

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** January 3, 2011

**TO:** Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to apply for and accept grant revenue totaling \$92,244 from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to support programs administered by the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

**Issue**

In accordance with section 56.06 of the County Ordinances, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to apply for grant revenue that requires a 10% local cash match from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) to support programs administered by the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD).

**Background**

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds were initially awarded to Milwaukee County in 1999 to target youth found to be in possession of a firearm. This funding became available at a critical time when there was both a large number of youth being committed to State correctional facilities and a high demand for structured, community services for delinquent youth. These community services were viewed as effective in reducing youth reoffense, while resulting in cost-effectiveness and maintaining community safety.

Due to the success of the Firearm Project, the Division has continued to be eligible for JABG funds on an annual basis since 1999. As a result of the annual allocation of these funds by OJA, the Division has planned for the availability of these grant funds during annual budget development.

Similarly to the Firearm Project, the Serious Chronic Offender program, targets a specific juvenile subpopulation. In early 2009, in response to changing subpopulation demands for service, the current provider and the Division mutually agreed to combine the contract allocations for the respective target populations to improve overall service capacity and provide program efficiencies. The subpopulations and program are now known as the Targeted Monitoring Program. This has removed episodic waitlist issues that become problematic for both the Division and the juvenile courts.

The Department received an OJA Notice of Intent to Apply on 12/16/2011.

### **Discussion**

These grant funds allow the Division to provide more capacity for the Targeted Monitoring Program, a contractual service currently provided by the Running Rebels Community Organization. The Targeted Monitoring Program is comprised of two focus areas that target two separate juvenile subpopulations: 1) youth found in possession of a firearm (typically a handgun) and 2) youth determined to be serious chronic offender.

The Targeted Monitoring Program allows youth to remain in the community as an alternative to past traditional correctional placement. The program is intended to hold youth accountable, improve social competencies and reduce the probability of reoffense. These program services are considered targeted enhancements to regular probation services. All youth referred to the program have been adjudicated delinquent and are serving a supervision period under the supervision of the DCSD. Many youth are on a stayed order to juvenile corrections.

DCSD is required to report quarterly on a number of performance outcome measures during the period in which the grant funds are expended. DCSD has successfully maintained these requirements with in-house personnel since receiving the funds.

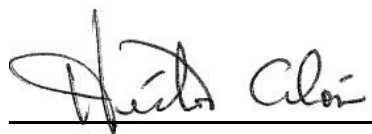
The award amount of \$92,244 will provide DCSD with additional funds to maintain necessary capacity for the Targeted Monitoring Program. The award amount would include a local cash match of \$10,249, which would be achieved through budgeted program operating costs.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of DHHS, or his designee, to apply for and accept grant funds in the amount of \$92,244 associated with Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds from the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Approval of this request will result in no additional expenditures in 2012. The local match requirement is achieved within the 2012 Budget and will not result in any tax levy change. A fiscal note is attached.



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