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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding for local jurisdictions within the State of Georgia under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) (CFDA 16.540).

FY2023 Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grants Program Request for Proposals

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to local county commissions/boards of commissioners, city governments, or school districts. The availability of funds is dependent on appropriations from OJP. The Office reserves the right to reduce the amount of funds available based on government budgetary actions. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, administers these funds at the national level.

Deadline

Applications are due by Friday, August 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Available Funding

Maximum Dollar Amount per Award: \$50,000

The amount to be awarded to each agency will be determined by the Council under the advisement of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group.

Award Period

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact:
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Release Date: August 10, 2022

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SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

Eligible Applicants

The Title II Formula Grants Program provides financial and technical assistance to local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

The Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grants Program

The Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grants Program provides funding for the implementation of programming for prevention from the juvenile justice system and intervention services for youth as alternatives to detention. Funding will support violence reduction and mental health programming. Priority consideration will be given to applications which partner with school systems to prevent and reduce violence and support mental health needs of at-risk youth within the school. Programming should be evidence supported or evidence based. Additionally, applicants may apply for up to 50% of a personnel position for the purposes of this grant. Further details regarding the program can be found under *Program Purpose*.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of twenty-seven members representing various components of the criminal justice system.

Overview of the State of Georgia's Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group

The Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) is a Governor appointed body which provide expertise for juvenile justice efforts across the state of Georgia. The SAG will serve as the advisory body to the Council for the grant award.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should review the Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grant Program Packet in its entirety, and submit the completed application, including the requested information and all required attachments. The application must be submitted online via Formstack on or before 3 p.m., August 26, 2021. **[Please click here apply.](#) This form and provided budget detail are the only acceptable formats for submitting the narratives and budget for the funding year. It is recommended that applicants allow adequate time to complete the application. Applications must be submitted using the required format.** Any application that does not adequately answer all applicable questions will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for funding.

SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and the SAG members and its designated representatives who will consider the following:

1. Overall quality and completeness of the application;

2. Demonstration of clear, measurable and appropriate standards;
3. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.;
4. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The Council has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below to determine whether budget items requested are allowable prior to submitting your budget.

Applications for funding will undergo several reviews. At any point during these reviews, a decision not to fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the Council.

Competitive Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the program application received in response to this solicitation are made by the Council, based on the availability of funding and recommendations by the SAG. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by the CJCC Executive Director.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Priority consideration will be given to applications which partner with school systems to prevent and reduce violence and support mental health needs of at-risk within the schools.

Allowable Funds

Funds for this award can be used for delinquency prevention and alternatives to detention programming as well as training cost, supplies, travel, and admin.

Restriction of Funds

Grant funds cannot be used for: office space, utilities, food, furniture, the purchase of vehicles, weapons, for overall agency supplies, and construction projects. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list. Please contact the assigned CJCC contact if you have any questions.

Supplanting of Funds

Funds cannot replace or supplant federal or nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Match Requirement

No match is required under this program.

Award Notification

Notification of award funding will be made no later than September 20, 2022 via electronic correspondence.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grants Program Subgrantee Workshop

As a requirement of the grant, all counties selected for funding will be required to attend a workshop to discuss the purpose of the grant.

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are submitted to the Council.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions as deemed appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within **forty-five (45) days** of the award date. The Council may assume your court rejects the grant award if these acceptance documents are not received by this submission deadline.

Per DOJ requirements, awardees will be required to have background checks on all personnel who will be directly interacting with the youth through this grant.

This is a federal reimbursement grant. Potential subgrantees are expected to abide by federal rules and regulations.

Fiscal Accountability

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements, and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Maintenance of billing records for project related expenses (i.e. service invoices)
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).

Subgrantees will select whether they would prefer to be reimbursed for grant expenses on monthly or a quarterly basis once awarded.

Site Visits

Awarded grantees will receive programmatic and fiscal site visits as required. These may be in person or virtual.

Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

Performance measurement can be defined as the process of routinely measuring the outputs and outcomes produced by a program, thereby allowing one to assess the effectiveness of program investments and activities. It has been found that measuring performance builds consensus and commitment within the justice community, assists with the goal of obtaining and allocating resources, demonstrates success, and improves accountability.

The Department of Justice, the federal entity that administers the Delinquency Prevention Grant Program, has developed performance measures for all funded program types. As such, the Council requires that all funded subgrantees complete a quarterly statistical report using DOJ's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT). The PMT will ultimately help states produce evidence-based guidance on monitoring and evaluating all programs.

PMT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities. Reporting will be due:

Reporting Period	Due Date
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1- September 30	October 30

SECTION IV: PROGRAM DESIGN

Purpose

Preventing youth violence is a critical issue for many communities across the State of Georgia. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), homicide is the second and suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people ages 10–16 in the State of Georgia.¹ Additionally, in 2019, the Georgia Wellness Survey found that almost one third of 6th -12th graders felt unsafe at school or on my way to or from school. Of those same students, 21% 'somewhat agree' or 'strongly agree' to be worried about other students hurting them and 26% were concerned about their physical safety at school. Additionally, 47% of students reported 'somewhat agree' or 'strongly agree' to the statement that "students at my school fight a lot."²

Violence perpetrated by youth is based on many factors. Studies on youth development

¹ Centers for Disease Control. 2020. Leading Causes Of Death Visualization Tool. Retrieved from: [WISQARS Data Visualization \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/data/visualizations/leading-causes-of-death/)

² Georgia Department of Education: Georgia Student Health Survey. 2019. Retrieved from: <https://www.gadoe.org/wholechild/GSHS-II/Pages/GSHS-Results.aspx>

acknowledged the trajectory of youth antisocial behavior, including predispositions toward youth's use of violence.³ Adolescence is the most common period for delinquent behavior and the late teen years and early adulthood have been associated with increased levels of delinquency as well as violence. For these youth, it is well known that there are risk factors and protective factors related to juvenile delinquency, violence, and gang involvement. These risk and protective factors include family, peer group, school, individual characteristics, and community conditions. There is a cumulative effect that increases the likelihood of violence as the youth experiences and is exposed to additional risk factors. On the reverse, there are protective factors such as parental involvement and monitoring, family and peer support, and coping skills. Early intervention prevents the onset of delinquent behavior and supports the development of a youth's assets and resilience.

For the purposes of this solicitation, prevention and alternative to detention strategies should be targeted to middle and high school age youth (ages 11–17) for the purposes of violence prevention and reduction and mental health for at-risk youth. In addition, for purpose of this solicitation, the term “violence” can include but is not limited to: school violence, bullying and harassment by peers, and physical assault with or without weapons.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who work collaboratively with the local school system.

Program Period

This grant award period covers October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Target Population

Youth who are at risk to become involved with or prevent the further involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Goals and Objectives

Each applicant must utilize all of the following goals and objectives for its project. Applicants may add goals or objectives specific to their program.

Goals

- Prevent youth violence.
- Implement services with fidelity.

Objectives

- Increase protective factors to prevent violence and delinquent behavior by youth.
- Contribute to sustained future reductions in youth violence

³ Moffitt, T. E., Arseneault, L., Belsky, D., Dickson, N., Hancox, R. J., Harrington, H., Houts, R., Poulton, R., Roberts, B. W., Ross, S., Sears, M. R., Thomson, W. M., & Caspi, A. (2011). A gradient of childhood self-control predicts health, wealth, and public safety. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 108(7), 2693–2698. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1010076108>

SECTION V: APPLICATION FORM

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Program Narrative

All applicants must complete a project narrative describing the proposed project. The following elements are required in the project narrative.

- **Project description:** Provide a description of the project including the agency's name, agency type, and year founded. Include the geographic area targeted, estimated number of individuals who will be served during the grant period, and relevant characteristics of the target population. For priority consideration, applicants must submit a letter of support on behalf of partner agencies.
- **Needs statement:** Provide a statement of the specific problem(s)/gap(s) the project will address. Include data that supports this claim. Only use data that is verifiable and relevant to the target population. For example, do not use statewide data for a local problem statement and do not use national data for a statewide problem statement.
- **Project goals:** State the goals of the proposed project. Explain how the project goals will meet the needs of the project's target population and/or impact the proposed service area. Include any accomplishments from previous years. For example, an estimated number of participants to be served during the grant period and the anticipated outcomes. Outcomes are defined as changes in attitudes, knowledge, skills, behaviors, and conditions. Goals must be specific, measurable, action-oriented, reasonable, and time-sensitive having performance indicators. Please prepare to explain in the evaluation plan section.
- **Project activities and services:** Describe the project's service delivery plan. In other words, explain how the agency will achieve project goals. State how services will be implemented or enhanced. Outline proposed programming, a timeline for implementing services, number of youth to be served/impacted, as well as an explanation of how youth will be referred/access services. Please also explain how the plan for project activities will meet the target population's needs as described in the needs statement.
- **Project Barriers:** List any anticipated barriers for the proposed project.
- **Sustainability:** In this section, clearly describe local support and applicant's sustainability plan.

Attachments

- [Designation of Grant Officials](#)
- MOU/Contracts - Please attach any contract or MOU between your agency and the established service providers.
- Letter of Support (if applicable)

- Budget - All applicants must attach a budget using the provided [Budget Detailed Worksheet](#). All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on federal program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.