

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

Bolstering Police-Youth Trust Program

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS), Office of the Attorney General announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

a) Name of the Program: Bolstering Police-Youth Trust Program. This program is supported by the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (FFY20) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

b) Purpose: The purpose of the Bolstering Police-Youth Trust Program is to support community organizations and local law enforcement agencies in the development and implementation of innovative community policing initiatives with youth engagement as a priority. Research demonstrates that youth are more productive and successful when they have opportunities to participate in structured programs involving good role models and mentors.

Law enforcement officers are pillars of our communities and look for ways to positively contribute to the communities they serve. However, many youth, particularly from disadvantaged communities, do not trust police. To overcome this divide, law enforcement agencies are encouraged to partner with youth-serving organizations and community stakeholders to launch innovative programs to bridge the divide between youth, police, and the communities they serve. Successful police-led youth-serving programs can have a major impact on helping youth avoid engaging in negative choices that can often lead to derogatory or criminal behavior as well as an overall reduction in crime in those communities.

c) Available Funding: The State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, is making available up to \$165,000 of its FFY2020 JAG award to support the Bolstering Police-Youth Trust Program. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, pursuant to the quality of the application submitted and the pending availability of federal funding. The number of awards available and the total amount of awards depends upon the number of applications received and the funding amounts requested by each applicant. Funding decisions will be made to ensure the broadest and deepest statewide coverage practicable, taking into account the type of initiatives to be implemented and the geographic distribution of the project. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. Awards may also be based upon consideration of the following: geographic area to be served by the program; municipal and county population; number of persons to be served by the program; and Uniform Crime Rates. For successful applicants, funding under this grant program will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. Prior to reimbursement, recipients will be required to provide sufficient proof of purchase and payment (i.e. receipts, purchase orders, payment vouchers, invoices etc.).

d) Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$16,500 per project for a 12-month grant period. The project period will begin October 1, 2021, and end on September 30, 2022; extensions will not be granted.

Recipients will not be reimbursed for purchases/expenses outside of this grant period. Only one application per applicant will be accepted. There is no match required for this program.

e) Organizations that may apply for funding under this program: Non-profit and community-based organizations, New Jersey State, County, and Municipal police departments, Sheriff's Offices, and College Campus police departments are eligible to apply.

f) Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding: Applicants must be in good standing with all State and federal agencies with which they have had a grant or contractual relationship. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 requires an agency to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and **register with the System for Award Management (SAM)**, formerly the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), to receive a federal award or subaward **Applicants without a current DUNS number(s) and SAM registration will be considered ineligible.** Successful applicants may be required to complete a FFATA form upon award.

g) Procedures for Eligible Organizations to Apply: Application packages are available on the OAG website at <https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities#noaf>. Applicants must complete and submit an application with **all** applicable documents and signatures by the submission deadline. Applications must be emailed to the following email address: Police-Youth@njoag.gov. Please put your entity name in the subject line. Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Guidelines will not be considered. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. The submitted application may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a completed application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for funding. **The following scored components must be included in the application:**

1. Program Narrative (90 points)

a. Identified Need (25 Points)

Please identify and describe the specific need for the proposed **Bolstering Police-Youth Trust Program** in the community your organization or department serves; the target population to be served; the number of residents who will receive or participate in services; and the geographic area that your proposed program will impact.

b. Program Design and Implementation (45 Points)

Please explain your proposed program in detail and indicate how it will address the identified need. Explain how the program will be implemented; how the program will have substantial law enforcement and youth involvement; and how the program will improve or enhance police-community trust and relationships within the community you serve. Please provide proposed program activity dates.

c. Partnership, Collaboration, and Coordination (15 Points)

Partnerships, collaborations, and coordination with community members and groups are required. For example, law enforcement agencies applying for funding must partner with a community or non-profit organization, and community or non-profit organizations applying for funding must partner with a law enforcement agency. All applicants must specify what community organizations, groups, stakeholders, or law enforcement agencies were consulted and will be involved with your proposed program including their level of involvement. Please submit a letter of support from each community organization, group, stakeholder, or law enforcement agency

involved with your proposed program.

d. Background, Experience, and Capability; Project Management and Staff (5 Points)

Please describe your entity's background and experience (if any) with youth-serving programs, and your entity's knowledge and capability to carry out the proposed program. If your entity has no prior experience with youth-serving programs, please explain how your department intends to build capacity to serve youth. Please also identify all program management and staff.

2. Budget Detail and Budget Narrative (10 points)

- a. Applicants must use the Budget Detail Worksheet form provided in the application package.
- b. Applicants must provide an itemized list of costs and a narrative explanation as to why those costs are necessary to the success of the project. Costs must be specific and tied to the project objectives.
- c. Applicants should refer to the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories and allowable expenses.

h) The address* of the office receiving the application:

William H. Cranford, Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the Attorney General
Division of Administration
Richard J. Hughes Justice
Complex 25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*** ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL: Police-Youth@NJOAG.GOV**

i) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:

Applications must be completed and emailed to Police-Youth@njoag.gov on or before 11:59 pm on August 1, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

j) Date by which notices of award shall be sent to applicants:

All applicants will be notified on or about **September 15, 2021**, whether or not their proposed project(s) will be funded.