

## Request for Applications – Solicitation for Juvenile Drug Courts Projects

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting discretionary applications for projects that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system for the state fiscal year 2016 grant cycle.

**Purpose:** The purpose is to reduce juvenile offending through accountability-based programs focused on the juvenile offender and the juvenile justice system.

**Available Funding:** This solicitation is funded from authorized state and federal sources and will be administered in accordance with regulations required by these sources.

- 1) State funds are authorized under Section 102.056 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 772.006 of the Texas Government Code, which designates CJD as the administering agency. The source of funding is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees.
- 2) Federal funding is authorized for these projects under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, Public Law 107-273. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

### **Funding Levels:**

Minimum: None

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

**Prohibitions:** Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 4) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 5) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- 6) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 7) promotional gifts;
- 8) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 9) membership dues for individuals;
- 10) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state or local funds (i.e., supplanting);
- 11) fundraising;
- 12) construction;
- 13) medical services;
- 14) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
- 15) legal services for adult offenders;
- 16) overtime pay; and
- 17) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

- 1) Units of local government; and
- 2) Native American Tribal Governments.

**Eligibility Activities:** Projects must address the following Purpose Area: Juvenile Drug Courts. This solicitation invites communities to propose the implementation or continuation of a juvenile drug court program, using best practices in substance abuse treatment.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

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- 1) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have an overall 90% average on reporting adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2009 through 2013. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2015;
- 2) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the three previous years;
- 3) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency, to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>; and
- 4) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

**Project Period:** Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2015, and will expire on or before August 31, 2016.

**Application Process:** Applicants must access CJD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

**Preferences:** Preference will be given to those applicants that demonstrate cost effective programs focused on proven or promising approaches to service provision.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be certified via CJD's grant management website on or before February 27, 2015.

**Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the Specialty Courts Advisory Council (Council) who will make funding recommendations to Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and CJD. CJD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, recommendations of the Council and Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness. A copy of the scoring elements to be used by the Council is available under the Forms link at <https://egrants.governor.state.tx.us/updates.aspx>.

**Contact Person:** If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants help desk at [eGrants@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:eGrants@governor.state.tx.us) or (512) 463-1919.