

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING BLOCKS FUND BOARD**

Public Notice is hereby given in accordance with Title 29, Section 10004 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, 29 *Del. C.* §5005(11), as amended, and Title 1 *Delaware Administrative Code*, Part 479 (18 DE. Reg. 464) (12/01/14) that the Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund Board (the “Board”) with the Delaware Economic Development Office, as the administrator of the Board, will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Conference Room at the Delaware Economic Development Office, 820 North French Street, Tenth Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

The public meeting will address the matters and applications described below for proposed grants from the Board authorized by §39 of the FY 2015 Budget Act (79 *Del. Laws* ch. 290) in connection with the proposed projects to support local neighborhood revitalization programs, law enforcement, community development or public protection, in the amount and on behalf of the applicants identified below.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting. In advance of the meeting, additional information concerning the matters and applications to be considered at the meeting may be obtained from, and written comments may be submitted to, the NBBF Board in care of the Delaware Economic Development Office, 99 Kings Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901 (302) 739-4271.

The Board reserves the right to conduct a part of the meeting in one or more executive sessions closed to the public for the purpose of discussing certain confidential law enforcement, commercial or other confidential information submitted by the applicants for assistance that is not a public record within the meaning of Section 10002 of the *Delaware Code*.

The agenda for the meeting, which is subject to change, is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review minutes of March 9, 2017 meeting
- III. Review status of applications approved on March 9
- IV. Review NBBF applications:
  1. **(YWCAD-12-16-LaRock) YWCA of Delaware, Inc.:** The purpose of the proposed summer program “Summer Internship Teen Empowerment (SITE)” is to address youth unemployment and will focus on providing young people within the City of Wilmington (specifically within the feeder pattern of P.S. DuPont Middle School) with skills that result in meaningful employment. Amount of request \$17,589.50

2. **(JFSD-12-16-Namugenyi) Jewish Family Services of Delaware:** The purpose of the proposed project “Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) & Clinical Youth Advocacy” is to provide a combination of workforce development, technical skills training, and individualized counseling to at-risk youth in downtown Wilmington, with the goal of preventing recidivism or involvement in the juvenile justice system. Amount of request \$24,092
3. **(OOA-12-16-Melton) Out of the Ashes:** “Out of the Ashes: Where a seed finds life” is an artistic healing experience between a father and a son, presented through dramatic expression, that delves into the childhood issues, with the goal of connecting various service providers with families that attend performances. Amount of request \$25,000
4. **(FAME-12-16-Wilson) FAME, Inc.:** The purpose of the “STEMulate Change Outreach Initiative” is to prevent/reduce crime and cultivate economic development through hands-on STEM education during out-of-school hours for students, grades 3-6, at schools and community-based organizations. Amount of request \$ 25,000
5. **(CDPD-12-16-Stump) City of Dover Police Department:** The applicant seeks funding to fill one police cadet position for a two-year period to address concerns from downtown merchants, customers, and residents about safety within the City of Dover. *NOTE: Due to urgency of need, this applicant requested that this component of a larger application (filed this round) be considered at this time.* \$27,062
6. **(CCDC-12-16-Nix) Canaan Community Development Corp.:** This applicant proposes a small business accelerator assisting ten minority micro-business owners (under five full time employees) in Wilmington’s DDD to grow through both core and supplemental services, using EMyth curriculum and coaching over a maximum 15 month time period. Amount of request \$29,700
7. **(WRC-12-16-Levin) Wilmington Renaissance Corporation:** The applicant proposes the “Vacant to Vibrant ‘Rock Lot’ Transformation” project to transform a currently dark, trash-strewn “rock lot” within the Creative District into a space in which residents and visitors can gather to enjoy public performances, food events, marketplaces and arts activities. Amount of request \$30,000
8. **(NHCC-12-16-Barry) New Horizons Community Center:** The purpose of the proposed “New Horizons Community Center Martial Arts & work readiness” project is to leverage community resources to educate and activate juveniles and adolescents in the areas of physical fitness, personal development (character & ethics), finance, and business to overcome community problems of high crime, prolific drug sales/use, violence, and poverty. Amount of request \$40,000

9. **(CBCDC-12-16-Keeling) Central Baptist CDC/DBA Urban Acre Produce Company:** The applicant proposes a community garden to be built on four lots at 815-821 N. Church Street to transform a vacant, overgrown area into “an oasis of beauty in this eastside neighborhood.” To include ten raised garden beds available to the community, plus additional beds to be used by Urban Acres Produce for sales to local restaurants and farmers markets, using volunteers/students from CDCDC’s workforce training programs. Amount of request \$43,000
10. **(YMCAD-12-16-Mullan) YMCA of Delaware:** “Take on Sumer at the Bear-Glasgow Family YMCA” proposes to enroll and provide 75 teens free access to the YMCA throughout the summer months, providing compelling opportunities to ensure consistency of participation. Amount of request \$45,080
11. **(NCPC-12-16-Smithers) New Castle Prevention Coalition, Inc.:** The “Community Solar Project” is designed to address residents within the Route to community. Specifically, veteran volunteers skilled in photovoltaic systems will work with 15 adolescents/young adults to install off-grid, solar-powered security lighting on the premises of 30 seniors, veterans, and/or disabled residents. Amount of request \$46,476
12. **(DNS-12-16-Harrod) Delaware Nature Society:** This applicant in partnership with three community organizations proposes to create an extensive teen environmental after-school club for 30 students to address and prevent the violence challenges that the Wilmington Northeast community experiences. Club to run fall 2017, spring and summer 2018. Amount of request \$48,394
13. **(BRCDC-12-16-Davis) BeReady CDC:** The applicant proposes to enroll and provide a stipend to 24 youth into several projects to “transform the behaviors, mindsets, and ...perception of the neighborhood”: a beautification project to clean up the area (remove litter and provide garbage cans, urban garden, mural); train youth on value of food-based activities at DSU’s Agricultural lab; train youth in basic construction skills; and provide Life Skills Training. Amount of request \$49,400
14. **(CHECI-12-16-Dryden) CHEC, Inc.** Applicant seeks to implement the “Community Trials Intervention to Reduce High-Risk Drinking” program in Wilmington to reduce youth access to alcohol, as well as reduce alcohol-related accidents and violent incidents/injuries resulting from alcohol use. Amount of request \$49,999

IV. Other Business