

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
West Virginia Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Initiative

Application Due Date: May 4, 2016

This correspondence serves as the Request for Proposal for the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services (DJCS) Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Initiative.

The WV DJCS is requesting proposals that seek to further the Division's statewide DMC efforts through developing a Pilot Program(s) in Berkeley, Kanawha, Cabell, Raleigh, and Monongalia Counties. This initiative is anticipated to be an ongoing effort but is contingent on the annual receipt of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II grant funds. Those eligible to apply are counties, cities and non-profits.

- Available Funding:** Up to \$75,000 on a reimbursement basis.
- Matching Funds:** None Required
- Project Period:** July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
- Reporting Requirements:** Written monthly reporting as well as quarterly presentation to the WV SAG on progress and activities.

Please be advised that this request for proposal and subsequent grant is separate from the FY 2016 Juvenile Justice grants and must be issued independently from the normal Juvenile Justice Grant process.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL demonstrate in the proposal the knowledge and background in working on DMC and a tentative plan to further address DMC in WV, consistent with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's DMC Reduction Model. The selected DMC Pilot Projects will work closely with the WV State Advisory Group (SAG) and will be required to report to the SAG on a quarterly basis.

Prior to the submission of the proposal, all applicants will be required to attend a mandatory Technical Assistance training on Tuesday, April 5th at the WV State Police Academy Professional Development Center, 135 Academy Drive, Dunbar. The technical assistance will last from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND IN PERSON. This training will allow potential applicants to have an increased knowledge and a better understanding of how to implement the DMC Reduction Cycle.

Program Goal

To Implement the DMC Reduction Cycle, which is designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate numbers of juvenile members of minority groups who come in contact with the juvenile justice system throughout the state.

Objectives

- Identify where minority overrepresentation exists within the eight points of contact in juvenile justice system as indicated by relative rate indexes (RRI's).
- Examine the statewide assessment identifying the mechanisms that contribute to minority overrepresentation and carry out recommendations.
- Develop and implement intervention strategies for reducing minority overrepresentation in the juvenile justice system based on the identification of mechanisms contributing to DMC.
- Increase public awareness of DMC through trainings, presentations, and other resources to encourage community participation and greater understanding of DMC issues.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the various interventions.
- Establish community commitment with court partners, social services, mental health, police, DHHR, community and faith based organization, and parents, etc.

DMC exists if the rate of contact with the juvenile justice system of a specific minority group is significantly different than the rate of contact for non-Hispanic whites or other minority groups. Points of contact refer to decision points in the juvenile justice system. In West Virginia, there are eight (8) points of contact, including arrest/referral to juvenile court; diversion; detention; petition or charge(s) filed; delinquency findings; probation; confinement in a secure juvenile facility; and cases transferred to adult court. The purpose of this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention core requirement is to ensure equal and fair treatment for every youth (regardless of membership in a minority or majority population group) involved in the juvenile justice system. OJJDP's five-phase DMC Reduction Model (see OJJDP DMC Website) helps states determine whether disproportionality exists within their jurisdictions and, if it does, provides a step-by-step model to guide their DMC reduction efforts.

Resources

The OJJDP Disproportionate Minority Contact website provides tools and resources to help states comply with the JJDP Act's DMC requirement. To learn

more about OJJDP's efforts to reduce the overrepresentation of minority youth in the nation's juvenile justice system, visit: ojjdp.gov/dmc.

The OJJDP Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Manual provides the latest information and tools for understanding and effectively addressing minority overrepresentation in the juvenile justice system. Additionally, the manual includes annual updates, resources, and examples of effective DMC reduction strategies in various states. OJJDP's DMC Assistance Manual can be found at the following website:
http://www.ojjdp.gov/compliance/dmc_ta_manual.pdf.

Allowable costs include:

- Personnel
- Travel and Training
- Other – Education materials, office supplies etc.

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