

New Jersey Black Issues Convention **Community Change Awards Project Nomination Form**

The 35th Annual New Jersey Black Issues Leadership Conference will take place on September 28-29, 2017, at the Thomas Edison State University, and Trenton Masonic Temple in Trenton, NJ. The 2017 conference theme is “**Still We Rise: Moving NJ’s Black Agenda Forward**”

2017 Community Change Awards Project

The NJBIC Board seeks to identify organizations that have developed innovative and effective programs that aim to reduce disparities, that should be more widely supported, and that can be replicated by others. NJBIC believes that positive community change can be achieved by reducing or eliminating existing disparities in these four specific areas:

- **1) The Democracy Act**
- **2) Anti-Poverty Initiatives**
- **3) Health and Environment; and**
- **4) Fair and Effective Policing**

In support of your innovative ideas in these four areas, submitted programs will be showcased throughout the convention and compiled into a resource guide for distribution. We welcome participation by a variety of organizations and encourage your in-person support of the Community Change Awards Reception and Awards Ceremony set for Thursday, September 28, 2017, when a number of projects will be selected for special recognition. Project criteria and a Community Change Project form are posted at www.njbic.org

NJBIC Community Change Awards Project Criteria

Premise: There are many organizations doing important and effective work that should be supported and can be replicated. NJBIC seeks to highlight programs and practices that have a positive impact on reducing disparities and challenges that persist in the above listed four areas.

The activity (program or practice) may be an advocacy, direct service, or education activity that is organized or sponsored by: community or faith-based institutions; government agencies; appointed or elected officials; arts, cultural, advocacy, educational, activist, or service organizations; direct service agencies, or private sector businesses.

Assessment:

The activity (program or practice) should excel in one or more of the following areas:

- ❖ Identify, examine, and address approaches to overcome cultural, economic, and/or social disparities
- ❖ Have potential to replicate its positive and lasting results
- ❖ Enhance participants’ ability to meet the individual challenges they face
- ❖ Encourage new ways of collaborative thinking
- ❖ Demonstrate positive future outcomes for and beyond the target audience
- ❖ Engage cross-disciplinary partnerships to affect positive outcomes
- ❖ Empower participants to affect positive outcomes beyond the activity
- ❖ Improve efficient utilization of available yet scarce resources

Name of Project*

* Project refers to a one-time event, an ongoing activity, a program, or a "best practice"

Nominated by:

Name, Title, E-mail, Phone

Address:

Street Address, Room/Suite, City, Zip Code

Contact Person:

Name, Title, E-mail, Phone

Award Category:

The Democracy Act
Anti-Poverty Initiatives
Health and Environment
Fair and Effective Policing

Key Features:

Describe the criteria, structure, materials used, special facilities or training, partnerships, collaborations, or other elements which help ensure the success of the project in meeting its goals:

Project History:

Initiation: Explain why the project began and the identified need(s) the project was meant to address.

Planning: Describe obstacles overcome in getting the project ready to launch.

Delivery: Describe the impact of the project or a major challenge to the project that necessitated other creative solutions to meet the project goal(s).

Project Future:

What are the challenges in taking the project to the next level?

What aspect(s) of the project would you like to see replicated?

What is needed to broaden the project's service capacity?

Please submit completed form no later than **July 7, 2017**

Submit to: NJBIC Community Change Awards Project

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