter, "EBPs") or promising approaches and their relationship to youth risk and protective factors.

***Planning, Management Structure and Background - 25 points***

Describe the experience/capacity of your agency to implement your proposal. Outline the organizational structure, including an organizational chart that clearly delineates the personnel who will be involved in the program. Explain roles, functions, and membership of the coordinating committee or working group charged with implementing the program. Discuss your organization's current policy on trauma informed care, cultural competence, and proficiency regarding youth and family engagement.

Provide a realistic timeline of deliverables (that is, temporal benchmarks for each phase of the program - planning, implementation, and sustainability). Clearly articulate the role of all partners and stakeholders and include signed Memoranda of Understanding memorializing formalized agreements to participate in the program. For those partners not engaged formally, submit letters of support for your program. Applications must have significant support and involvement from the local police department.

***Data Collection/Performance Measures/Evaluation - 20 points***

Describe and demonstrate the methods that will be used to measure the progress and assess the impact of the project. Develop specific benchmarks of performance, including reduced delinquency, reduced police or court contact and involvement, improved school attendance, educational achievement, positive youth development activities and training, and positive behavioral changes.

***Program Budget and Budget Narrative - 15 points***

Submit a line item budget for each component of the program you are requesting funding. Submit a budget narrative describing what will be provided through each line item and clearly show how each budget item is related to the objectives and activities of the project. Discuss how the pilot program will be sustained beyond the awarded funding. Any application submitted without a sustainability plan will be disqualified.

The Department will give priority to those applicants who propose initiatives and services that have a demonstrated evidence-based strategy and are appropriate for the targeted population. Among the EBPs the Department encourages applicants to consider are:

1. Screening and Assessment Tools:
2. Targeting Youth Needs and Strengths:
3. Youth-Centric Services:

Grant funds must serve or support youths interested in or referred to participate in amateur boxing, who are between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age, and are facing adverse experiences or trauma.

***Narrative Length***

Proposals shall not be longer than 20 double-spaced or 10 single-spaced pages submitted in Times New Roman 12-point font with no less than one-inch margins using full justification. The page limit does not include the budget and narrative, which shall be submitted as a separate document of no more than six double-spaced or three single-spaced pages submitted in Times New Roman 12-point font with no less than one-inch margins using full justification. Applications that do not conform to these guidelines will be automatically disqualified.

**VII. Address of the State agency receiving the proposal:** Applications should be sent to:

NJ State Athletic Control Board  
Station Plaza #4  
22 So. Clinton Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 180  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0180

Questions regarding this grant can be directed via email only at

SACBwebinfo@lps.state.nj.us.

1. Deadline: All proposals must be mailed and received, not postmarked, no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 24, 2023. Any applications received after this date will be administratively rejected.

2. Applicants will be notified of approval or disapproval of proposals approximately 30 days after the application deadline.

**VII.** Reporting requirements: Successful applicants will be required to provide reporting to the Department of Law and Public Safety regarding all funding provided pursuant to this grant. This may include, but need not be limited to, the submission of invoices, payment receipts, and other information necessary for the Department to audit and review the applicant's expenditure of grant funding. Failure to submit timely reports, to comply with all relevant State laws and regulations related to the use of funding provided by the Department, or to utilize funding for purposes specifically referenced within the grant application are prohibited and may result in the termination of grant funding.