

Community Project - DSA

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I. GRANT DESCRIPTION.

- A. **Description.** Community Project is a Discretionary State Aid (DSA) grant created to comply with Section 223.001(c), Human Resources Code. Juvenile probation or regional programs and services provided in a non-residential setting that are evidence based and meant to that improve a juvenile probation department's ability to serve youth locally, improve outcomes, and decrease the likelihood of out of home placement or commitment to TJJD.
- B. **Goal.** The goal of the Community Project grant is to encourage the development or enhancement of programs and services in the community that:
1. implement research-driven practices based on the principals of risk need responsivity;
 2. use data to evaluate and inform program design;
 3. are trauma-responsive;
 4. keep youth closer to home; and
 5. result in demonstrable recidivism reduction.
- C. **Objective.** The objective of the Community Project grant is to increase the availability of probation programs and services and decrease the likelihood of youth commitment to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).
- D. **Target Population.** Juveniles appropriate for participation in a Community Project grant-funded program are those with characteristics of the target population for the program who have been referred to a juvenile probation department.

II. PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS.

- A. **Eligibility Requirements.** Grantee shall ensure that each youth enrolled in the grant-funded program meets the characteristics of the target population.
- B. **Documentation.**
1. Documentation concerning programs shall be maintained online where specified, as well as by Grantee, is subject to review by TJJD during on-site visits or upon request, and shall include:
 - a. entry of each program in TJJD's online "Program Registry";
 - b. date, time, and duration (expected length of stay) of program;
 - c. intended target population, including risk level and primary criminogenic needs of target population;
 - d. program goals and description, including program activities and/or program components, program outputs, and intended program outcomes;
 - e. location of program; and
 - f. number of intended participants.
 2. Grantee shall open a program record with the appropriate funding source in the department's individual case management system for any juvenile placed in a community project.
- C. **Performance.** Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:
1. number of juveniles served by the program during the grant period;
 2. percentage of juveniles enrolled in the program who successfully complete the program;

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3. achievement of the program's identified outcome measure goals; and
4. achievement of the program's identified one-, two-, and three-year recidivism reduction goals.

D. Reporting.

1. **Annual Reports.** No later than October 1 of each year, the Grantee shall complete an end-of-year report in a format specified by TJJD. The report shall include the percentage of achievement toward identified program output goals for the last two quarters of the current fiscal year.
2. **Semi-Annual Reports.** No later than April 1 of each fiscal year, 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.

III. CONTRACT APPLICABILITY.

Grantee shall be bound by the duties, responsibilities, and requirements of each part of the State Aid and Targeted Grants Contract. If a provision contained in the General Grant Requirements of that Contract conflicts with a provision in this Targeted Grant, the Targeted Grant provision controls.