



APPLICATION FOR **2021-22 Youth Justice Innovation Grants**

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Division of Safety and Permanence
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This package provides information needed to apply for Youth Justice Innovation funds, which must serve the overall purpose of **“improving community-based juvenile delinquency-related services”** as allowable under Youth Aids and must meet all requirements of the selected project area.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to
DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov
no later than August 11, 2021, 5:00pm CST

An email will be sent out on August 12, 2021 from DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov confirming receipt of application.

For further information regarding this application
Contact YJ Policy Coordinator
DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov
608-333-2440

Optional Zoom Q&A will be held on July 21, 2021 at 1:00pm
<https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/4384037798>
Meeting ID: 438 403 7798
Find your local number: <https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/4384037798>

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Introduction

Youth Justice (YJ) Innovation Grants are a competitive opportunity for county human service agencies (counties) to implement new, creative, evidence-informed practices or programs with short-term start-up funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF). All proposed projects must serve the overall purpose of “improving community-based juvenile delinquency-related services” and should meet requirements of one of the following topic areas: **Matching Services to Needs, Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Reduction, School-Justice Partnership, or Continuation.**

History & Background

Under [Wis. Stats. sec. 48.526\(3\)\(e\)](#), DCF can carry forward unused Youth Aids funds (underspending) from one calendar year to the next two calendar years. Greater than expected underspending in CY2016 and a desire to bolster the state’s [Youth Justice vision and strategic planning](#) work prompted DCF to invite applications for the first round of YJ Innovation Grant funding in fall of 2017.

In the first four cycles of this grant program, 37 counties have received YJ Innovation Grant funding. In addition to the provision of direct services to over 350 youth statewide, projects have engaged parents and families through family case management; created safe and supportive drop-in centers; produced hundreds of hours of community service opportunities; developed pro-social skills in entrepreneurship, art, music, robotics, and outdoor leadership; and most importantly, youth at risk of being placed in detention or removed from their communities have safely remained in school and at home.

The impact of YJ Innovation Grant projects extends beyond the individual youth and families served. Collaboration is a key area of focus for YJ Innovation Grant projects. Many of the projects unite human services, the legal system, schools, law enforcement, and community leaders to discuss new, evidence-informed approaches to delinquency that emphasize approaching youth from a position of support rather than punishment.

A list of prior recipients and descriptions of past YJ Innovation Grant projects is available in the [Youth Justice Innovation Grants Final Report for 2017-2019](#).

Eligibility

As the YJ Innovation Grants are repurposed Youth Aids funds, only Wisconsin county human service agencies are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Counties are only eligible to apply for one YJ Innovation Grant in 2021.

Initial Grant

As this program is entering its fifth cycle, *counties who satisfy one of the following requirements are eligible to apply for an **initial** YJ Innovation Grant.*

1. **Counties who have never been awarded a YJ Innovation Grant** (including those who may have previously applied but did not receive funding).
2. **Counties who were awarded an initial YJ Innovation Grant before fall 2019** (including counties who may have been awarded a grant as part of a consortium), so long as this year’s application is for a new project. Counties who received grants (initial or continuation) in the 2020-21 cycle are not eligible to apply for an initial grant.

Continuation Grant

*Counties who satisfy the following requirement are eligible to apply for a second year of YJ Innovation Grant funding (**continuation**):*

1. **Counties who were awarded an initial YJ Innovation Grant in fall 2020.**

Counties eligible for continuation funding are not eligible to apply for an initial YJ Innovation Grant in 2021.

Counties *currently* receiving continuation funding (awarded an initial grant fall 2019, or part of a consortium awarded an initial grant in fall 2019) are not eligible to apply for YJ Innovation Grant funds in 2021.

Project Requirements

All project proposals must satisfy the following requirements:

- Provide “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services” within the scope of spending allowable under [Youth Aids](#).
- Serve a target population over age 10 and under age 17 (youth who satisfy original jurisdictional requirements of [Chapter 938 Delinquency](#)).
- Clearly describe how Innovation funds will be used to initiate or significantly expand an evidence-informed program or practice (Innovation grants should not be used to fund existing programs or initiatives).

At a minimum, counties should address the following in their application:

- **Project Description** – Describe the goal of your proposal and how it aligns with the selected project area objective. Include a description of the target population that will be served. Briefly summarize the key features, activities, or elements of your proposed initiative and how they are connected to the goal of your proposal.
- **Reporting Plan**– Describe how your organization will collect quantitative and qualitative data on the types and number of services provided under the grant. If your county plans to subcontract funds to other agencies, describe your plan to obtain accurate quantitative and qualitative data from the subcontractors.
- **Sustainability Plan** – Describe how agency leadership and/or project partners plan to sustain the project beyond the conclusion of DCF funding.
- **Budget Proposal** – Use Part IV of the application to describe how you intend to use the level of funding you are seeking. You may use estimates where appropriate.

Counties are also expected to detail how they plan to address the **specific required elements for their project area**, detailed on the following pages.

Initial Grant

Counties who have never been awarded a YJ Innovation Grant or were awarded a YJ Innovation Grant prior to 2019 should apply for an initial grant. Initial Youth Justice Innovation Grant funding will be offered in three areas related to DCF’s vision and strategic plan for youth justice: **Matching Services to Needs, Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Reduction, & School-Justice Partnership.**

Matching Services to Needs

Statewide adoption of the YASI enables us to identify a youth’s risk, need, and responsivity factors more effectively and consistently – information that is then used to target areas in need of intervention, and individualize the mode and strategies of services. Research suggests assessment tools (like the YASI) are most effective when paired with evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies focused on positive community support, strength-building, and cognitive-behavioral techniques and appropriately matched to a youth’s level of need¹.

This project area is designed to offer counties the opportunity to **implement or enhance an evidence-informed practice and/or program to increase access to “right” services for youth in their community**. Counties applying for a grant in this project area should be prepared to use a gap analysis to demonstrate how their chosen evidence-informed practice or program will meet a need in their community.

Project Objective

Implement or enhance an evidence-informed practice and/or program to increase access to “right” services for youth.

Required Elements

Gap analysis – Clearly describe where current practice deviates from best practice (this may be a gap in knowledge, skills, practice, or available services) and how you intend to close this gap. If your county has developed a YASI Service Matrix, you are encouraged to use it in your analysis.

¹ Vincent, G.M., Guy, L.S., Grisso, T. (2012). [Risk assessment in juvenile justice: a guidebook for implementation](#).

Plan for implementation of an evidence-informed practice/program – This practice or program should address the gap in knowledge, skills, practice, or available services identified in the gap analysis and should be rooted in current research/best practice. Examples of evidence-informed programs include:

- *Increasing staff capacity to serve youth with tools like Carey Guides or BITS*
- *Partnering with local service providers to offer Multisystemic Therapy, Family Centered Therapy, or Functional Family Probation*
- *Building up community support networks through adoption of frameworks like Kids at Hope or Credible Messengers*

Incorporation of structured decision-making – Explain how the YASI will be paired with your chosen evidence-informed practice/program (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how they *anticipate* the YASI will pair with their chosen evidence-informed practice/program).

Plan for data collection and tracking – Outline how you will know if you are making progress towards your project's primary objectives.

Suggested Resources

- https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2018/10/31/chapter_4_two-pager_bridging_research.pdf
- <https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Juvenile-Justice-White-Paper-with-Appendices-.pdf>
- <https://www.uclahealth.org/nursing/workfiles/Education%20Courses/ContinuingEducation/ce-GapAnalysis-052016.pdf>
- <https://www.sun.org/events/needsAssessment.pdf>

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Reduction

A 2018 report from Kids Forward's Race to Equity project found youth of color in Wisconsin were arrested and placed out-of-home at rates disproportionately higher than their white peers². Similarly, the [2019 Referral and Intake Report](#) found Black and American Indian youth were overrepresented in YJ referrals in 2019. [Wisconsin's YJ Vision and Strategic Plan](#) recognizes a systemic opportunity for improvements in quantifying and reducing racial and ethnic disparities – work that requires specific strategies aimed at eliminating bias and improving outcomes for youth of color.

This project area is designed to offer counties an opportunity to **explore and develop an initial collaborative strategy aimed at reducing racial and other disparities in youth justice outcomes**. In the first year of this project, counties should convene a diverse stakeholder group to critically examine existing youth justice outcomes within their community and work collaboratively to develop a community-based program or strategy to be launched in a second year of Innovation grant funding. In other words, the first year of this project should be focused on planning and the second year will be focused on implementing changes related to data collection.

Project Objective

Explore and develop an initial collaborative strategy aimed at reducing racial and other disparities in youth justice outcomes.

Required Elements

Collaboration with community stakeholders – Explain how you plan to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders within your community. Identify the stakeholders who will be involved in this project. Clearly describe their role within your community and the role they will play in your project.

Plan for data collection and decision-making – Provide an overview of the data that will be collected and/or explored. Examples include:

- *Race and ethnicity data in eWiSACWIS*
- *Stakeholder surveys*
- *Interviews with youth and their families*

² Kids Forward (2018). [The complex maze of juvenile justice in Wisconsin and its impact on youth of color.](#)

Development of cultural competence– Describe how you plan to build staff capacity to engage in conversations about race and identify and address unconscious bias.

Incorporation of structured decision-making – Explain how the YASI will be integrated into your project (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how they *anticipate* a structured decision-making tool will factor into their project).

Suggested Resources

- <http://www.njjn.org/our-work/reducing-racial-and-ethnic-disparities-in-juvenile-justice-systems-promising-practices>
- <https://www.aecf.org/resources/leading-with-race-to-reimagine-youth-justice>
- https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2018/10/31/chapter_4_two-pager_bridging_research.pdf
- https://kidsforward.org/assets/Impact_of_COVID-19_on_YJ_in_WI_.pdf
- <https://usdata.burnsinstitute.org/decision-points/50/wisconsin#comparison=2&placement=1&racess=2,3,4,5,6&offenses=5,2,8,1,9,11,10&odc=1&dmp=1&dmp-comparison=2&dmp-decisions=5&dmp-county=-1&dmp-races=1,2,3,4,7,5,6&dmp-year=2013>

School-Justice Partnership

Input gathered from YJ system stakeholders in 2016 called for improved collaboration between the youth justice system and school districts. Effective collaboration across institutions can be challenging and requires thoughtful, comprehensive planning and strategies. Research suggests school connectedness is an important protective factor for youth³ – a finding that underscores the importance of partnership between agencies to ensure youth are not brought into the youth justice system unnecessarily to address other primary needs.

This project area is designed to offer counties the opportunity to **improve collaboration between human services, schools, and other community stakeholders to reduce school referrals to the youth justice system**. Counties and collaborative partners interested in this grant may choose to focus specifically on truancy referrals.

Project Objective

Improve collaboration between human services, schools, and other community stakeholders to reduce school referrals to the youth justice system.

Required Elements

Collaboration with community stakeholders – Explain how you plan to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders within your community. Identify the stakeholders who will be involved in this project, including any specific schools or school districts. Clearly describe their role within your community and the role they will play in your project.

Development of alternatives to exclusionary discipline– Describe an array of approaches to school-related misbehavior and/or truancy that minimize the use of exclusionary discipline and referrals to law enforcement. Examples include:

- *Creation of a Community Youth Advocate position in a local school district*
- *DHHS participation in prevention meetings*
- *Adoption of non-punitive, individualized approach to truancy that assesses and addresses youth/family underlying needs*

Incorporation of structured decision-making – The YASI is validated for use with youth who are referred for truancy. Explain how the YASI will be incorporated into your project (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how they *anticipate* the YASI will be incorporated into their project).

Plan for data collection and tracking – Outline how you will know if you are making progress towards your project's primary objectives.

Suggested Resources

- https://www.ncjfcj.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/NCJFCJ_SchoolPathways_TAB_Final_0.pdf

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2018, August 7). [School Connectedness](#).

- https://www.ncjfcj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/NCJFCJ_SJP_Courts_SchoolDiscipline_Final.pdf
- <https://www.nasponline.org/community-schools-white-paper>
- <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED533050.pdf>
- <https://csqjusticecenter.org/publications/rethinking-juvenile-justice-and-schools-how-students-can-suffer-when-cutting-class-is-treated-as-a-crime/#policy-recommendations-1>

Continuation Grant

This project area is designed to offer counties awarded an initial grant in fall 2020 the opportunity to **continue the initiatives started in year one of Innovation funding**. Counties applying for a grant in this project area should be prepared to describe the progress of their project thus far and explain why continued funds from DCF are necessary.

Project Objective

Continue the initiatives started in year one of Innovation funding.

Required Elements

Plans for year 2 – Detail any updates, adjustments, or expansions that will be made to your project during the continuation year.

Funding amount – State whether you are requesting 50% or 75% of your 2020-21 initial award. Counties requesting 75% should justify why additional funding beyond 50% is required.

Description of data collection and tracking – Describe your progress towards your project goals and how the data you have collected so far contributes to this understanding.

Sustainability Progress – Share the progress you have made thus far on your plan to sustain this project beyond grant funding.

Funding and Contract Terms

YJ Innovation Grants are distributed as short-term funding with the purpose of supporting counties to implement a new project or practice they would not be able to accomplish without significant seed money. **Counties should be prepared to clearly explain in their application how they intend to sustain their project beyond the life of the grant.**

State statute specifies that Youth Aids funding granted to counties shall be used to purchase or provide “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services.” Within this overall purpose, proposals should reflect key areas of the [DCF Youth Justice Vision and Strategic Plan](#).

Initial Grant

- **Available Funding** – Counties may apply for funding equal to one of the following amounts: **\$50,000, \$100,000, or \$150,000**. Please use the budget sheet in part IV of the application to describe anticipated spending related to your proposal.
- **Contract Term** – Successful applicants will be notified in September 2021. Initial YJ Innovation Grant funds will be available starting October 1, 2021 and must be used by December 31, 2022 (15 months).

Continuation Grant

- **Available Funding** – Counties may apply for 50% or 75% of the initial award amount awarded in fall 2020. Note that the amount of continuation funding awarded to counties will impact the number of new Innovation Grants we are able to offer in 2021-22, so counties should be prepared to justify why 75% is necessary. Please use the budget sheet in part IV of the application to describe anticipated spending related to your proposal.

	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
50% of 2020 Initial Grant	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
75% of 2020 Initial Grant	\$37,500	\$75,000	\$112,500

- **Contract Term** – Successful applicants will be notified in September 2021. Continuation YJ Innovation Grant funds will be available starting January 1, 2022 and must be spent by December 31, 2022 (12 months).

Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee and scored against the stated criteria. Applications that do not address all application requirements will not be considered. The evaluation committee's scoring will be tabulated, and applications ranked based on the numerical scores received.

DCF's evaluation committee will consist of members who have been selected because of their special expertise and knowledge of the service(s) and/or product(s) that are the subject of this application. Applicants may not contact members of the evaluation committee except at DCF's request.

The applications will be scored using the following point system:

Criteria	Points
Project Description	30
Project Area Required Elements Plan	40
Reporting Plan	10
Sustainability Plan	10
Budget Proposal	10
Total Points	100

Award

Upon completion of the evaluation process, DCF shall compile the final scores for each response. Contract awards will be granted to the highest scoring applications, regardless of project area or funding amount requested.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will my county be required to do if we receive a grant?

Counties will be required to:

- Submit a project summary and budget
- Regularly report on progress of the project
- Enter use of funds into SPARC monthly
- Participate in quarterly grantee conference calls and periodic site visits
- Upon request, present to other counties about the project

Can my county apply in partnership with another county or tribe?

Counties may apply in partnership with other counties or tribes (so long as they also meet the eligibility requirements) by submitting one application with all partners listed. Only the lead applicant will submit the application.

My county applied before but did not receive a grant. Can we apply again?

Yes. Counties who have previously applied are eligible to apply again.

How will I know my application was received?

Applications should be sent to DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov by 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 11. Receipt of confirmation will be sent no later than August 12 from DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov. If you do not receive confirmation your application was received by 3:00pm on August 12, please call 608-333-2440.

Optional Zoom Q&A Session for Prospective Grantees

Wednesday, July 21 at 1:00pm

<https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/4384037798>

Meeting ID: 438 403 7798

Find your local number: <https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/kcRRC5Fw7K>

Timeline/Calendar of Events

JULY 2021

July 6: Application posted to <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/yj>

July 21: Innovation Grant Q&A session at 1:00pm CT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/4384037798>

Meeting ID: 438 403 7798

Find your local number: <https://dcfwi.zoom.us/u/kcRRC5Fw7K>

AUG 2021

August 11: Application Period closes at 5:00pm CT

August 12: DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov confirms receipt of application

Scoring period

SEPT 2021

Announce Intent to Award

1:1 Pre-Award Meeting scheduled with Youth Justice Policy Coordinator

Contracts Routed for Signature

OCT 2021

October 1, 2021: Innovation funds available for Initial YJ Innovation Grants

JAN 2022

January 1, 2022: Innovation funds available for Continuation YJ Innovation Grants

2021-22 YJ Innovation Grant Award Application Form

Use of form: Use of this form is mandatory. If the requested information is not provided, the department will be unable to process your application. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, §.15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Instructions: A county may apply for only one grant in 2021.

Application # 437003-C22-0001833		Title Youth Justice Innovation Grant
Description of Services Youth Justice (YJ) Innovation Grants are a competitive opportunity for county human service agencies (counties) to implement new, creative, evidence-informed practices or programs with short-term start-up funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF). All proposed projects must serve the overall purpose of “improving community-based juvenile delinquency-related services” and should meet requirements of one of the following topic areas: Matching Services to Needs, Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Reduction, School-Justice Partnership, or Continuation		
Eligible Applicants <i>Counties who satisfy one of the following requirements are eligible to apply for an Initial YJ Innovation Grant.</i>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Counties who have never been awarded a YJ Innovation Grant (including those who may have previously applied but did not receive funding). Counties who were awarded an initial YJ Innovation Grant before fall 2019 (including counties who may have been awarded a grant as part of a consortium), so long as this year’s application is for a new project. Counties who received grants (initial or continuation) in the 2020-21 cycle are not eligible to apply for an initial grant. <p>Initial Innovation Grant Applicants can request \$50,000, \$100,000, or \$150,000 in funding.</p>		
<i>Counties who satisfy the following requirement are eligible to apply for a Continuation YJ Innovation Grant.</i>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Counties who were awarded an initial YJ Innovation Grant in fall 2020. <p>Continuation Innovation Grant Applicants can request 50% or 75% of initial grant amount awarded in fall 2020.</p>		
Issue Date July 6, 2021	Due Date August 11, 2021 by 5:00pm	
DCF Contact Name Alana Peck	DCF Contact Phone 608-333-2440	DCF Contact Email dcfyj@wisconsin.gov
Grantees will be expected to sign a contract. Most will be signing the DCF Standard Contract. For situations where the Standard Contract is not required, the DOA Standard Terms and Conditions will apply. Some awarded applicants may be asked to establish their financial stability. Samples of all can be found on our DCF Grant Opportunities Page. https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/doingbusinesswith/applications		

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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant/Organization Name		Applicant Telephone Number
Applicant Contact Name		DUNS Number
Applicant/Organization Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)		
Applicant Contact Email Address		
We certify that everything in the application is true to the best of our knowledge and we will adhere to the requirements of the application and the resulting contract.		
Name of County Human Service Director	Email of County Human Service Director	Phone of County Human Service Director
Signature of County Human Service Director		Date Signed

II. PROJECT PROPOSAL INFORMATION

INITIAL GRANT	
Project Area (may only choose one).	Funding Amount (may only choose one).
<input type="checkbox"/> Matching Services to Needs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 grant
<input type="checkbox"/> Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 grant
<input type="checkbox"/> School-Justice Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 grant
CONTINUATION GRANT	
Project Area	Funding Amount (may only choose one).
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation	<input type="checkbox"/> 50% of Initial Grant amount awarded in fall 2020
	<input type="checkbox"/> 75% of Initial Grant amount awarded in fall 2020

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III. PROJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS (90 points)

INITIAL GRANT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please address the questions corresponding with your desired project area in a separate document. Responses should not exceed 5 pages. Please label your responses with the corresponding number and letter.

Matching Services to Needs (90 points total, broken down as indicated below; 5-page limit)

1. **Project Description (30 points)**
 - a. Describe the goal of your proposal and how it aligns with the objective of this project.
 - b. Describe the target population your project will serve.
 - c. Briefly summarize the key features, activities, or elements of your proposed initiative and how they are connected to the goal of your proposal.
2. **Matching Services to Needs Required Elements (40 points total, broken down as indicated below)**
 - a. **Gap Analysis (10 points)** – Describe where current practice deviates from best practice (this may be a gap in knowledge, skills, practice, or available services) and how you intend to close this gap. If your county has developed a YASI Service Matrix, you are encouraged to use it in your analysis.
 - b. **Plan for implementation of an evidence-informed practice/program (10 points)** – This practice or program should address the gap in knowledge, skills, practice, or available services identified in the gap analysis and should be rooted in current research/best practice.
 - c. **Incorporation of structured decision-making (10 points)** – Explain how the YASI will be paired with your chosen evidence-informed practice/program (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how they *anticipate* the YASI will pair with their chosen evidence-informed practice/program).
 - d. **Plan for data collection & tracking (10 points)** – Outline how you will know if you are making progress towards your project’s primary objectives.
3. **Reporting (10 points)**
 - a. Describe how your organization will collect quantitative and qualitative data on the types and number of services provided under the grant. If your county plans to subcontract funds to other agencies, describe your plan to obtain accurate quantitative and qualitative data from the subcontractors.
4. **Sustainability Plan (10 points)**
 - a. Describe how agency leadership and/or project partners plan to sustain the project beyond the conclusion of DCF funding.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Reduction (90 points total, broken down as indicated below; 5-page limit)

1. **Project Description (30 points)**
 - a. Describe the goal of your proposal.
 - b. Describe the target population your project will serve.
 - c. Briefly summarize the key features, activities, or elements of your proposed initiative and how they are connected to the goal of your proposal.
2. **R.E.D Reduction Required Elements (40 points total, broken down as indicated below)**
 - a. **Collaboration with community stakeholders (10 points)** – Explain how you plan to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders within your community. Identify the stakeholders who will be involved in this project. Clearly describe their role within your community and the role they will play in your project.
 - b. **Plan for data collection and decision-making (10 points)** – Provide an overview of the data that will be collected and/or explored.
 - c. **Development of cultural competence (10 points)** – Describe how you plan to build staff capacity to engage in conversations about race and identify and address unconscious bias.
 - d. **Incorporation of structured decision-making (10 points)** – Explain how the YASI will be integrated into your project (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how the *anticipate* a structured decision-making tool will factor into their project).
3. **Reporting (10 points)**

- a. Describe how your organization will collect quantitative and qualitative data on the types and number of services provided under the grant. If your county plans to subcontract funds to other agencies, describe your plan to obtain accurate quantitative and qualitative data from the subcontractors.
- 4. Sustainability Plan (10 points)**
- a. Describe how agency leadership and/or project partners plan to sustain the project beyond the conclusion of DCF funding.

School-Justice Partnership (90 points total, broken down as indicated below; 5-page limit)

- 1. Project Description (30 points)**
 - a. Describe the goal of your proposal.
 - b. Describe the target population your project will serve.
 - c. Briefly summarize the key features, activities, or elements of your proposed initiative and how they are connected to the goal of your proposal.
- 2. School-Justice Partnership Required Elements (40 points total, broken down as indicated below)**
 - a. **Collaboration with community stakeholders (10 points)** – Explain how you plan to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders within your community. Identify the stakeholders who will be involved in this project, including any specific schools or school districts. Clearly describe their role within your community and the role they will play in your project.
 - b. **Development of alternatives to exclusionary discipline (10 points)** – Describe an array of approaches to school-related misbehavior and/or truancy that minimize the use of exclusionary discipline and referrals to law enforcement.
 - c. **Incorporation of structured decision-making (10 points)** – The YASI is validated for use with youth referred for truancy. Explain how the YASI will be incorporated into your project (counties awaiting YASI training are encouraged to apply and may describe how they *anticipate* the YASI will be incorporated into their project).
 - d. **Plan for data collection and tracking (10 points)** – Outline how you will know if you are making progress towards your project’s primary objectives.
- 3. Reporting (10 points)**
 - a. Describe how your organization will collect quantitative and qualitative data on the types and number of services provided under the grant. If your county plans to subcontract funds to other agencies, describe your plan to obtain accurate quantitative and qualitative data from the subcontractors.
- 4. Sustainability Plan (10 points)**
 - a. Describe how agency leadership and/or project partners plan to sustain the project beyond the conclusion of DCF funding.

CONTINUATION GRANT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please address the questions corresponding with your desired project area in a separate document. Responses should not exceed 5 pages. Please label your responses with the corresponding number and letter.

Continuation (90 points total, broken down as indicated below; 5-page limit)

- 1. Project Description (30 points)**
 - a. Describe the goal of your project.
 - b. Describe the target population your project serves.
 - c. Briefly summarize the key features, activities, or elements of your initiative and how they are connected to the goal of your project.
- 2. Continuation Required Elements (40 points total, broken down as indicated below)**
 - a. **Plans for year 2** – Detail any updates, adjustments, or expansions that will be made to your project during the continuation year.
 - b. **Funding amount** – State whether you are requesting 50% or 75% of your 2020-21 initial award. Counties requesting 75% should justify why additional funding beyond 50% is required.
 - c. **Description of data collection and tracking** – Describe your progress towards your project goals and how the data you have collected so far contributes to this understanding.

- d. **Sustainability Progress** – Share the progress you have made thus far on your plan to sustain this project beyond grant funding.

3. Reporting (10 points)

- a. Describe how your organization will collect quantitative and qualitative data on the types and number of services provided under the grant. If your county plans to subcontract funds to other agencies, describe your plan to obtain accurate quantitative and qualitative data from the subcontractors.

4. Sustainability Plan (10 points)

- a. Describe how agency leadership and/or project partners plan to sustain the project beyond the conclusion of DCF funding.

IV. BUDGET PROPOSAL (10 points)

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the chart below to describe how you intend to use the level of funding you are seeking. You may use estimates where appropriate.

Funding Amount Requested	Total of the Sub-Totals
Enter the Funding Amount chosen on Page 11.	=
Personnel	
If expenses expected in this category, please briefly describe.	Sub-Total
Supplies, Monitoring, Training, and Other Operating Expenses	
If expenses expected in this category, please briefly describe.	Sub-Total
Consultant and/or Sub-Contractor Expenses	
If expenses expected in this category, please briefly describe.	Sub-Total
Other Expenses	
If expenses expected in this category, please briefly describe.	Sub-Total

Please submit completed applications via email to DCFYJ@wisconsin.gov by 5:00pm on Wed., August 11.

Confirmation of receipt of application will be sent no later than 3:00pm on Thurs., August 12.