


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Youth Innovation Grants: Early Intervention CY 2017-18 Recipients May Apply**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform counties of a new opportunity to pursue innovative youth justice projects at the local level. Utilizing greater than expected under-spending in CY 2016 Early Intervention Youth Aids, DCF is creating Youth Justice Innovation Grants to support counties in launching new, innovative youth justice projects and practices.

Only counties receiving Early Intervention funds for CY 2017-18 are eligible to apply. For a list of eligible counties see DCF Informational Memo Series 2016-31i, Early Intervention CY 2017-18: Eligibility, Allocations, and Application for Funding, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy> .

BACKGROUND

State statute {s. 48.526(e)} allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to carry forward unused Youth Aids funds from one calendar year to the next two calendar years and allocate these funds to “counties with persistently high rates of juvenile arrests for serious offenses” for the purpose of improving “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services.”

To effectively distribute greater than expected under-spending in CY 2016 Early Intervention Youth Aids, DCF is inviting counties currently receiving Early Intervention funds (CY2017-18 grantees) to apply for these newly created Youth Justice Innovation Grants.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Complete information about how to apply is in the attached application packet. Eligible counties may apply for either a \$100,000 or \$250,000 grant in one of three topic areas. These grant awards need to be spent between October 2017 and December 31, 2018. Two grants in each amount will be awarded through a competitive process.

The attached packet provides information needed to apply for these funds, which must serve the overall Early Intervention purpose of “improving community-based juvenile delinquency-related services” and must fall within one of the three topic areas described in the attachment. The attachment also describes the required elements for each topic area, and the application process.

Applications must be completed and emailed to DCFJJ@wisconsin.gov no later than the end of the day on August 30, 2017.

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MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy>

Attachments: Youth Justice Innovation Grants Application Packet
 <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/yj>