

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ANNOUNCES *REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS* FOR THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Lawrence Township Seeks Qualified Nonprofit Partner to Continue Community-Based Services and Programming

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, NJ – June 17, 2026 – The Township of Lawrence will formally issue (on June 23, 2026) a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified nonprofit organizations interested in leasing, operating, and programming the Lawrence Neighborhood Center located at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road.

The Township-owned facility has long served as a valuable community resource and has been home to programs and services that have positively impacted Lawrence Township residents for decades. With the facility currently vacant, the Township Council has authorized a competitive and transparent process to identify a nonprofit organization capable of continuing and expanding services that benefit the community.

The RFP invites qualified nonprofit organizations to submit proposals outlining how they would utilize the facility to provide educational, recreational, cultural, social service, and other community-oriented programming. The selected organization will be expected to operate the facility in a manner that advances the public interest and enhances opportunities for Lawrence Township residents.

"The Lawrence Neighborhood Center has played an important role in serving our residents for decades, and the Township Council is committed to ensuring that the center evolves to meet the needs of our diverse community," said Mayor Christopher Bobbitt. *"This Request for Proposals process is designed to be open, fair, and transparent while allowing the Township to identify the nonprofit partner best suited to operate the facility and deliver high-quality programs and services for the people of Lawrence Township."*

The issuance of the RFP follows a long process of public discussion about the facility's future use. Throughout that process, Township officials emphasized the importance of maintaining a fair, legally compliant procurement process while also providing residents with opportunities to share their views on the facility's future.

Under the RFP, proposals will be evaluated based upon a variety of factors, including:

- Demonstrated experience operating community-based programs and facilities;
- The quality and scope of proposed services and programming;
- Financial capacity and organizational stability;

- Plans for facility management and maintenance;
- Community benefit and public accessibility; and
- The respondent's overall ability to fulfill the goals established by the Township.

The Township encourages all qualified nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated commitment to serving communities and providing public-benefit programming to participate in the process.

Interested organizations may obtain the complete RFP package through the Township's website at www.lawrencetwp.com or by contacting the Township's Municipal Manager's Office.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive immaterial defects or informalities, request clarifications, conduct interviews, and negotiate lease terms when determined to be in the best interests of the Township.

Any lease agreement resulting from the RFP process will be subject to final approval by the Township Council and execution of a formal lease agreement approved by the Township Attorney.

About the Lawrence Neighborhood Center

The Lawrence Neighborhood Center is a Township-owned facility located at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road in Lawrence Township. The facility has historically served residents through educational, recreational, social service, and community engagement programming. The Township's objective is to ensure the facility continues to serve as a valuable community asset benefiting residents for generations to come.

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