

**2026 Core Mission Grant
Executive Summary
Red Committee Finalist**

1. Organization Name: Scouting America Garden State Council

2. Organization website: gardenstatescouting.org

3. County where organization headquartered: Burlington County

4. County(ies) being served by proposed project: Camden, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester

5. Organization Mission and Vision Statement: The mission of Scouting America Garden State Council is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The organization's vision is a future where every young person in southern New Jersey has access to Scouting's proven programs and opportunities, enabling them to grow into responsible, engaged citizens and leaders who are prepared to serve their communities and shape a better world.

6. Organization's Current Annual Operating Budget 2026: \$2,928,394

7. Proposed Project Name: ScoutReach

8. Proposed Project Summary: To deliver Scouting programs to youth in under-resourced communities by removing financial and logistical barriers. Funds will support staffing, program delivery, uniforms, materials, transportation, and outdoor experiences for youth who otherwise would not have access to Scouting. The project will expand service capacity across partner school and community sites and summer camp experiences while maintaining high-quality, staff-led programming.

By providing consistent, no-cost programming within trusted school and community settings, ScoutReach directly addresses the lack of affordable, high quality out-of-school opportunities identified in target communities. The program supports academic engagement, social-emotional growth, leadership development, and positive peer relationships for youth facing economic barriers.