The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Dept. of Public Safety/Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2024-2025 beginning on, or after, July 1, 2024. The use of these funds in this county require a local match in the amount specified above. The county can approve programs for 1 or 2 year funding awards, dependent on county approval and programs meeting all requirements.

Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following checked program types will be considered for funding:

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Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:
Associations with Negative/Delinquent Peers/Gangs; Family Needs; Mental/Behavioral Health Needs; Substance Use/Abuse, Family Criminality and Family Substance Abuse; Inadequate Parental Supervision; Assessment/Counseling/Treatment; Prior History of Delinquency/Recidivism; School Behavior Problems/Suspsensions/Truancy; Aggressive Behavior/Threatening Abuse/Victimization

Proposed services should address the following concerns as reported in the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YAS) for adjudicated youth:
Peer Domain: Cleveland County data shows elevated risk levels in the areas of: association with negative/delinquent peers and gang association.
Individual Domain: Cleveland County youth assessed higher than the State average in the areas of: prior history of delinquency, mental/behavioral health needs and substance abuse/use needs.
Family Domain: Cleveland County data shows elevated risk levels in: family criminality, family substance abuse and inadequate parental supervision.
School Domain: Cleveland County youth assessed higher than the State average in the areas of school academic (failing most classes) and dropout rates. School conflict and suspension data (OSS and ISS) improved for Cleveland County, down in both areas, and lower than the state average in those categories.

Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below:
1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with juvenile offenders.
2. Program services are outcome-based.
3. The program has an evaluation component.
4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individuals from gang participation.
5. Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial Ethnic Disparity that exists in the County.
6. Programs are encouraged to provide effective programming that includes restorative justice practices.

Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profit corporations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.
In order to apply for FY 2024-2025 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at: https://cp.ncdjjdp.org/CP Additional self-help videos on the NC ALLIES webpage are available by clicking on the HELP tab.

Private non-profits are also required to submit, by uploading in NC ALLIES, the following:
1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status. (#1 & #2 are available at the above link.)

Applications are also sent to the allocations committee chair, margiesc822@gmail.com including a copy of the most recent audit which MUST be included, with proof of 501-c-3 status. Also, a copy of the current agency Board of Directors, including designation of officers, and a copy of the no Taxes Due Form is required. A copy of the applicant’s Conflict of Interest Policy should be included and if there are existing Conflicts for Board members or staff, those should be noted. For new applicants ONLY, there should be THREE letters of support from other agencies.

Mandatory training for ALL applicants will be held on January 19, 2024, at 10:00 am, in the Advance Technology Center at Cleveland Community College, Room 7270. Program Managers, or anticipated Program Managers, are required to attend the Cleveland County training.

Interviews will be conducted with the Program Managers on February 20, 2024, at the Advance Technology Center, at Cleveland Community College, Room 7270. Times will be assigned as the applications are received.

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For further information or other technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county or about the program application workshop, contact:

Melissa Johnson, DPS Area Consultant at 828-296-4745 or melissa.g.johnson@ncdps.gov

Deadline for application submission into NC ALLIES and for submitting to the Cleveland County Allocation Committee: February 12, 2024 by 5:00 pm.

Program Applications and Supporting Documents should be emailed to Allocations Committee Chair, Margie Christopher at: margiesc822@gmail.com