



## **New York City Stimulus Tracker Pending Funding Requests: Grant Application Tracker**

**Lead Federal Agency:** U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

**Application Submitted by:** Fire Department, City of New York

**ARRA Funding Source:** Local Youth Mentoring Initiative

### **Funding Source Description:**

In an effort to reduce juvenile delinquency, violence, gang participation, school failure, and dropout rates, OJJDP is issuing this solicitation to support local organizations that develop, implement, or expand local mentoring programs leading to measurable, positive outcomes for at-risk youth. A 2000 national evaluation of OJJDP's mentoring program found significant reductions in risks involving aggressive behavior and delinquency, peer relationships, and mental health. Lessons learned from this evaluation have increased our understanding of factors that are crucial to effective mentoring and of promising models and effective approaches to community collaboration.

**Grant Description:** The FDNY will implement the Heading for Emergency Responder Opportunities Mentorship Program (H.E.R.O.) targeting students enrolled at FDNY High School, which serves students of color who come from economically disadvantaged families and underachieving grade schools. FDNY High School offers its seniors the Emergency Medical Technician Youth Certification Program, an educational and career development curriculum that gives them the opportunity to earn an EMT certificate upon graduation. The program incorporates academic support, skills development and community involvement to prepare students for the YouthCert curriculum in senior year.

**Grant Amount:** \$464,000

### **Anticipated benefits:**

The in-school and school-to-career mentoring models will be utilized to advance job and college readiness and to prevent high drop out rates, school failures and disciplinary incidents. Progress will be monitored by measuring academic performance, attendance rates, acquisition of job readiness skills and participation in FDNY themed activities.