

Residential Project - DSA

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I. GRANT DESCRIPTION.

- A. **Description.** Residential Project is a Discretionary State Aid (DSA) grant created to comply with Human Resources Code (HRC) Section 223.001(c). Juvenile probation program or service that is either created or enhanced, is provided in an out-of-home placement, is evidence-based, and is meant to improve a region's ability to serve youth locally, improve outcomes, and decrease the likelihood of commitment to TJJD.
- B. **Goal.** The goal of the Residential Project grant is to encourage the development or enhancement of programs and services in an out-of-home placement 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 Residential 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 Residential 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. GRANT-SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this grant:

- A. **Enhanced Residential Project.** A residential project where bed space has been enhanced by an additional program or service.
- B. **Expansion Residential Project.** A residential project where additional beds are available for contract placements due to funded operational costs.

III. 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 in Grantee's individual case management system for each juvenile who is placed in an expansion residential project and shall document the placement facility, daily rate, and

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appropriate funding source in the record. Grantee shall close out the juvenile's placement record once the juvenile is discharged.:

C. **Performance.** Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:

1. number of juveniles served by the program during the Contract period;
2. percentage of juveniles enrolled in the program who successfully complete the program;
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.

IV. **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.