

Youth Innovation Grants

Conference Call Summary – July 25, 2017

On July 25, 2017, the Bureau of Youth Services held an open conference call to answer questions about the [Youth Justice Innovation Grants](#) that are open to current Early Intervention recipients. Applications are due August 30, 2017.

Below is a summary of what was discussed on the call:

- The proposed project should be above and beyond what you currently do, and what you currently use Youth Aids or Early Intervention funding for – but it is acceptable to build on current work. It does not have to be an entirely new project.
- Electronic monitoring is not to be a part of the alternatives to detention project because there is a lack of research showing this is an innovative practice. These projects are to be innovative and in line with as much research as possible.
- Counties need to submit proposals that use the full \$100,000 or \$250,000. As indicated in the application packet, there is a possibility of a no-cost extension if all funds are not used by the end of 2018.
- It is fine if other counties or tribes will benefit as a result of the project you propose. You can also consider whether it is helpful to apply with a partner. The guidelines for partnering are explained in the application packet.
- It is fine to use some of the funds for physical space as long as that directly serves the proposed project.
- It is also fine to use some of the funds for staff time as long as that directly serves the proposed project.
- It is not advisable to propose implementation of an assessment tool as a project because the state is already in the process of figuring out how to address this issue. Contact [mailto:DCFYI@wisconsin.gov?subject=Youth Innovation Grants](mailto:DCFYI@wisconsin.gov?subject=Youth%20Innovation%20Grants) with any questions about the ongoing assessment workgroup.
- If you already have a detailed budget, it is fine to submit that, but it is not required.