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Juvenile Justice Grant Writing Workshop
Responses to CJCC's Workshop Questions (April 23, 2013)

Question: Will there be any flexibility in performance outcomes (page 7 of the RFP)?
Answer: *The Funding Committee reserves the right to review progress and make the necessary adjustments during the grant period as well as decisions concerning continuation funding.*

Question: The RFP does not specify a spacing requirement. Do you prefer single or double-spaced format?
Answer: *The narrative can be submitted in either single or double-spaced format.*

Question: Should post adjudication re-entry be included in the application? The Governor's Office of Children and Families' (GOCF) RFP differentiates between re-entry and diversion while the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)'s RFP included any evidence-based program that would achieve performance objectives. What is the role of re-entry in the CJCC application?

Answer: *The difference is due to the parameters for the individual funding streams. The re-entry portion is a requirement of the federal funds administered by GOCF. The state funds administered by CJCC and the Funding Committee are targeted towards directly reducing commitments. While re-entry is a critical component of handling our youth, unless it has a direct component in your program that will reduce commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) or Short-Term Programs (STP), this should not be included in the CJCC application.*

Question: Should applicants list performance objectives as quarterly numbers?
Answer: *Yes, progress reports will be due quarterly.*

Question: Is there an option to choose monthly vs. quarterly reimbursements?
Answer: *Yes, if awarded your agency may choose either monthly or quarterly reimbursements. If awarded, you will have the option to choose the reimbursement schedule that best suits your agency.*

Question: When will the DJJ Pre-disposition Risk Assessment will it be available?
Answer: *The Pre-disposition Risk Assessment is expected to be available by September 1st.*

Question: Will any training be offered with regard to the DJJ Pre-disposition Risk Assessment?
Answer: *Yes, DJJ will offer training to court staff. Dates are forthcoming.*

Question: How do I include the DJJ Predisposition Risk Assessment in my county's RFP?
Answer: *The DJJ Predisposition Risk Assessment was mentioned as a tool that may be utilized, however, it is not an application requirement. If the assessment tool is included in your proposal, you will be required to enter into a post-award Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DJJ. The Risk Assessment will be one of the areas to include in the MOU.*

Question: How can you demonstrate the validity of the GOCF clearinghouse data regarding the number of commitments? I do not believe that my county's commitments are accurate.
Answer: *While GOCF does not discount the possibility that data entry errors occur, they feel comfortable standing by the numbers as a whole. GOCF is willing to provide any court with the listing of names, if helpful.*

Questions: Will the total number of STPs be weighted evenly with felony commitments when it comes to meeting performance targets and overall cost savings to the state?
Answer: *The targets will remain a 20% reduction in TOTAL number of felony commitments to DJJ and Short-Term Program for this initial grant offering.*