

SFY 2018 STATE JUVENILE DIVERSION AWARDS

Project Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

APPLICANT NAME	FUNDED AMOUNT	APPLICATION PROJECT SUMMARY
Center for Family Outreach Inc. (8 th)	72,094	The Center for Family Outreach provides resources, referrals, and a coordinated planned system for youth aged 10-17 who are struggling with substance abuse, mental health, crime, poverty, and adolescence. Our approach to these issues addresses three levels of programming: 1) Prevention which targets youth prior to entering the juvenile justice system and includes proactive efforts that empower individuals to choose and maintain healthy life choices; fostering an environment that encourages law-abiding, pro-social behavior. 2) Early intervention which provides preventative efforts to intervene at early signs of issues. These efforts reduce risks and change behaviors with family-centered interventions. 3) Integrated intervention which is designed to operate with other agencies to enhance accountability, ensure public safety, and reduce recidivism by preventing delinquent behavior and avoiding formal court processing.
Center for Restorative Programs (12 th)	64,198	Youth 10-17 in the San Luis Valley, with law enforcement contact and at-risk for formal filing of delinquency charges, are offered restorative options to: 1) take responsibility for the harm caused by their behaviors; 2) engage in dialogue, as appropriate, with those harmed; 3) repair the harm through restitution or other indicated reparations; and 4) work at restoring relationships and safety within their community, school and family. Outcomes include: offender accountability, victim and community restoration and safety, and reduced recidivism. Approximately 75 youth will be served, at an annual cost of approximately \$750 per juvenile.
City of Fort Collins Community Development and Neighborhood Services (8 th)	67,612	Fort Collins Restorative Justice Services will provide restorative justice practices as a diversion option for 104 youth who have committed offenses in our community and are referred by the DAs Office. Based on the philosophy of restorative justice, the program will include victims and/or victim representatives, families and community members in the process. The conferences will focus on the harm caused and how to repair it while holding the young offender accountable. As part of program participation, youth will be screened for substance abuse and mental health and referred to appropriate community resources. In order to complete the programs, youth will fulfill individual accountability contracts that address the harm done to the victim, community, their families and themselves. An emphasis on the youth's positive qualities, accountability, restorative language and approaches will be utilized throughout.
Cortez Addiction Recovery Center/The Recovery Center (22 nd)	30,000	In an effort to enhance community safety by holding youth between the ages of 10-17 who have been or could have been issued a summons or taken into custody for misdemeanor or felony offenses eligible for a delinquency filing by the District Attorney, accountable their actions, The Recovery Center will provide supervised, well-structured Juvenile Diversion services to 30 youth between the ages of 10 and 17. Referrals will be made by the 22nd Judicial District Attorney's office or local law enforcement agencies. Diversion services will consist of case management, behavioral contracts, community service, drug and alcohol testing, drug and alcohol treatment as appropriate, and referrals to other programs in the community for counseling, mediation, reparation, parenting classes, life skills classes, and/or mentoring.
Delta County Alternative Sentencing Department (7 th)	54,054	The Delta County Juvenile Diversion Program is designed to divert youth from the formal court system by providing evidence-based programming directed toward positive youth development. The program Operates in concert with all law enforcement agencies, County and District Courts, and the District Attorney's Office to enhance accountability, ensure public safety, and reduce recidivism among delinquent youth by preventing future delinquent activity, moving in a continuum from limited interventions to more restrictive penalties. The Juvenile Diversion Program serves juveniles between 10-17 years old, irrespective of gender and or ethnicity, which have been charged with misdemeanor or felony offenses, or a combination thereof.
District Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial District	100,937	The Denver District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program will provide culturally competent services that repair the harm caused by crime to victims and the community, increase social and other age appropriate competency skills of offenders, their families, and to reduce the likelihood of further involvement by the juvenile in the court system. Denver DA's Diversion population includes juveniles ages 10-17 with a total of 171 youth being served throughout the grant period at a cost per client of approximately \$1,400. Denver DA Diversion focuses on the whole child as opposed to solely addressing the crime itself. Various programs provide a unique opportunity to implement responses to delinquency that are more cost-effective than incarceration and that provide better outcomes for youth, their families and the community. Program effectiveness is evidenced by a 7.9% recidivism rate of successfully terminated clients in 2015.

District Attorney's Office, 5th Judicial District	48,735	The 5th JD's Juvenile Diversion Program (JDP5) is designed to provide Juveniles an opportunity to stay out of the court system after first offenses in order to keep them from being labeled 'delinquent', and to provide them individualized services that address their specific needs to help prevent future delinquent behavior. As a predominantly pre-formal filing program, JDP5 has the ability to re-direct juveniles away from a formal system and will subsequently keep the crime off their record if they successfully complete all of the program requirements. JDP5 is therefore able to reduce the caseload on the court system as well as provide vital services for at-risk youth who would benefit more from informal interventions than getting trapped in the juvenile justice system. The ultimate goal of JDP5 is to produce successful participants who have gained the skills to make more prosocial decisions and desist from criminal behaviors, and who can positively contribute to their communities.
District Attorney's Office, 10th Judicial District	44,771	Funds will be used to support a full time Juvenile Diversion Counselor. This counselor will supplement the existing Diversion program and focus on working with all juvenile offenders that are deemed eligible for the program. We will continue to serve special sub-groups of diversion candidates: those whose offense is related to bullying, either as bully or victim; very young offenders (10-14 years old) for whom typical teenage programming may not be appropriate; and minors found in possession of drugs or alcohol, but will also accept any juvenile that is in need of early intervention Diversion services.
District Attorney's Office, 11th Judicial District	39,226	The Fremont County Teen Court Program is designed to divert first-time adolescent offenders from formal juvenile court proceedings by holding youth accountable for their offenses through engagement in restorative justice. The program emphasizes offenders taking responsibility to repair the harm they have caused to victims and their community.
District Attorney's Office, 17th Judicial District	72,009	The 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office Project seeks to specifically and intensely target 4 risk factors that increase the likelihood of youth dropping out of school and of being involved in substance use based on the research at Penn State's EPISCenter. We will intervene with a full time Education Client Manager to supervise, support and connect the youth and families while in the project. This will be structured utilizing a Blue Prints Model program, Positive Action, which will be implemented through this project. In addition we will concurrently provide Strategic and Bowenian family therapy with all families.
District Attorney's Office, 18th Judicial District	83,025	JDCP is a department within the DA's office staffed by 14 masters-level therapists trained and licensed in such areas as professional counseling, social work, couples and family therapy, art therapy and SOMB therapy. JDCP provides an alternative to prosecution in court for select juvenile offenders between the ages of 10 and 17. Our primary goal is to prevent further contact with the police and justice system through an emphasis on accountability and increased well-being. Each client undergoes a thorough biopsychosocial assessment, which allows for identification of the underlying contributors to delinquent behavior, such as substance use, mental health issues, negative peer connections, lack of community engagement and/or family dysfunction. Our ability to provide alternatives to traditional case management and talk therapy models (such as wilderness and art therapies) allows for individualized treatment plans that are proven effective in meeting client, family and community needs.
District Attorney's Office, 19th Judicial District	95,359	The Weld County District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program works to divert first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders from the traditional court system into restorative programming to address the juveniles' needs and community safety; repairing the harm caused and encouraging their future endeavors. Approximately 150 juveniles aged 10-17, who face a first time criminal case will be served at a cost to the state of approximately \$640 per person.
Grand County Juvenile Services Department	48,387	The 14th Judicial District is requesting funding for its' three Juvenile Diversion Programs. This grant will allow for us to have a unified approach while freeing up limited county funds to better address the needs of the youth that have municipal charges and/or a minor in possession charges. Juveniles between 10 & 17, who have allegedly committed a misdemeanor or felony property offense, and meet the criteria may be offered Diversion services in lieu of formal court proceedings. The concept of diversion is based on the theory that processing certain youth through the juvenile justice system may do more harm than good. Additionally, we are requesting funding for the Alternative to Sentencing Program. This program serves Probation and Diversion youth utilizing restorative justice by have the youth complete useful public service repairing the harm that was done to the community. The 14th does not discriminate due to ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.
Gunnison County Juvenile Services (7 th)	35,000	The Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion program is a pre-file intervention for eligible youth ages 10-17 in legal trouble referred by the District Attorney to prevent involvement in the Juvenile Justice system. The program emphasizes that the youth take accountability and responsibility for their actions while at the same time helping to ensure public safety. The program includes services such as case management, community service, restitution, drug testing, mentoring and tutoring and if issues are identified through mental health/substance abuse screenings, referrals to outside resources for treatment may be made. If appropriate, individual cases will be referred to a Restorative Justice process to repair harm and make amends to victims.

Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. (7 th)	32,070	Montrose County Juvenile Diversion Program's goal is to prevent further involvement of juveniles in the formal justice system. Juvenile Diversion concentrates on holding youth accountable for their behavior while involving them in programs and activities to prevent future criminal and delinquent behavior. The Program operates on the idea that juvenile crime can be a symptom of other problems at home, school or within the individual. Target population is a first time or low level juvenile offenders with acceptable charges from Montrose County's District Court.
La Plata Youth Services Inc. (6 th)	85,654	Since 2001, the La Plata Youth Services Diversion Program has worked to divert youth from the court system by providing evidence-based alternatives directed toward positive youth development. LPYS is the only intervention program in La Plata County that works with youth involved in delinquent behavior prior to adjudication. Youth are referred to LPYS in lieu of formal charges filed against them, avoiding court processes and a permanent criminal record. In FY 2015, the LPYS Diversion Program will serve 30 youth ages 10-17 in La Plata County implicated in a misdemeanor or felony type of offense, with services prior to adjudication. Contracts will last 3-12 months and will include restorative justice, useful public service, and substance abuse treatment. The average cost per client is \$1,737, which will save thousands of tax payer dollars while encouraging youth to become accountable for their actions, complete their education, learn healthy behaviors and give back to the community.
Mesa County Partners (21 st)	111,400	In cooperation with DA's Office and 21st Judicial District Court/Probation, the Partners Work Program provides community-based restorative justice and accountability sanctions and intervention for 320 pre-file and post-file juvenile offenders involved in misdemeanor and felony cases. The purpose is to reduce further involvement in the justice system. The primary focus of services include completion of community service hours, restitution, victim empathy/restorative justice, Offense Specific and mental health assessments and treatment (contracted out), as well as the MAYSI-2 and GAIN SS. The total average cost per youth served is \$622 (includes Muni/County youth, not funded by DCJ). Youth receiving Sexual Offense Specific and mental health assessments with further mental health treatment/services, will cost more than the average depending upon what further services they actually receive from licensed providers (as a result of the assessments).
YouthZone (9 th)	100,000	The YouthZone Juvenile Diversion Program is designed to prevent first-time and low-level juvenile offenders from entering the Juvenile Justice System. The target population is youth age 10 to 17 that commit crimes in Garfield and Pitkin Counties in the 3rd Congressional District and 9th Judicial District. More than 85 percent of all cases are referred to YouthZone, and of those, approximately 100 youth from Pitkin and Garfield County and District Courts are under the YouthZone Juvenile Diversion program. The district attorney's office in the 9th Judicial District is the referral source for this program. A recent three-year evaluation shows that the YouthZone Juvenile Diversion Program has proven to reduce recidivism. Ninety percent of youth that participates in the YouthZone Juvenile Diversion Program do not repeat another offense. The cost per youth in the Juvenile Diversion Program with six to twelve months services is approximately \$1,400.
Total \$1,184,531		

SFY 2018 MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND AWARDS

Project Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

APPLICANT NAME	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	APPLICATION PROJECT SUMMARY
Center for Family Outreach Inc.	60,000	Our proposal is to contract with a substance abuse/behavioral health therapist or counselor for 30 hours a week. This individual will be responsible for serving Larimer County students and their families with substance abuse and behavioral health issues, conducting individual and group sessions, helping them access substance abuse services, navigating families through assessments, providing referrals for families who are in need of intensive services, and determining developmentally appropriate programming. We will also provide incentives to students for positive achievements and milestones, including behavioral incentives, improved school attendance and grades, and successful program completion.
Delta County Alternative Sentencing Department	16,776	The Delta County Alternative Sentencing Department [DCASD] provides community based alternative sentencing options to the courts for offenders between the ages of 10-21. Per Colorado Revised Statutes, the goal of Juvenile Diversion, a division of the DCASD, is to prevent further involvement of juveniles in the formal justice system. The Delta County Juvenile Diversion program provides community-based alternatives to the formal court system for youth between the ages of 10-17 arrested for misdemeanor or felony offenses. The program concentrates on holding the youthful offender accountable while engaging them in programs to prevent future criminal behavior, the legislative intent of the diversion statute. Evaluation of state-funded Diversion programs in Colorado has highlighted a need to ensure there are protocols in place for programs to screen, assess, and treat youth for mental health and substance abuse issues, utilizing the Marijuana Tax Fund Grant, which this program provides from intake, assessment and treatment of offenders through discharge.
District Attorney's Office, 18th Judicial District	100,857	<p>JDCP is a department within the DA's office staffed by 14 masters-level therapists which provides an alternative to prosecution in court for select juvenile offenders between the ages of 10 and 17. Our primary goal is to prevent further contact with the police and justice system through an emphasis on accountability and increased well-being. Each client undergoes a thorough biopsychosocial assessment of the underlying contributors to delinquent behavior, such as substance use, mental health issues, negative peer connections, lack of community engagement and/or family dysfunction. JDCP is seeking grant funds to support the following efforts related to our clients' marijuana use and abuse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase the number of marijuana-related charges referred to JDCP by a minimum of 60 cases per years. -Fund UAs, substance abuse evaluations and higher levels of care with external partners as needed -Support staff progress toward LAC status -Fund attendance at required annual meetings
District Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial District	52,720	Denver Diversion's main target population for this project includes a percentage of clients that are initially eligible for Diversion based on criminogenic factors but who may be excluded during the initial screening process due to moderate to high social history scores on the CJRA and other unique factors such as level of criminal offense, drug of choice, lack of family support, family history of substance use, and lack of motivation to change based on answers during the intake process. In addition to this population, a small percentage of current Diversion clients needing intensive services will be referred where co-occurring disorders have been diagnosed during the assessment process. A very small select number of clients who fail to attain sobriety through early intervention treatment services may also be included in treatment services.

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La Plata Youth Services Inc.	30,782	La Plata Youth Services (LPYS) was designated by the 6th Judicial District Attorney in 2001 as the juvenile diversion program of La Plata County. LPYS receives referrals from law enforcement, the courts, schools (for truancy), and parents and youth in need of support. Our programs and services are aimed toward improving the quality and availability of services for youth; increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for youth; and reducing the number of youth with juvenile justice systems involvement. In 2015, one out of every two students referred to LPYS reported drug and alcohol use as a risk factor requiring subsequent assessment and/or treatment and support. In order to respond to a high-need for substance abuse programming and treatment for youth, LPYS will increase our capacity to offer in-house screening and substance abuse support and services including counseling, mentoring, MI, ReThinking Substances, and family support.
Mesa County Partners	26,038	Mesa County Partners, Inc. provides several programs to serve at-risk youth in Mesa County. This particular project will lie within our Restitution/Community Service Work Program. We plan to provide a part time staff person to provide mental health (MAYSI-II) and substance abuse (GAIN SS) screens, substance abuse education group, and case management for 50 pre-adjudicated Diversion youth and 35 post-adjudicated youth. This person will work closely with the two Mesa County District Attorney Diversion/District Court Probation in order to provide consistent case management information and reports. This person will also work with the DA Diversion staff to assist with referrals to the HB1451 Project to obtain funds and/or find approved insurance providers (i.e. Medicaid) to provide substance abuse assessments and/or treatment.
Youthzone	35,167	The YouthZone Substance Use Program will serve justice-involved youth ages 10 to 17 in Garfield and Pitkin Counties in the 3rd Congressional District and 9th Judicial District. Through the proposed project, YouthZone will secure training and support for 3 staff who are in the process of obtaining or maintaining CAC II certifications. In addition, this project we will provide comprehensive and evidence-based assessments for 60 youth to identify risk and protective factors. Combined with the GAIN SS, the YouthZone Screening will target relevant services, including the treatment of substance use disorder. Services include substance use education classes, group therapy utilizing the Seeking Safety curriculum, and individual substance use therapy, services which have proven to decrease substance use among court-involved youth according to our most recent internal evaluation.
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