

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

Colorado Juvenile Diversion Program 2017-2018

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OFFICE OF ADULT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (OAJJA)

Application Deadline:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016
By 5:00 p.m.

About the Funding Agency

These Juvenile Diversion funds are issued by the State of Colorado by the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council. These state funds are made available through the Colorado General Assembly, which appropriated approximately \$1.2 million in general funds to help support juvenile diversion programming as authorized under §19-2-303, C.R.S.

Program Description

Per Colorado Statute, the goal of diversion is to prevent further involvement of juveniles in the formal justice system (19-1-103(44) C.R.S.). Juvenile diversion programs should be community-based alternatives to the formal court system for youth between the ages of 10-17 who have been issued a summons or taken into custody for misdemeanor or felony offenses eligible for a delinquency filing through the district court. Juvenile Diversion Programs should concentrate on holding the youth accountable for their behavior while involving them in programs and activities to prevent future criminal and delinquent behavior. Programs of this type provide local communities alternatives for holding youth accountable for their behavior, can help change the way youth think about their behavior, ensure that youth take responsibility for their actions, and ensure that victims and communities feel safe and restored. The Division of Criminal Justice requires adequate resources to administer the Diversion program in order to ensure appropriate and responsible diversion programming that is research-based and founded on best practice.

Funding Details

Funds Available: Approximately \$1.2 million in state general funds.

Match: The Juvenile Diversion Program requires a non-state cash and/or in-kind match equal to 25% of the total project cost.

Target Population: Youth between the ages of 10-17 who have received a summons or taken into custody for a misdemeanor or felony offense eligible for a delinquency filing by the District Attorney.

YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM DUE TO MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS OR STATUS OFFENSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE-FUNDED DIVERSION SERVICES.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants for these funds include District Attorneys' Offices and community-based agencies that have established or can demonstrate their ability to establish a method for delivery of diversion services as described below

Applicants may propose to subcontract any or all of the required activities, but are not required to do so. Subcontractors can be other public state or local agencies, or private not-for-profit organizations as identified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal tax code. An applicant agency that subcontracts for work to be performed shall retain sole responsibility for the project and shall be the only direct recipient of funds.

Award Period

Juvenile Diversion program funds are awarded on the state fiscal year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Applicants are eligible for up to three years of funding contingent upon the availability of funds and subgrantee's performance.

Awards will be made on an annual basis, for twelve-month periods. Prior to receipt of second and third year funding, Juvenile Diversion applicants will submit abbreviated applications for review and approval by the JJDP Council.

The first cycle from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and the second and third cycle following the same timeline (July-June). Individual award amounts will be determined by the number of eligible applications, the quality of the applications and total amount of funds available. Funds for each year must be encumbered by June 30th of the contract period.

Program Schedule

Applications must be submitted by **Thursday, November 10, 2016**. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council will meet by mid-December to make preliminary recommendations. Initial notifications will occur the first week of January 2017. The reconsideration deadline is mid-January 2017. Final notifications will be made mid-February 2017. Grant Agreements for successful applicants will be made emailed May 2017.

Program Website

The 2017/18 Juvenile Diversion application instructions, and supporting documentation can be obtained through the new on-line application system, ZoomGrants at:

[Grantshttps://zoomgrants.com/qprop.asp?donorid=2225&limited=1170](https://zoomgrants.com/qprop.asp?donorid=2225&limited=1170)

NOTE: You will not be able to submit your application until your Pre-Application has been validated by the state. This validation process takes 3 to 5 days. Therefore, submit your Pre-Application as soon as possible. If your applicant profile is not validated by **November 4, 2016**, you may not be able to submit your project application.

Questions

Submit questions regarding the application content by email to Michele.lovejoy@state.co.us or by fax to (303) 239-4491. Answers to questions regarding the content of the application will be posted on the OAJJA DCJ website by October 31, 2016.

OAJJA: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/dcj-oajj/grant-programs/juvenile-diversion/jd-solicitation-schedule>

If you have questions regarding ZoomGrants system, contact Michele Lovejoy at (303) 239-5712 or Lyndsay Clelland at Lyndsay.Clelland@state.co.us.