

New Jersey Locally, Empowered, Accountable, and Determined (LEAD)  
Category C: INNOVATIVE REENTRY CAREER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL  
INITIATIVES FOR NEW JERSEY  
Question Period Ending November 19, 2021

**Question:** *Are community colleges (which is what our institution is classified as) eligible to apply for this grant?*

*Answer: Yes, County Colleges are nonprofit so they can apply. The NGO, under eligible organizations, page 5, states, "Municipal government entities, nonprofit community-based corporations, or associations with proven experience working with those who have experienced detainment and/or incarceration are eligible to apply. Municipal government entities, nonprofit community-based corporations, or associations currently operating local programs and services and/or presently developing reentry initiatives will be considered for funding. The final amount determination will be based upon selection criteria." New Jersey community colleges are nonprofit community based organizations. Proposals should demonstrate the organization's experience with detainment and/or incarceration.*

**Question:** *Can funding be used for the following: facility costs? General administration costs? Sub-contractors?*

*Answer: Funds may be used for facility costs and general administrative costs as part of Indirect Costs (Fixed and Administrative), if your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate. If not, up to 10% (de minimus rate) of your proposal may be designated. General administrative costs are limited to the lesser of 10% of the total funds requested, or the organization's federally approved Indirect Cost Agreement (ICR). A copy of the current ICR Agreement must be included with each copy of your application materials.*

*Existing sub-contractors are not allowable, unless an addendum to their existing contract specific to new services under the Category C NGO is approved by the organization after the award notification date. The operations of any sub-contractors are subject to compliance with the specific grant provisions and sub-contractors are subject to a final financial and compliance audit of sub-grant operations, including the relevant operations of any subcontractors, may be performed after sub-grant termination or expiration.*

*Awardees will be required to supply documentation of all budget expenditures.*

**Question:** *Does all funding need to be used in the 6 month period?*

*Answer: The NGO, page 7 states, "Successful applicants will be awarded a six-month grant with a service commencement date of January 1, 2022. The NJDOC has the sole discretion to award a one-year grant extension based upon performance and the availability of funding. Project continuation is subject to the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriation and the availability of State or Federal funds." At this time, no additional State funding has been designated. The additional year, if the option was approved by NJDOC, would be a No Cost Grant Extension. This means extra time would be given to the awarded organization to spend the funds originally awarded. A separate submission and approval process is required by NJDOC for a No Cost Grant Extension.*

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**Question:** *Can supporting documentation (resumes, etc.) be included in an appendix beyond the 10 page narrative?*

*Answer: The applicant organization should adhere to the NGO requirements for the ten page narrative submission.*

**Question:** *Are you targeting any specific age demographic?*

*Answer: The organization determines the specific age demographic and eligibility criteria for participation in their proposal. The age demographic should encompass the population served by NJDOC. The proposal should include for the age demographic: Plan(s) for assisting participants with entrepreneurial ventures and career employment; plans for assisting participants with entrepreneurial ventures; and the criteria for transitioning participants upon successful program.*

**Question:** *If offering pre-release programming, will NJ DOC assist with connecting providers to local prison personnel?*

*Answer: As part of the proposal, the applicant organization should include how they will develop and assist in a client referral process. It can be expected that the organization will meet with the clients before release. The NJDOC has areas overseeing the grant program operations. The organization will work in concert with the NJDOC, Division of Programs and Community Services, the newly developed Office of Community Engagement and Reentry Initiatives (CERI), the Office of Educational Services, the Office of Transitional Services (OTS), and the Office of Community Programs (OCP). The purpose is to ensure that the rehabilitative work and academic and vocational training implemented inside the correctional facility continues and expands immediately upon release from the prison to reduce the likelihood of high recidivism rates presently seen among the national statistics.*