

**Regional Service Enhancement Project****R(2)-2018-19 Biennium**

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**I. GRANT DESCRIPTION.**

- A. **Description.** Regional Services Enhancement Projects are evidence-based, intensive community-based, residential, reentry, and aftercare programs that improve the region's ability to treat youth locally, improve outcomes, and decrease the likelihood of commitment to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).
- B. **Goal.** The goal of the Regional Services Enhancement Projects is to support regions in their ability to provide an array of rehabilitative services for juveniles and family members of juveniles including, but not limited to, the following programs: evidence-based, intensive community-based, residential, reentry, and aftercare programs. The Regional Services Enhancement Projects are intended to enhance probation programs and services in each region of the state to increase the likelihood that the needs of delinquent youth can be met closer to their home community and at the shallowest point in the juvenile justice system as possible.
- C. **Objective.** The objective of the Regional Services Enhancement Projects is to increase the availability of evidence-based, intensive community-based, residential, reentry, and aftercare programs.
- D. **Target Population.** Youth appropriate for participation in the Regional Services Enhancement Projects includes any juvenile under the jurisdiction of the juvenile probation department

**II. GRANT SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this Grant:

- A. **Aftercare Programs.** Programs that provide intensive case management for juveniles recently released from residential placement. These programs coordinate services and programming for juveniles immediately prior to release and upon release from residential facilities, providing a seamless transition in care.
- B. **Community-Based Programs.** A planned and coordinated nonresidential activity designed to address a specific purpose or goal that has a measurable objective and outcome and diverts youth from commitment to TJJD.
- C. **General Grant Requirements.** Programmatic and financial requirements established under the State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract and General Grant Requirements for the 2018-2019 Biennium (Contract).
- D. **Grant.** The Regional Diversion Alternatives (RDA) Program grant.
- E. **Grantee.** The juvenile board and/or juvenile probation department receiving funds under this Grant.
- F. **Participant.** A youth receiving services through the Regional Services Enhancement Projects.
- G. **Party.** A signatory to Amendment Number Two to the State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract.
- H. **Reentry Programs.** Any program that promotes the effective reintegration of youth into communities following their release from a residential facility.
- I. **Residential Program.** Any program that takes place within a TJJD-registered post-adjudication secure correctional facility, a registered non-secure correctional facility, or a residential child-care facility.

**III. PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS.**

- A. **Applicable Law, Policy, and Procedure.** The Grantee shall comply with all applicable General Grant Requirements, state and federal laws, standards, policies, and procedures as they currently exist or as amended or renumbered and enacted and effective during the term of the Regional Services Enhancement Projects program.
- B. **Eligibility Requirements.** The Grantee shall ensure that each youth enrolled in the Regional Services Enhancement Projects meets the characteristics of the identified target population.

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- C. **Performance.** Grantee performance under the Regional Services Enhancement Projects shall be determined using the following measures:
1. Number of juveniles served by the program during the Contract period;
  2. Percent of juveniles enrolled in the program who successfully complete the evidence-based, intensive community-based, residential, reentry, and aftercare programs;
  3. Number of juveniles served by the Regional Services Enhancement Projects committed to TJJD by the juvenile probation department within one, two, and three years after exiting the program; and
  4. One, two, and three-year recidivism rates for all juveniles served by the Regional Services Enhancement Projects.
- D. **Programmatic Reporting.**
1. **Annual Reports.** No later than October 1 of each fiscal year, the Grantee shall complete an end-of-year report in a format specified by TJJD. The report shall include but is not limited to:
    - a. The number of juveniles served by the Regional Services Enhancement Projects during the previous fiscal year; and
    - b. The distribution of risk level for youth served during the previous fiscal year.
  2. **Semi-Annual Reports.** No later than April 1 of each fiscal year, the Grantee shall complete a mid-year report in a format specified by TJJD. The report shall include the percentage of achievement toward identified program output goals for the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.
  3. **Quarterly Reports.** None.
  4. **Monthly Reports.** None.
  5. **Other Periodic Reports.** See General Grant Requirements.
- E. **Programmatic Monitoring.**
1. On-site Monitoring Visits. See General Grant Requirements.
  2. Unannounced On-site Monitoring Visits. See General Grant Requirements.
  3. Desk Audits. See General Grant Requirements.
- IV. **FINANCIAL COMPONENTS.**
- A. **Expenditure of Funds.** See Also General Grant Requirements.
1. Grant funds shall be used for the sole purpose of funding components of the approved Regional Services Enhancement Projects programs that are authorized under the *State Financial Assistance Contract* and detailed in the grant application and the TJJD-approved grant budget for the current fiscal year.
  2. All other expenditures are unallowable.
  3. **Expenditure Exception Requests.** The Grantee may request an exception to the requirements in subsections IV.A.1. and IV.A.2.. The request must be submitted in writing and approved by TJJD prior to the expenditure of funds.
- B. **Funding Adjustments.**
1. **Reduction of Grant Payments.** See General Grant Requirements.
  2. **Unexpended Balances.** See General Grant Requirements.

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3. **Timely expenditure of funds.** See General Grant Requirements.
  4. **Overpayments and Refunds Due.** See General Grant Requirements.
- C. Miscellaneous.**
1. **Financial Match Requirements.** None.
  2. **Audits.** See General Grant Requirements.
  3. **Financial Assurances.** See General Grant Requirements.
  4. **Service Providers.** See General Grant Requirements.
- D. FINANCIAL REPORTING.**
1. **Annual Reports.** See General Grant Requirements.
  2. **Quarterly Reports.**
    - a. **Financial Expenditure Report.** See General Grant Requirements.
  3. **Monthly Reports.** None.
  4. **Other Periodic Reports.**
    - a. **Budget Adjustments.** See General Grant Requirements.
- E. FINANCIAL MONITORING.**
1. **Annual Monitoring.** See General Grant Requirements.
  2. **Periodic Monitoring.** See General Grant Requirements.