

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). These projects are juvenile justice programs or services that are either created or enhanced, provided in an out-of-home placement, evidence-based, and 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 principles 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 juvenile justice 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 court.

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 juvenile 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.** Performance measures are captured by TJJD each fiscal year and will be used to determine continued funding.

1. **Enhanced Residential Project.**

Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:

- Number of juveniles exiting program;
- Number of juveniles successfully completing program;
- Percent of juveniles successfully completing program;
- Cost per successful completion;
- Average number of hours served per youth;
- Average daily population of program; and
- Within one and two years after exiting the program, number of juveniles:
 - adjudicated or convicted for a felony offense;
 - placed in another placement; and
 - committed to TJJD by any juvenile court;

2. **Expansion Residential Project.**

Grantee performance under the grant shall be determined using the following measures:

- Number of new beds brought online;
- Number of additional service days;
- Number of juveniles entering program;
- Average daily population of new beds brought online;
- Number of juveniles placed in program from same region;
- Number of juveniles exiting program;
- Number of juveniles successfully completing program;
- Percent of juveniles successfully completing program;
- Average number of days for a successful completion;
- Average number of days for an unsuccessful completion;
- Within one and two years after exiting the program, number of juveniles:
 - adjudicated or convicted for a felony offense;
 - placed in another placement; and
 - committed to TJJD by any juvenile court;

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D. **Reporting.** 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 previous 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, this Targeted Grant provision controls.