

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of Availability of Funds

Jean Krauss Youth Leadership & Career Development Forums

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 funded by FFY18 Title II grant program funds:

a. Name of the Program: Jean Krauss Youth Leadership & Career Development Forum.

b. Purpose

Understanding there is a disconnect between court involved and at-risk youth with respect to educational and post high school career opportunities, the JJC in conjunction with the New Jersey Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Committee announce the availability of Title II formula grant funding to contract with Community/County Colleges to provide two regional youth forums ((1) North and (1) Central), The purpose of the Jean Krauss Youth Leadership and Career Development Forums are to increase the knowledge and awareness of post high school educational and employment opportunities in the state for court involved and at-risk youth. The recipient of these funds will develop the forum's agenda, content, and written materials in collaboration with a planning committee comprised of JJDP Committee members and JJC staff. The approximate number expected participants per region is 150-200 youth and 100 adults. The selected provider should have the capacity to host conferences virtually if necessary or as requested by the JJC. It is expected that the selected provider will work cooperatively and in concert with the Juvenile Justice Commission and in accordance with current health regulations related to COVID-19.

c. Funding Available: \$50,000 (\$25,000 per forum).

- Start and end date: March 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021. There will be no extension of the grant period.
- Number of awards to be made up to two (Regional Forums: \$25,000 each):
 1. If two awards are not made, the JJDP Committee reserves the right to distribute the remaining funds among the successful applicant(s) who indicate a willingness to serve the counties in the region(s) not being served.
 2. If an applicant is applying for more than one region, they must submit one application per region.
 3. Please note this is a reimbursement grant.
 4. For the purpose of this Notice of Availability of Funds (NOAF) and the application review, the regions will be categorized as:
 - **Northern Region Counties:** Bergen, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex;
 - **Central Region Counties:** Burlington Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean;

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

- Applicants that may apply for this funding are New Jersey Community/County Colleges.
- Applicants must have experience in hosting conferences, forums, and/or trainings.
- State Agencies are NOT eligible to apply.

f. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding

- Must have a DUNS number. A DUNS number is used to track Federal assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. For further information visit on-line at <http://www.dnb.com/us>.
- 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.

g. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply

The Application and required attachments/forms should be emailed to jjdpcommittee@jjc.nj.gov. “*Jean Kraus Youth Leadership & Career Development Forums Application*” should be included in the subject of the email. Required attachments and forms are available at <http://www.nj.gov/oag/grants.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 being accepted via **e-mail ONLY** 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 December 4, 2020.

i. Applicant Bidders Conference

In effort to assist candidates in applying for these funds, a virtual bidder's conference will be held on October 27, 2020 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 October 26, 2020, if you are participating the bidder's conference. You must RSVP in order 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 January 25, 2021.

k. Post award Meeting

In effort to assist successful applicants to understand the award process, a virtual post award will be held on February 1, 2021. The post award meeting is mandatory. The project director and a fiscal representative are required to participate.