

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: **Notice of Available Funding: Youth Justice Innovation Grants - All Counties May Apply**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform counties of an opportunity to pursue innovative youth justice projects at the local level. Utilizing underspending in CY 2017 Youth Aids, DCF is offering another round of Youth Justice Innovation Grants to support counties in launching new, innovative youth justice projects and practices.

BACKGROUND

State statute {s. 48.526(e)} allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to carry forward unused Youth Aids funds (underspending) from one calendar year to the next two calendar years. This money has previously been allocated through "Early Intervention" grants. In the fall of 2017, DCF invited applications for the first round of Innovation Grant funding due to greater than expected underspending for CY2016.

From this point forward, DCF will grant money to the counties under s. 48.526(e) (underspending) through Innovation Grants. As in previous years, the amount of funding to be granted will vary depending on the amount of underspending.

Due to significant Youth Aids underspending for CY2017, DCF will grant approximately \$2 million in Innovation Grant funds to be spent between August 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Complete information about how to apply is in the attached application packet. Counties may apply for either a \$100,000 or \$250,000 grant in one of four topic areas. All grant awards need to be spent between August 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process.

Counties already receiving Innovation Grant funds for 2017-18 may apply for a \$50,000 or \$125,000 Continuation Grant (no more than half their original grant amount), but not a new Innovation Grant. Continuation Grants must be spent between January 1 and December 31, 2019, and will be awarded through a competitive process.

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

An optional conference call will be held on Wednesday, July 11 from 10am-11am to answer any questions. The call-in number is 1-877-820-7831, and the passcode is 166446#.

Applications must be completed and emailed to DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov no later than the end of the day on **July 25, 2018**.

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

LINK: The Youth Justice Innovation Grants Information and Application Instructions
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/yj> - *Notations or Innovative Practices sections*