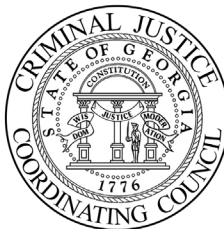


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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding for qualified counties in the State of Georgia.

Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program 2027 Request for Proposals (RFP)

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to local county commissions/boards of commissioners to apply on behalf of juvenile courts within Georgia. High priority will be given to the eighteen (18) counties who commit the highest numbers of juveniles to the Department of Juvenile Justice. The availability of funds is dependent on appropriations from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Georgia State Legislature. The Office reserves the right to reduce the amount of funds available based on government budgetary actions. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, (CFDA 16.540) administers a portion of these funds at the national level.

Award Period

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Deadline

All applications are due at 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026

Award Amount

Up to \$750,000

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact:

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Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of 27 members representing various components of the criminal justice system. The CJCC is charged with fiscal oversight of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.

Overview

In 2011, the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform was formed to study Georgia's criminal justice system and was charged by former Governor Nathan Deal with recommending policy changes. On December 18, 2012, the Council released their final report to the former Governor.

"We know there's room for dramatic improvement in the results we see in the juvenile justice system." – former Governor Nathan Deal

In keeping with Georgia's goal of increasing public safety through a more effective juvenile system, CJCC offers this request for proposals seeking local juvenile justice projects that aim to reduce the number of youth served out of home. The Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program funding aims to develop programs that address the needs of youth who are typically committed to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Since 2012, each year Georgia has reduced out-of-home placements by over 50% in Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program recipient counties. During the first year of funding, a total of 1,122 youth were served through community-based services, and since then nearly 10,000 youth have been served. The CJCC is committed to continue the funding of evidenced-based programming for youth in the community.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development website and Office of Justice Program's Crime Solution website to ensure that their juvenile intervention proposal has a methodical and measurable approach to reducing juvenile recidivism. This can be accessed at <http://www.blueprintsprograms.org> or <http://www.crimesolutions.gov>. Specific required evidence-based interventions are listed further in this RFP.

An evaluation report of yearly program accomplishments can be found at:

<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/grants/grant-subject-areas/juvenile-justice/juvenile-justice-incentive-grant-program>.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to local county commissions/boards of commissioners to apply on behalf of juvenile courts within Georgia. Moreover, all local units of government are required to be in compliance with the Georgia Service Delivery Strategy Act in order to be eligible for state-administered financial assistance. For more information on Service Delivery Strategy, visit this link: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/planning/intergovernmental-coordination/service-delivery-strategies-sds>.

An eligible applicant must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Be a public government entity;
- Serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and the point of contact to CJCC; and,
- Be responsible, liable, and oversee financial, program, and post-award reporting requirements.

Additional specific eligibility requirements:

- **Religion-** Grantee programs may not promote, discuss, or teach religion. Program activities and services are required to be accessible to any eligible participant, regardless of religious affiliation.
- **Federal Criminal Background Checks** - All grantees must conduct federal criminal background checks on all personnel who will have direct contact with youth served by the grant program(s). These background checks must take place prior to the provision of services by program personnel, and the grantee must maintain a copy of these records for CJCC's auditing purposes. Additionally, if an award is federally funded the Office of Justice Programs requires all recipients of federal funding to make a determination of suitability of any individual that interacts with participating minors. This award conditions requires fingerprint background checks on state or national level every 5 years for covered individuals as well as a name search on public sex offender and child abuse websites/registries. For more information, please review the Determination of Suitability award condition on Office of Justice Programs site.
- **Internet Security Policy** – The CJCC requires all grantees to establish and enforce an Internet Security Policy when minor participants and/or staff have access (supervised or unsupervised) to the Internet. This includes any technology provided by CJCC's funding and technology utilized by participants during a CJCC funded program component.
- **Youth Appropriate Relations Policy:** All grantees and service providers must have in place a policy regarding appropriate adult/youth relationships.
- **Other** – Applicants must comply with all forms, assurances, and certifications attached to this RFP.

Application Review

The CJCC will review all eligible applications. The CJCC will not review incomplete applications, and the CJCC will not permit applicants to add information to their application after submission, unless clarification or additional information is requested. If awarded the grant, Grantees will be expected to submit and comply with any additional financial and programmatic requirements per the Special Conditions of the grant agreement.

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and its designated representatives considering the following:

1. Past compliance with all financial and programmatic reporting requirements;
2. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
3. Demonstration of clear, measurable, and appropriate grant project objectives;
4. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.; and
5. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved.

When an application is received, there is no commitment on the part of CJCC to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested. All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The CJCC has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below to determine whether budget items requested are allowable prior to submitting your budget. Applications for funding will undergo several reviews. At any point during these reviews, a decision not to fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the CJCC.

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Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant program applications received in response to this solicitation are made by the Council and are based on the availability of funding and recommendations of the review panel to the Georgia Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by either the Governor and/or Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within ten (10) days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, the Council maintains the discretion to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

Please see below section "Fiscal Responsibility and Proposed Budget Section" for details on restriction of funds.

Match

No match is required

Supplanting

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Grant Award Agreement

Grant Award Amount

Applicants are applying for one year of funding through this RFP. New applicants are eligible to apply for a maximum of \$350,000 for this grant year. Continual applicants are allowed to apply for a maximum of \$750,000 and are allowed to expand or enhance services under this solicitation.

Grant Award Period

The grant award period is from **July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**. All new or enhanced services must be *fully* implemented within sixty (60) days of the grant award agreement beginning date. All continuation services must be fully implemented within thirty (30) days of the grant award agreement beginning date.

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are received by the Council's office.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions deemed appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the award date.

First-time Grant Recipients

The CJCC may award *first-time recipients* an initial advance for the first three months of the grant cycle. However, subsequent to the first three months, the grant will continue on a reimbursement-only basis. Grantees receiving continual funds are not entitled to receive an advance payment.

Continual Funding

A continual proposal is required annually. *An initial award does not guarantee continued funding.* The annual submission allows grantees to improve or modify objectives or activities, as well as assess the performance of the previous year. Continual grants are awarded to applicants that demonstrate the following:

- Professional management of grant funds and compliance with administrative requirements;
- Accurate and prompt submission of required programmatic and financial data and reports;
- Positive performance history with **achievement** of program goals and objectives; and,
- Cohesive continuation plan for their program.

Please note that continual funding is contingent on several factors, including achievement of goals, organizational capacity, performance history, contractual compliance, and availability of funds.

Modification of Funds

The CJCC reserves the right to make changes to the application budget at the time of the grant award and will communicate any changes to the applicant. The CJCC may negotiate all or part of any proposed budget after execution of the grant award agreement due to funding or provisions to program requirements. If, during the term of the grant award period, the funds appropriated are reduced or eliminated by the Georgia State Legislature, CJCC may immediately reduce or terminate the grant award by written notice to the grantee.

Reporting Requirements

The CJCC requires grantees to comply with and fully participate in the financial, programmatic, and evaluative reporting for this grant program.

Financial Reporting Requirements

This is a **reimbursement-based grant**.

If awarded funds, each county will be required to establish proof of payment for all project expenses by submitting the appropriate documentation to the CJCC for review. E.g., check/purchase requisitions, travel expense forms, copies of check payments, invoices and /or receipts, etc.

- *Monthly or Quarterly Subgrant Expenditure Requests (SER):* Upon accepting the award, each grantee is required to indicate whether they agree to submit monthly or quarterly SERs to CJCC.
- The SER must be submitted with the “JJ Unit SER Cover Form” provided by CJCC, in addition to the respective SER and backup documentation. The “JJ Unit SER Cover Form” can be found at: <http://cjcc.georgia.gov/reporting-3>.
- Monthly expenditure reports are due 30 days after the end of each month (e.g. an SER for expenses incurred in July is due by August 30th). Quarterly expenditure reports are due 30 days after the end of each quarter. Additionally, invoices that are more than 30 days outside of the reporting period **should not** be included as part of the expenditure report.
- **The SER must be submitted through the new grants management system, <https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov/>.**
- Grantees are also required to maintain supporting documentation, such as timesheets, equipment purchases, travel logs, supply purchases, inventory records, and consultant contracts, on file. This documentation may be requested at any time.
- Grantees must attend any required, scheduled grant management workshop prior to the release of grant funds.

Please see section “Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Detail Worksheet” on page 16 for additional financial reporting requirements.

Program Reporting Requirements

Grantees must submit programmatic reports on a monthly and/or quarterly basis as requested. Failure to submit programmatic reports in a timely fashion could result in the suspension or termination of grant funding. For any data submission not met or reported by the due date, a penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the CJCC.

- Monthly – Grantees are required to submit monthly reports directly to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG). The following dates are subject to change. Please adhere to CVIOG’s deadlines.

<i>Reporting Month</i>	<i>Programming Timeframe</i>	<i>Reporting Period Opens*</i>	<i>Reporting Period Closes *</i>
July	July 1-31	August 1, 2026	August 15, 2026
August	August 1-31	September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
September	September 1-30	October 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
October	October 1-31	November 1, 2026	November 15, 2026
November	November 1-30	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
December	December 1-31	January 1, 2027	January 15, 2027
January	January 1-31	February 1, 2027	February 15, 2027
February	February 1-28	March 1, 2027	March 15, 2027
March	March 1-31	April 1, 2027	April 15, 2027
April	April 1-30	May 1, 2027	May 15, 2027
May	May 1-31	June 1, 2027	June 15, 2027
June	June 1-30	July 1, 2027	July 15, 2027

** Please be aware that Graduated Sanction Violations under DJJ’s Probation Management Program (PMP) are included in overall Short-Term Program (STP)/Felony Commit numbers. If said violation resulted in an admission to an Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC), it was included in the baseline target number in 2012 data and will be counted in this grant year’s target number. Juvenile courts and DJJ staff are strongly encouraged to share this information with one another in order to measure potential impact.*

- Quarterly – Grantees may be requested to submit quarterly reports directly to CJCC. Quarterly progress reports are due 30 days after the end of each quarter. Quarterly progress reports are to be submitted with SER submissions or saved as a PDF and emailed to Laura.Oropeza@cjcc.ga.gov.

Planning Period (New Applicants Only)

In order to allow for the successful integration of evidence-based services into court operations, CJCC will allow a two-month planning period as an option for new projects. This will allow time for staff to be hired and trained, and contracts with service providers to be established. The planning period is optional. All new projects must be operational no later than August 31, 2026.

Evaluation

The CJCC will conduct a study of each awarded program to determine effectiveness. Grantees will be held accountable for the following as it relates to programmatic evaluation:

- Collect, enter, and maintain participant-level implementation and outcome data monthly;
- Data collection training and use of any Grants Management System (GMS);
- Submit youth enrollment, activity attendance, and necessary reports to evaluator; and,
- Grantee must participate as a focus site for evaluation.

The CJCC are committed to implementing evidence-based programming successfully and providing juveniles with the best services. Evidence-based programs are effective in reducing recidivism in juvenile populations when the programs are delivered as intended by the developers of the models. Grantees may be subject to a model fidelity evaluation. Information related to model fidelity site visits can be found at: <http://cjcc.georgia.gov/juvenile-justice-model-fidelity>.

Post-Award Required Activities

CJCC Grant Management Workshop

If an applicant is awarded a grant, the grantee may be required to attend a CJCC grant management workshop.

Site Visits

The CJCC staff may conduct a financial and/or programmatic site visit (in person or virtual) to each grantee during the grant period. Additional visits may be conducted. Site visits will be scheduled with the grantee in advance. Site visits will be conducted to monitor the program for progress, implementation, adherence to outcomes, model fidelity, and to view programmatic and financial documents.

Additional Training, Technical Assistance, and Events

The CJCC will offer a number of non-mandatory post-award training and technical assistance opportunities and special events. Grantees will be informed of events via e-mail. The CJCC staff will also provide ongoing, individual technical assistance and other support to grantees as needed or requested throughout the year.

Program Design

Purpose

In order to demonstrate potential cost-savings to taxpayers by incentivizing evidence-based options, the overarching goal of this grant program is the reduction of out-of-home placements and to better serve youth in the community.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to provide funding for local programs designed to serve youth in the community who would otherwise be committed to DJJ. Applicants are encouraged to examine their local data from the previous fiscal year in order to understand the profiles of youth who were committed to DJJ, and who, with appropriate services, could have received services

while remaining in their community. Recipients of this grant opportunity will be employing evidenced-based programming appropriate to the needs of youth in the community.

Considerable evidence has shown that assessing each youth's risk of re-arrest can help with classifying youth for appropriate levels/types of programming, as well as the necessary intensiveness of services. Therefore, applicant counties will have the benefit of utilizing standardized risk assessments to aid in decision-making. **The instruments include, at a minimum, the Department of Juvenile Justice's Pre-Disposition Risk Assessment (PDRA) and the Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI).**

Bolstering a continuum of community support services and supervision has been shown to reduce recidivism, while promoting a positive relationship among youth, their families, and the community. Support services may include family and community reintegration and prevention services, basic life skills, job skills and employment training, job placement, educational support, and mentoring and apprenticeship opportunities.

Communities applying for these funds will be expected to bring together system stakeholders, community leaders, and residents to identify and access existing local resources for the development of a multifaceted response to prevent further penetration in the justice system.

By employing evidence-based programming, implementing risk assessment tools, involving the community, and ensuring appropriate youth are served, the State of Georgia will increase public safety while decreasing recidivism among juveniles through an effective juvenile justice system.

The CJCC ask that applicants fully describe how their project will reduce risk factors of participants through the use of an evidence-based model that addresses family engagement, reduces negative peer association, increases pro-social activities, and is tailored to the individual cognitive and maturational levels of their participants.

Program Period

The initial grant award period is July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Target Population

All youth receiving services from this grant **MUST** have a delinquent adjudication, score medium to high on the PDRA, **and** be appropriate for the selected evidence-based program.

Goals and Objectives

Each applicant must utilize all of the following goals and performance objectives for its project. Applicants may add goals or objectives specific to their program.

Goals

1. Reduce felony commitments to DJJ and STP admissions in the target county.
2. Increase the use of evidence-based practices in Georgia's juvenile justice system by initiating community-based juvenile justice programs.
3. Reduce the recidivism rate of youth involved with Georgia's juvenile justice system.
4. Reduce annual secure detention rate of target county.

5. Reduce annual secure confinement rate of target county.
6. Demonstrate a cost-savings to Georgia citizens through provision of research-informed services to youth in juvenile justice system.

Performance Objectives

1. The DAI and PDRA will be used on all youth considered for grant funding with all scores reported in JTS or the Juvenile Data Exchange (JDEX). Additionally, when available, grantees are encouraged to use the Juvenile Needs Assessment (JNA) on all youth considered for grant funding.
2. All participants will score medium to high on the PDRA.
3. At least 75% of participants will complete program requirements.
4. At least 55% of youth completing services will not re-offend as calculated using this recidivism definition below:
A new charge (within three years of the initial post-adjudication community placement) which results in a juvenile court delinquency adjudication OR adult criminal court conviction.
5. Each project will report cost-savings per youth by calculating average cost to provide targeted intervention subtracted from average cost to detain youth. (Selected projects will be provided a marginal cost rate in order to perform this calculation).

Note: Performance targets will be used as a means to determine future award allocations and/or continuations.

Proposal Narrative

The following information provides a description of necessary components to be contained in the narrative portion of your proposal. The narrative is a detailed statement of the work to be undertaken and addresses questions regarding the grant proposal process.

1. Program

a. State the selected evidence based program selected.

- **Continual applicants** are allowed to continue current interventions if they so choose. If the applicant intends to make a change utilizing a different intervention in Year Ten, please detail this change and why it is being made. Applicants switching interventions **MUST** select an intervention from the list below. Applicants who are starting a new evidence-based service will be allowed a two-month implementation period for that service, if needed. If applicable (group-based programming), list the specific site(s) where programming will occur (i.e., the site name and the street address including the zip code).
- **New Applicants** must select an evidence-based intervention that has been shown to be effective from the list below. New applications should choose the evidence-based intervention which is most appropriate for the needs of the youth in the community. If applicable (group-based programming), list the specific site(s) where programming will occur (i.e., the site name and the street address including the zip code).
- **Evidence-Based Interventions**
A detailed description of the following intervention models is provided in Appendix A.
 1. Aggression Replacement Training® (ART)
 2. Functional Family Therapy (FFT LLC, FFT Partners)
 3. Multisystemic Therapy® (MST®)
 4. Thinking for a Change (T4C)
 5. Seven Challenges (7C)
 6. Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
 7. Multisystemic Therapy® – Problem Sexual Behaviors (MST®-PSB)

2. Statement of Need/Summary

Provide a clear and concise statement of need, including the following:

- a. Statement of the community problem. For the purpose of this RFP, applicants are instructed, **at a minimum**, to use each of the following metrics as justification of need for programming for fiscal year 2027:
- At-risk population*
 - New instances of secure detention (RYDC)*
 - Cases resulting in commitment to DJJ*
 - New instances of confinement in secure juvenile correctional facilities (YDC)*
 - Adjudicated Offense**
 - PDRA Scores**

*This information can be found at: [Georgia Juvenile Justice Data Clearinghouse](#)

**This information can be attained through the county JDEX. Please submit requests to Kristy King, JDEX Program Manager, at Kristy.King@georgiacourts.gov.

- b. Brief description of the activities requiring CJCC funds.

3. Target Population

Provide a detailed description of the clearly defined target population to be served in the grant period, include the following:

- a. Explain how and why target population was selected, including any risk factors.
- b. County or counties to be served (please only apply for counties you are able to serve).
- c. State number of youth served and/or cohorts. This should be **by program** if an applicant plans to implement more than one program.
- d. List assessment instruments to be used for selected target population and how they will be used to screen youth. Applicants should include a detailed description of how the DJJ's DAI and PDRA will be utilized to ensure consistency and uniformity in decision-making. Please include any needs assessments conducted for participant

4. Methods and Procedures

- a. Fully describe the intake and referral process for a youth receiving services. This should go through all decision points (from charge to disposition and when a youth is referred into services).
- b. List the criteria to determine which individuals will be offered program services.
- c. Describe, if any, any educational support identified for youth. This would include how the support service works within the program, how it addresses an identified gap, and how it positively affects youth outcomes. Please state if these services will be funded via the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.
- d. Describe, if any, mental health support identified for youth. This would include how the support service works within the program, how it addresses an identified gap, and how it positively affects youth outcomes. Please state if these services will be funded via the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.
- e. Describe, if available, any other additional services youth served in the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant receive if not already listed.
- f. Please list any transportation services or assistance needed. If requesting funds to allocate for transportation services, grantees must include the vehicle cost (i.e. estimated rental cost) along with estimated cost of vehicle maintenance and projected cost for fuel as part of their budget.
- g. State which entities (e.g., service providers, contractors, county staff), if identified, will provide program services.
- h. Confirm if policies that ensure appropriate relationships between youth and adults, including any mandated reporting requirements are in place. If awarded, grantees will be expected to show said policy during the fiscal review.
- i. Describe the primary roles and responsibilities for each grant-funded position and explain the plan for orientation and training of grant-funded staff. Attached a job description for each grant-funded position under the "Budget Forms - Personnel" page.

5. Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation

- a. List the required program goals as outlined in the RFP. List any additional program goals in a clearly defined and measurable manner.
- b. List the required program objectives as outlined in the RFP. List any additional program objectives in a clearly defined and measurable manner.
- c. Explain fully how all stated goals and objectives will be reached and evaluated.
- d. Explain how you currently collect data on youth served.

6. Sustainability

- a. List the community partners and their description and contribution, if any, to the proposed program.
- b. Describe the specific activities that will take place during this upcoming grant period to ensure sustainability, including any barriers for the program and how the organization intends to address said issues.
- c. List the current juvenile related funding sources (state, federal, and/or private) and amount of funding for your organization.
- d. Identify potential state, federal, and/or private funding streams for program support.

7. Previous Accomplishments

- a. Provide a detailed description of any previously successful interventions or grant funding received for similar programs. Applicants who received an Incentive Grant in previous years should include their accomplishments from this program. Applicants must include a detailed summary of activities:
 - FY26 projected youth served compared final number/percent of youth served to-date.
 - Supporting data to demonstrate whether or not the project objectives and goals were met.
- b. If problems were encountered in previous grants or objectives were not fully achieved, please provide a full description detailing both the issues and corrective action(s) taken. This information is an essential component of all applications.

Proposal Submission Instructions

How to Apply

This application will be submitted through the grants management system, <https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov/>. The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with the RFA guidelines in order for the submission or proposal to be considered for funding. Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. **To finalize the application, please have the Authorized Official select the checkbox and change the status to application submitted.** Remember to submit the application when you are finished with this section.

Required Attachments

- Program Timeline: A detailed timeline of grant activities to cover July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.
- Grant Sub-agreements/Contracts: Signed agreement(s) between the apply agency and program site(s) not under the jurisdiction of the apply agency, if applicable.
- Job Descriptions: Job description for each grant-funded position. If your agency's application proposes funding for currently vacant positions, provide a plan and timeline to fill each vacant position.

Submission Date

Applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026**. Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. Applications submitted after that date and time will be classified as late and may not be considered.

Disqualification Factors

Any application electronically time-stamped after **5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026**, will be regarded as late, excluding extenuating circumstances, and may not be considered for funding. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the proposal is received by the specified deadline.

Additionally, CJCC may not consider funding any applicant that fails to comply with all application requirements. Disqualification factors may include any of the following:

- Failure to include application narrative, application budget, and application attachments;
- Failure to provide appropriate number of copies and format requested;
- Applicant is not a public government entity;
- Submission fails to include an original signature of the applicant's authorized official on the application face sheet; or,
- Application lacks original signatures where appropriate.

Fiscal Responsibility and Proposed Budget Section

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements, and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Hourly timesheets describing work activity, signed by the employee and supervisor, to document hours personnel worked on grant-related activities.
- Maintenance of payroll authorizations and vouchers.
- Maintenance of records supporting charges for fringe benefits.
- Maintenance of inventory records for equipment purchased, rented, and contributed (as applicable).
- Maintenance of billing records for consumable supplies (i.e., paper, printing) purchased (as applicable).
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).
- Maintenance of travel records (i.e., mileage logs, gas receipts) (as applicable).
- Lease agreements, contracts services, and purchases of equipment that adhere to established procurement processes (as applicable).

Budget Detail Worksheet

All applicants must complete a detailed budget with budget narrative within the grant management system. The narrative should include a breakdown of costs, as well as how funds will be allocated across approved budget categories of Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Consultants/Contracts, and Other.

All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowability of line item costs per program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.

- Applicants are responsible for obtaining and executing necessary agreements with partners or contractors providing services under this agreement. Documentation and copies of contract/service agreements must be submitted to CJCC upon procurement. Grantees are to submit copies of the agreements with their award packet or by the submission of their first-quarter SER. Subcontractors are still expected to adhere to the budget breakdown (see below); a full budget breakdown must be submitted.
- Grantees are expected to adhere to Georgia's State Travel Policy if requesting reimbursement for staff attending trainings or required conferences. Additional information can be found at <https://sao.georgia.gov/state-travel-policy>. All food and travel expenses should be included in the proposed budget.

- Please note, for both meal and travel reimbursement, grantees must submit with their SER a typed list or travel form for any expenses incurred as a result of serving program participants. The list of meal expenses should include: date, location, number of program participants during the scheduled session, cost (including attached receipts), and signature. The travel form at a minimum should include: name of person being reimbursed, date of travel, beginning/ending location, total mileage, and signature (See Appendix D). All travel expenses submitted for reimbursement should adhere to the respective county’s travel policy in addition to the state travel policy.

Budget Breakdown

At a minimum, 70% of awarded funds must be used for direct, evidence-based program costs. No more than 30% of awarded grant funds can be used for non-direct services or administrative costs; this includes any programming not listed in this RFP. *The 70/30 split must be reflected in the Budget Narrative.*

Example 1

30% INDIRECT	Breakdown	Cost
Grants Coordinator	Part-time, \$1 per hour x 1 hour per month x 12 months	\$12
Rent	\$1 per month x 12 months	\$12
Insurance	\$6 per year	\$6
	Total/Percent	\$30 (30%)
70% DIRECT	Breakdown	Cost
Facilitator for Evidence-Based Program	\$1.35 per hour x 1 hour per week x 52 weeks	\$70
	Total/Percent	\$ 70 (70%)
	Total Award/Percent	\$100

Example 2

30% INDIRECT	Breakdown	Cost
Grants Coordinator	Part-time, \$1 per hour x 1 hour per month x 12 months	\$12
Rent	\$2 per month x 12 months	\$24
Parenting Class	\$2 per month x 6 months	\$12
	Total Indirect/Percent	\$48 (24%)
70% DIRECT	Breakdown	Cost
Facilitator for Evidence-Based Program	\$2 per hour x 1 hour per week x 52 weeks	\$104
Education Advocacy/ Math/Literacy Tutoring	\$1 per hour x 1 hour per week x 52 weeks	\$52
	Total Direct/Percent	\$156 (76%)
	Total Award/Percent	\$204

Direct Costs are defined as expenses accrued through direct services of the primary evidence-based programming, education services, and/or expenses related to needs assessments. The following is a brief list of common direct costs:

- Salary and benefits of individuals who provide direct service to youth (therapists, facilitators, etc.);
- Snacks or meals associated with programming;
- Travel to participants' homes;
- Vehicle maintenance and gas;
- Journals or program books for youth.

The following is a brief list of costs that will require preapproval to be considered as direct costs:

- Needs assessments;
- Trainings;
- Conferences;
- Travel (outside of direct service travel);
- Online platform;
- Equipment;
- Educational support services;
- Volunteers' compensation and/or service-related expenses;
- Copier (use of the copier for program materials);
- Cell phones for direct service employees requiring travel; or,
- Meeting expenses for outreach and awareness activities.

Indirect Costs are defined as expenses accrued that are not directly from the primary evidence-based programming; this includes any direct service interventions that are not listed on page 11 of this RFP. The following is a brief list of common indirect costs:

- Salary and benefits of supervisory and/or administrative staff who provide indirect services to program youth (e.g. grants manager, finance director, trainer, etc.);
- Bookkeeping costs;
- Rent and/or mortgage on administrative offices;
- Utilities on administrative offices;
- Office supplies for staff (e.g. pens, paper, ink, etc.);
- Insurance;
- Employee travel to grantee trainings;
- Printing, copier, postage;
- Meeting expenses;
- Background investigations; or,
- Wrap around services (tutoring, Botvin Lifeskills, parenting classes, etc.).

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

A list of allowable and unallowable costs is provided in the Budget Detail Worksheet.

- Items such as motivational tools, graduation gifts, and enrichment activities may be eligible for reimbursement. Please note, these expenses should be reflected in both the Budget Detail Worksheet and the budget narrative. These costs will be considered as part of the 70% allowed for direct costs, and these items should be listed in the "Supplies" category.

- These items must be available to all program participants. Applicants must submit a policy outlining the parameters related to issuing enrichments to program participants to be eligible for reimbursement. See Appendix B for the same policy. Please note, expenses submitted for the issuance of gift cards, gift certificates, gas cards, etc. will not be approved as allowable expenses as part of the grant.
- The maximum funding allowed for enrichments is not to exceed \$25 per individual youth served. This \$25 maximum is the allowance per youth, regardless of the number of programs in which the youth is enrolled or the number of times the youth participates in programming.
 - E.g. Total program: \$100,000
 - Projected youth served: 30
 - Motivational tools/enrichments budget: 30 X \$25 = \$750

*All expenses must be detailed and approved in the grant budget prior to being listed in the SER and requested for reimbursement. Expenses are approved at the discretion of the CJCC.

Please note, any motivational tools, graduation gifts, and/or rewards donated or purchased using outside funds are not subject to the 70/30 requirement.

- If you are implementing an evidence-based program that requires a meal for participants and their families, the cost should be reasonable and meal purchases should not exceed state travel policy. In your application budget, please break down the expectation for these costs.
- For those programs that do not require a meal as part of the evidence-based program, *light* snacks are still allowable, but the cost must be reasonable and the basis for arriving at that cost must be included in your budget. Please note, this expense should be reflected in your Budget and will be considered as part of the allowable, direct costs.
- Applicants must request preapproval for all expenses related to graduation ceremonies. All expenses must be detailed and approved in the grant budget. Expenses are approved at the discretion of the CJCC.
- The use of “flex funds” will require preapproval. All requests should include a detailed explanation as part of the Budget Narrative. Please note, all requests will be approved at the discretion of CJCC. If approved, the following will apply:
 - There must be judicial oversight. The presiding juvenile court judge must request the use of flex funds in each individual instance;
 - A note must be included in the youth’s file notating the judicial approval of the flex fund spending specific to the youth’s case; and,
 - A copy of the notation must be submitted to the CJCC along with your reimbursement request. The notation cannot be a “blanket” note but should instead be specific to each individual case.
- **Grant funds will not be allowed to be used for: out of state training, any part of a pay supplement (bonus, one-time payments, etc.,) for state or county paid employees, weapons, construction projects, financial and or programmatic audit costs, construction costs, and organized fundraising activities.**