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NJDOT is now accepting grant applications for the Urban Youth Corps summer jobs program The program develops life and job skills for disadvantaged youth

(Trenton) The New Jersey Department of Transportation today announced that grant applications are being accepted for the Youth Corps Urban Gateway Enhancement program. The program provides employment opportunities to underserved youth and young adults through community-service projects.

"The Youth Corps Urban Gateway Enhancement program is a wonderful example of how the Department embodies our Commitment to Communities," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "The Youth Corps program fosters collaboration with the communities we serve, empowers our youth with employment and training opportunities, and serves the public with beautification projects."

NJDOT's Division of Civil Rights and Affirmative Action administers the Youth Corps program and is soliciting applications from local government agencies, non-profits, and other community-based organizations with established youth programs for participation in this seasonal program. The application deadline is **March 31, 2021**.

The program provides employment opportunities with on-the-job training to at-risk youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 who have experienced barriers to employment. The participants will receive life-skills training and employment experience in transportation enhancement projects through paid summer/fall employment. Participants will gain work experience that may help them succeed in future efforts to obtain jobs. Communities will benefit from projects that create attractive gateways for residents and visitors.

Grant proposals should focus on enhancing aesthetics in areas near state roads. Preference will be given to applications that address urban communities. Approved proposals will receive a federally-funded grant of up to \$32,000 for their community gateway project. Each grant will support stipends for approximately ten young adults and a supervisor, as well as equipment and supplies.

For additional information and to apply, go to:
<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/cleanupnj/youth.shtm>

You may also contact NJDOT's Division of Civil Rights and Affirmative Action by phone at (609) 963-2047 or email at DOT-CRAA.YouthCorpsProgram@dot.nj.gov.

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