

Camden County Community Resource Development Funds Background and Rationale, Fiscal Year 2023-24

The NJ Children's System of Care (CSOC), Camden County, and Camden County Partnership for Children (CCPFC), are interested in expanding services and programs for youth in the county with mental health, behavioral health, intellectual disabilities, and substance use needs. This one-time funding of \$67,788.07 (less may be applied for) must be utilized in full by: June 30, 2023 and will become unavailable to the awardee(s) after that date. Proposals submitted must either be a one-time initiative that can have a sustained impact or serve as seed money to initiative a new resource. Applicants must commit to working in partnership with Camden County Partnership for Children (CCPFC), other system partners, and community-based resources. They must embody the values of the NJ Children's System of Care.

All applications will be reviewed and scored via a panel consisting of CCPFC Community Resource Director, CCPFC Board Members, CCPFC employees, and various members of the Camden County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC).

There have been noted gaps and needs in quality, community-based mental health services through various system-wide surveys and needs assessments. While the proposals do not have to narrowly target any one population, keeping the identified needs of our county is advised. Any need identified should be supported with documentation within the RFP narrative.

The priority needs for funding identified are (no specific order):

- Programming that addresses a specific need or gap youth and families are facing due to the current pandemic.
- Programming that helps bridge the technology divide, focuses on connecting youth to youth for socialization, and/or focuses on building resiliency and self-regulation are a few examples
- After-school programs that provide recreational and psycho-education opportunities (i.e.: mindfulness)
- Programming that targets the prevention of substance use while engaging both youth and parents

*The barriers and needs have been collected from various sources: The Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC); The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) of the Child Advocacy Center; the Youth Services Commission (YSC), and CCPFC Staff.

All applicants must demonstrate the ability to manage the finances and implement the practice/program applied for in their application. Applicants must agree to submit a comprehensive quarterly report by the dates listed below:

- 1. 10/31/2023
- 2. 01/31/2024
- 3. 04/30/2024
- 4. 07/31/2024
 - a. Program Performance Reports
 - b. Expenditure Reports that include: Detailed submission of all documents that substantiate funding use (receipts, time logs, invoices, mileage, etc.)

Thank You,

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