

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**Notice of Availability of Funds**

Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program

Take notice that: in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:17B-180 a, the Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds, which are accessed through one Application process:

- a. Name of program:** Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program, P.L. 2021, c.196 (Pilot Program)
- b. Purpose:** The Pilot Program creates a two-year Pilot Program to develop an innovative restorative and transformative continuum of care in the municipalities of Camden, Newark, Paterson, and Trenton. The Pilot Program is intended to help prevent young people in New Jersey from entering the youth justice system and to support young people being released from a Commission facility. The Pilot Program will greatly enhance the funding initiatives currently in place to serve youth in their communities. Pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.196, each of the four identified municipalities shall have a restorative justice hub that will provide community-based enhanced diversion and reentry wraparound services. Counties must actively engage communities and properly fund services to divert youth from

formal justice system involvement and reintegrate youth back into their communities successfully.

- c. Funding available:** A total of \$8,400,000 (\$4,200,000 in year 1 and year 2) has been allocated for the administration and implementation of the Pilot Program. This funding allocation will be for the two-year period of 11/1/22 through 10/31/24, which is exclusive of the upfront time required to implement the grant application and award process to initiate the Pilot Program. Future state legislative appropriations for this grant program are subject to appropriation and availability of sufficient funds.
- 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 Commission of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislatures from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Commission 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 Commission or an event of default under a grant agreement, and the Commission 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 Commission 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 Commission to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.

- e. **Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:** Each County Youth Services Commissions (YSCs) in Camden, Essex, Mercer, and Passaic counties are eligible to apply for Pilot Program funding.
- f. **Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:** To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must submit a completed Application, in accordance with the requirements of the program.
- g. **Procedures for eligible organizations to apply:** Counties are to submit an Application when applying for the Pilot Program. The Application will be sent electronically to the four eligible County YSCs Offices with the posting to the Commission's and the Office of the Attorney General's websites. Additional copies of the Application will be available at <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/juvenile-justice-commission-home/jjc-funding-opportunities/>.
- h. **Deadline by which applications must be submitted:** All Applications must be completed and received on or before 5/9/22 by 3:00 pm. Applications must be submitted electronically to [JJCYSCGrants@jjc.nj.gov](mailto:JJCYSCGrants@jjc.nj.gov).
- i. **Applicant's conference:** In an effort to assist counties in applying for these funds, an Applicant conference will be held via Microsoft Teams on 1/5/22 at 10:00 am. The Applicant conference is mandatory. Please read the NOAF and the Application in its entirety prior to the event and prepare any questions you have in advance. Please note, the information provided during this conference

will not be made available in any other form to those who do not attend. Please R.S.V.P. via email to [JJCYSCGrants@jjc.nj.gov](mailto:JJCYSCGrants@jjc.nj.gov) by 1/4/22 at 4:00 pm. In addition to the County YSC Administrator, it is strongly recommended that the YSC Chair(s) and YSC voting members, as well as a representative from the target municipality, attend the Applicant conference. If staff implementing this project have been identified, then they must also attend.

- j. Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of applications:** Applicants will receive a response regarding the results of the review no later than 5/25/22.