

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANTS
PROGRAM FUNDING FOR UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Department of Human Services-Division of Youth Services is soliciting applications for Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) to reduce juvenile offending through supporting accountability-based programs that focus on offenders in state and local juvenile justice systems.

Those eligible to apply for funding are units of local government (cities and counties). A local government recipient of a JABG award must contribute 10 percent of the total program cost in the form of a cash match. (e.g., If JABG award amount is \$12,000 multiply by 111.11% to obtain total program cost of \$13,333, cash match would equal \$1,333, or 10% of \$13,333.)

Seventeen (17) program areas are covered then the Grantees may request funding in one or more of these areas:

1. Graduated sanctions for juvenile offenders
2. Corrections/detention facilities
3. Court staffing and pretrial services
4. Prosecutors (staffing)
5. Prosecutors (funding)
6. Training for law enforcement and court personnel
7. Juvenile gun courts
8. Juvenile drug courts
9. Juvenile records system
10. Information sharing
11. Accountability
12. Risk and needs assessment
13. School safety
14. Restorative justice
15. Juvenile courts and probation;
16. Detention/corrections personnel
17. Systems improvement

If JABG funding is used for construction of a juvenile detention facility, the grant will require 50 percent match of funds from local sources.

Applicant units of government shall convene a Juvenile Crime Enforcement Commission (JCEC) to recommend a coordinated enforcement plan. Membership shall include a representative from the local police or sheriff's department, the local prosecutor's office, the local juvenile court, the local probation office, the local educational agency, the local social service agency, a nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocacy organization, and a nonprofit, religious or community group.

For information about this Request for Applications, inquire by email (no phone calls please) to the Division of Youth Services JJDP Unit at the following address:

gwen.trigleth-jackson@arkansas.gov.

Mandatory Grant Training will be held October 26, 2011 at the Laman Library 2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Failure to attend this training will result in disqualification of this grant process.

Additional information and application instructions for this RFA will be posted on the following websites:

- Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice at www.arkansascoalitionforjuvenilejustice.gov in the Requests for Proposals section.
- Arkansas Department of Human Services at <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dys/Pages/dysResources.aspx>

A letter of intent to submit an application is required to submit to the Division of Youth Services JJDP Unit, Slot 503, P.O. Box 1437, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437 (physical address 700 Main Street, fifth Floor, Little Rock, Arkansas) no later than 4:30 p.m., October 24, 2011. Failure to submit a letter of intent will result in disqualification from this grant process.