



NJ Office of Resilience Police – Youth Initiative Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

What is the purpose of this initiative?

The purpose of this initiative is to increase community engagement and strengthen relationships with the youth and law enforcement. Creating a space for change within the community is the goal.

What type of proposals were submitted?

What we were looking for in this proposal to see youth programs come out of Police departments to encourage youth activity in areas of south jersey were the greatest need was. Some police departments already had programs from past years and needed funding others did not have any programs for youth.

How much money was available, and how long do we have to use the grant money?

Each invited department could request up to \$60,000 to fund one year of programming.

How were police departments invited?

Southern New Jersey has some of the worst health outcomes and quality of life statistics in the state. Data was reviewed, including crime rates, referrals to the Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP), and calls from schools to local police departments to identify police departments located in at-risk communities. 15 were contacted through email and in-person visits.

How many police departments are participating?

This is a pilot project with the goal of 10 departments participating for one year.

Are there restrictions to how we use the grant money?

The restrictions are in line with state guidelines.

Can the grant money be used to pay salary?

The grant can be used to pay half of overtime for officers and can be negotiated.

Can individuals who have retired from law enforcement but still have connections to the community apply for this program?

The scholarship is geared to police departments. A police department has to apply, and the retired police officer can help but cannot apply as an individual.

Will this program be offered in other parts of New Jersey other than South Jersey?

If more money is given next fiscal year we will expand to other regions of New Jersey. We are piloting just 10 and will gain information on how those 10 went then we can as an office reevaluate what is next to come and if funding is available.

Will there be another round for this police youth initiative program after the pilot ends?

We are unsure, it will have to do with funding for next year.