

FAQ CHINS Webinar, July 2, 2025

- What are the qualifications for applying for the grant?
 - Applicants are limited to local county commissions/boards of commissioners, city governments, or school districts.
 - Applicants must be capable of hosting a reimbursement grant.
 - For example, this means that a local board of commissioners can pass funding through a local juvenile court or district attorney, a school district can pass funding through to a school, or a unit of government can pass funding through to a non-profit.
 - The implementing agency would be applicant in IGX, and the Authorized Official would be connected.
- What is the award ceiling?
 - Depending on the size of the county, the grant plans to award 50k-100k for this first grant year. Please only apply for the funding needed.
 - Advancement of quarter funds is not allowed for this award.
- How many awards are expected?
 - 10-12 awards.
- What can funding be used for?
 - Direct services, supplies, staff administration
- Can this funding be utilized to implement a risk and needs assessment tool, such as the YASI or YLS/CMI?
 - There is an emphasis for this funding to be used for direct services. The process for those assessments can be costly, which is something to consider because it wouldn't be actual services, just a way to figure out what services are needed.
- How many partnerships may help with this project?
 - We do not have a limit on the number of partnerships.
- Will this grant funding be continued for FY27?
 - The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) expects to provide these funds for a minimum of 3 years.
- Can elementary school aged children be served through this grant?
 - This grant is for middle and high school aged children.

- If a youth is not formally identified as a CHINS kids but may a pre-CHINS youth could this grant be applicable for that population as well?
 - No. The target population for this grant is CHINS youth. This means at a CHINS complaint OR be a truancy referral / gone through school process must occur.
- Can the grant be utilized for all CHINS youth and not just one particular "charge?" For example, only truancy or only ungovernable.
 - Yes, but you should still have a targeted type of CHINS. This would need to be backed by the data to show the need for the addressing of said issue.
- Can these funds be used to fund part of a program?
 - Yes, these funds can be used to expand an existing program. Funding can not be used to supplant already allocated funds.
- What information needs to be included with the CHINS protocol?
 - Georgia Code provides local flexibility in what needs to be included in a CHINS Court Protocol. The Council of Juvenile Court Judges (CJCJ) recommends the following features be included: referral process, intake procedures, assessment process, service planning and review and support. We recommend reaching out to CJCJ for further support.
- Is an MOU or a contract required for services to be reimbursable?
 - Either a contract or MOU is acceptable. This will depend on local government rules.
- Are there certain treatment modalities and or programs that are approved?
 - Programing and services should be evidence informed or evidence based. Services should correlate with the needs of the targeted population.