SFY 2015 STATE JUVENILE DIVERSION AWARDS Project Period: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District

Juvenile Diversion Program Funds

Award: \$17,880

Description: The 1st Judicial District will serve 70 first time non-violent offenders,

> ages 10 to 17. All youth are screened and/or assessed for risk and needs. Funds will be used to provide substance abuse treatment services for juveniles who are uninsured or whose insurance will not cover needed treatment, whose family income is below 200% of the

Federal Poverty level.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Denver District Attorney, Juvenile Diversion

Denver DA Juvenile Diversion

\$100,00 Award:

Description: 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 and their families, and 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 170 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.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: **District Attorney's Office, 3rd Judicial District**

Las Animas County Juvenile Diversion

\$51,851 Award:

The 3rd Judicial District's Juvenile Diversion Program is a first time Description:

offender program for youth ages 10-17 at the time of the offense. The Juvenile Diversion Program balances prosecution with prevention services, thereby providing an effective response to juvenile crime in the servicing counties. Our Program offers a comprehensive array of services that address the causes of juvenile

delinguency and violence in our schools and communities.

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Teller County Sheriff's Office

Teller County Sheriff's Juvenile Diversion Program

Award: \$41,825

Description: The primary goal of the Teller County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Juvenile

Diversion Program is to support youth accountability while preventing future involvement in the juvenile justice system. The project will serve youth who are first time offenders or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system due to a history of school truancy. Diversion services will be offered in collaboration with Teller County House Bill 1451 and utilize the wraparound model to promote effective service coordination while reducing the likelihood of recidivism. TCSO will provide a community-based model for juvenile diversion services at no cost to participating youth and their families, that vouth are engaged in services strengths-based, family driven, and culturally relevant. The TCSO Juvenile Diversion Program will promote accountability, family engagement, and community restoration while supporting youth in being contributing members of society.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 5th Jud. Dist.

Juvenile Diversion Program

Award: \$48,735

Description: The District Attorney's Office Juvenile Diversion program will provide

services to first-time offenders without formal court involvement. With targeted programming and a wide variety of services that involves the family, schools, the community, and other stakeholders, the Juvenile Diversion program in the Fifth Judicial District is committed to upholding the goal of Juvenile Diversion by diverting youth away from the formal court system and instead replacing that response with positive interaction and interventions designed to reduce the likelihood of recidivism among these juveniles.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: La Plata Youth Services

6th Judicial District Diversion Program

Award: \$33,936

Description: La Plata Youth Services Diversion Program 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 having 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 \$1,645.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Gunnison County, Juvenile Services

Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion

Award: \$35,000

Description: The Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion project is a pre-file program

for eligible youth referred by the District Attorney to prevent them from entering the Juvenile Justice system. The target population is first time non-violent petty, misdemeanor and felony offenders who would otherwise be filed on in District Court if not diverted. The estimated number to be served annually is 22 and the cost per

person is approximately \$1,590.

AGENCY: Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.

Montrose County Juvenile Diversion Program

Award: \$28,046

Description: | 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. Target population is first time or low level juvenile offenders with acceptable charges

from Montrose County's district court.

AGENCY: **Delta County Alternative Sentencing Department**

Delta County Juvenile Diversion

Award: \$55,500

Description: The Delta County Juvenile Diversion Program will 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 to provide community-based alternatives to the formal court system. The Juvenile Diversion Program serves juveniles between 10-17 years old, which have been charged with petty (if a District Court filing is being averted), misdemeanor, or felony offenses, or a combination thereof. The program will receive approximately 65 referrals with a cost of \$853.00 per juvenile.

EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Center for Family Outreach

Larimer County Diversion Program

Award: \$63,251

Description: The Center for Family Outreach will provide resources, referrals, and

a coordinated planned system for teenagers aged 10-17 who are struggling with substance abuse, mental health, crime, poverty, and adolescence. Six hundred youth will be served at \$1,110/youth with comprehensive programming. The agency approach to these issues addresses three levels of programming: 1) Prevention; 2) Early intervention which provides preventative efforts to intervene at early signs of issues; and 3) Integrated intervention which is designed to operate with other agencies to enhances accountability, ensure public safety, and reduce recidivism by preventing delinquent

behavior and avoiding formal court processing.

AGENCY: City of Fort Collins

Restorative Justice Services

Award: \$56,192

Description: Fort Collins Restorative Justice Services will provide restorative

justice practices as a diversion option for 104 youth who have committed offenses in the 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 assessed and referred to appropriate community resources. Estimated cost per client in 2013 was \$591.

NINETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: YouthZone

Juvenile Diversion Program

Award:

\$100,000

Description:

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. The District Attorney's Office in the 9th Judicial District is the referral source for this program. The cost per youth in the Juvenile Diversion Program with six to twelve months services is approximately \$1,300.

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 10th Judicial District

Take Charge Prevention Program

Award: \$41,771

Description: Funds from this grant will be used to support a Juvenile Diversion

Counselor. This counselor will supplement the existing Diversion program by focusing special programs on sub-groups of diversion candidates: those whose offense is related to bullying, either as a bully or a victim; very young offenders (10-13 years old) for whom typical teenage programming may not be appropriate; and minors

found in possession of drugs or alcohol.

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 11th Judicial District

Juvenile Diversion Services, 11th Judicial District

Award: \$76,375

Description: The Juvenile Diversion program will serve low-level offenders ages

10-17 years old. The Diversion program is in place to divert youth from the traditional court process while holding them accountable for their behaviors and providing them with avenues to repair harm to the victim and/or community. The Diversion program will serve 100 youth and the average cost per youth served in the Diversion

program is \$400.00.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Center for Restorative Programs

Juvenile Diversion Restorative Services

Award: \$41,555

Description: 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 170 youth will be served, at an annual cost of approximately \$450 per juvenile.

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 17th Judicial District

17th Judicial District Diversion Program

Award: \$63,103

Description: The Seventeenth Judicial District Diversion Program is a pre-file

program designed to provide early intervention, counseling, victim reparation and supervision services to youthful offenders who would otherwise be the object of a delinquency petition in District Court. The program will increase academic support through an educational counselor to decrease overall recidivism rates in the district. The Diversion program serves an average of 170 total adolescents that are 10 to 18 years old and approximately one half (85) are in jeopardy of losing their academic privileges due to their involvement with the criminal justice system. The cost is approximately \$922

annually (based on total project cost) per youth.

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: 18th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office

Juvenile Diversion Counseling Program

Award: \$71,645

Description: The goal of the Juvenile Diversion Program is to bridge identified

gaps in the juvenile justice system by providing a comprehensive, evidenced based multi-modal juvenile diversion program. This is accomplished by providing evidenced-based therapy services including wilderness, community service and restorative justice components. The target population is first time offenders between the ages of 10-17, and 1,237 clients will be served at a cost of \$770

per client.

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: District Attorney's Office, 19th Judicial District (Weld County)

19th Judicial District, Weld County Juvenile Diversion Program

Award: \$65,504

Description: 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 juvenile's needs and community safety; repairing the harm caused and encouraging their future endeavors. Approximately 200 10-17 year olds who face a first time criminal case will be served at a cost to

the state of approximately \$381 per person.

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Longmont Community Justice Partnership (LCJP)

Juvenile Diversion Project

Award: \$62,075

Description: As one of the largest organizations providing restorative justice

services in Colorado, this grant will be used to expand Community RJ services to continue providing restorative solutions and services for Juvenile Diversion in Boulder County and to reinforce services within the public schools and provide personnel funding for community conferences and circles in order to further reduce the instances of

Juvenile delinquency in the community.

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: Mesa Youth Services dba Mesa County Partners

Juvenile Diversion Restitution/Community Service

Award: \$75,680

Description: In cooperation with DA's Office and 21st Judicial District

Court/probation, the Partners Work Program provides community-based restorative justice and accountability focused sanctions and intervention for 224 pre-file and post-file juvenile offenders involved in misdemeanor and felony cases to reduce further penetration into the justice system. Primary focus services include completion of community service hours, restitution and

victim empathy classes.

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGENCY: The Recovery Center: A Behavioral Health Organization

Juvenile Diversion Program

Award: \$49,158

Description: In an effort to enhance community safety by holding first and/or

second time juvenile offenders accountable for their actions, The Recovery Center (TRC) will provide supervised, well-structured Juvenile Diversion services to 50 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. Cost is approximately \$1,623 per person.