

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

2024 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: 2024 Summer Expansion Programming.

b. Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to provide positive youth development activities to young people at risk of involvement with or currently involved in the youth justice system. When schools are closed, young people need opportunities to grow, learn, and have fun. This grant funding is specifically designed for current community-based program providers to expand existing programming into the summer months. 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 \$270,000 (Up to \$90,000 per region).

- Start and end date: April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. 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 \$90,000 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. If approved, there is a possibility of receiving startup funding not to exceed 25% of the total awarded amount.
- 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 a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. A UEI number is used to track Federal assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. For further information visit on-line at <http://www.sam.gov>.
- 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 2023.
- 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. “2024 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**. 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 **2/16/2024**.

i. Applicant Bidders Conference

In an effort to assist candidates in applying for these funds, a virtual bidder's conference, via Microsoft Teams, will be held on **1/25/2024** 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 1/24/2024** if you are participating in the bidder's conference. You must RSVP 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 **3/29/2024**.

k. Post award Meeting

In effort to assist successful applicants to understand the award process, a virtual post award will be held on **4/3/2024**. The post award meeting is mandatory. The project director and a fiscal representative are required to participate.