

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Kerry Mitchell, Director, Department of Human Resources

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SUBJECT: **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Create one position of Administrative Coordinator and one position of Quality Assurance Specialist at the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Administrator, Delinquency and Court Services Division, are requesting authorization to create one position of Administrative Coordinator and one position of Quality Assurance Specialist at the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD). These positions are associated with the implementation of a grant received by DCSD from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), to support improvement of the service delivery system of DCSD.

Background

DCSD requested authorization from the County Board in the October cycle to accept revenue totaling \$725,358 from OJJDP. DCSD was selected by OJJDP as one of three jurisdictions to serve as a demonstration site for the Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Demonstration Program.

The purpose of the Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Demonstration Program is to implement and evaluate a systematic protocol of evidence-based and cost-measurement tools with the goal of better juvenile justice outcomes and cost-savings at the local level. This grant opportunity will afford DCSD the tools and the expertise to assess the relative effectiveness of services provided to juvenile justice youth in order to improve services, ensure that youth are appropriately matched with services in accordance with their risk and needs, and inform resource allocation. As a demonstration program, Milwaukee County has the potential to serve as a model for other jurisdictions. This initiative complements other juvenile justice system

reform efforts in Milwaukee County, including the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative through the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

A major component of this grant is to work with the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and the project evaluator to implement the required evidence-based and cost-measurement tools. This will necessitate dedicated staff to work intensively with DCSD's provider agencies in order to carry out the required tasks. Therefore, the grant budget includes funds for an Administrative Coordinator to manage day-to-day project activities, and a Quality Assurance Specialist to work with service providers to improve services to youth served by DCSD. The positions will be eliminated or funded through other means at the end of the grant period.

One of the conditions of the OJJD grant is to begin full implementation of the grant by March 1, 2013, including having staff onboard, being prepared to begin training, participating in program meetings at the local site, and actively participating in and complying with all requirements of the evaluation of the demonstration program. Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele provided a letter of support that was submitted with the grant application agreeing to these requirements.

Recommendation

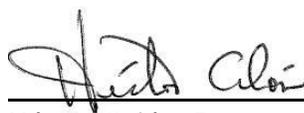
To assist DCSD in improving the service delivery system through implementing grant activities, DCSD recommends the County Board authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to create two positions for the grant term, as follows:

| Position Description | Pay Range | FTE | 2012 Fiscal Impact | 2013 Annual Impact |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Create | | | | |
| Administrative Coordinator | 27M | 1.00 | \$0 | \$64,568 |
| Quality Assurance Specialist | 16C | 1.00 | \$0 | \$45,735 |
| Total Cost of Positions* | | | \$0 | \$110,303 |

** The cost of the positions listed above is fully grant funded.*

Fiscal Impact

The recommended position actions contained in this report have no tax levy impact. The revenue received through the OJJD grant will cover the full costs for the created positions. There is no local funding match requirement associated with this grant revenue.



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