

CITY OF PATERSON
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Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

The Paterson Department of Health & Human Services provides serving community/faith-based organizations the opportunity to partner with the city through an annual Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The 2026 Paterson Department of Health & Human Services RFP release date is
Tuesday, January 27th, 2026
Will ONLY be available to download from
City of Paterson website: www.patersonnj.gov until
Tuesday, January 10th, 2026.

The RFP is processed through our Social Services Division. The purpose is to build and sustain a stronger Paterson and help to create, improve and/or expand the delivery of services to the citizens of Paterson. Our grants support local efforts to provide our community and/or faith-based organizations the opportunity to enhance their programs.

Please review the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the procedures on the following pages and carefully complete and submit your proposal in the requested format.

The programs must address the Scope of Services as outlined below:

- Provide meaningful educational/recreational activities for youth;
- Support effective senior service programs;
- Utilize evidence-based projects to ensure positive performance outcomes.
- Foster collaboration among different community agencies, and city government;
- Reflect a comprehensive approach to identify and meet specific goals and objectives as specified.

Please feel free to contact **Daysiling Vargas** dvargas@patersonnj.gov should you require additional information.

We look forward to working with you.

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**2026 SOCIAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL APPLICATION (RFP)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Release Date: Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

Submission Date: Applications must be clearly typed and each section must be completed.
An original and three (3) copies must be submitted by Friday, March 6th, 2026 no later than 12:00 noon to:

**Department of Health & Human Services
Office of Planning & Program Analysis
125 Ellison Street,
Paterson, New Jersey 07505
ATTN: Daysiling Vargas, Program Monitor**

Eligibility: Applicant must be recognized as a 501 (c) 3 organization within the City of Paterson and/or serving the citizens of Paterson;

Applicants must include a completed Application Checklist attached to original application only. Applications will not be accepted without the checklist.

The information provided for the checklist must be current. If not, you must provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

- Nonprofit Corporation with proof of 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status;
- A minimum of five years of experience in providing social services;
- Strong board involvement and competent leadership; and
- Proven track record of relationships fostered with other organizations and constituencies in the community, and city government.

Grant Request: \$6,000 - \$15,000

Application Due Date: **Friday March 6th, 2026 no later than 12:00 noon**

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please Note: The following documents must be attached to this check list and submitted with the original application only.

All items listed below must be attached to the 2026 Social Service RFP Original Application. Please place an 'X' on the line preceding each item signifying attachment in the order as listed.

1. _____ Current after school program license (if applicable);
2. _____ Current Annual Audit Report (must be completed by an independent Certified Public Account and in compliance with OMB Circular A-128 or OMB Circular A-133);
3. _____ Certificate of Incorporation;
4. _____ Copy of 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status letter;
5. _____ List of current Board of Directors and Affiliations;
6. _____ Copy of Board of Directors meeting schedule;
7. _____ Copy of the agency's holiday calendar;
8. _____ A statement that the agency is in compliance with annual filing requirements of the Internal Revenue Services – Good Standing Certification;
9. _____ Provide two (2) letters of support.

Providing that your agency is selected you MUST provide the following:

10. _____ Copy of Insurance Certificate meeting the following standards:
 - A. Providing the City of Paterson Department of Health & Human Services with notification in case of cancellation.
 - B. Endorsement sheet including the City of Paterson Department of Health & Human Services as an additional insured {Note: applicants that are not already providing services under this Grant Program may defer fulfillment of this requirement "B" until a grant is actually awarded}

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**Application Cover
(Print Clearly)**

Legal Name of Agency: _____

Agency Address: _____ Website: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check service category and indicate amount requested from DHHS

<u>Service Categories</u>	<u>Amount Requested from DHHS</u>
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_____	Youth Services _____
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_____	Senior Services _____
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_____	Other Services _____
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Please explain: _____

Authorized Representative:

Print: Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Application Instructions

Please follow directions – use a 12" Times New Roman font; single space and 1" margins.

1. Introduction – (Two-page limit)

Please provide a description of your agency, include mission statement, history and previous experience in delivering programs in the City of Paterson;

2. Statement of Need – (One-page limit)

Please describe the need to be addressed through this funding process and explain its importance, include current demographics of the population to benefit from this service;

3. Program Description – (Two-page limit)

Please provide a detailed description of the program to be implemented if funding is secured. Include your plans to collaborate with other community/faith-based agencies in the City of Paterson to ensure other services are being provided to your customer base;

4. Goals and Objectives – (Two-page limit)

Please provide your program goals and following each goal provide the objectives that will ensure the program goals are met. Please use measureable terminology which will clearly define how success is measured;

5. Program Activities – (One-page limit)

Please provide a program calendar listing scheduled events to occur: daily, weekly, and/or monthly. Include time and location;

6. Target Population – (One-page limit)

Please include the specific demographics of the population to be served from this program: total number; ages; economic status (eligible for free or reduced school lunch); household size;

7. Program Evaluation – (One-page limit)

Describe the program evaluation tools that will be used to demonstrate positive performance outcomes and briefly describe staff performance evaluation process; **provide a sample form**)

8. Budget, Budget Narrative & Sustainability – (Three-page limit)

Please provide a detailed budget and a budget narrative describing how these funds will be allocated and describe future funding plans addressing program sustainability.

NOTE: Page limit 14 including cover