

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 17, 2021 *Chantell Jewell*

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Chantell Jewell, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC)

Subject: Retroactive Approval to Apply for, and Accept an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2021 OJJDP FY 2021 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children for Federal Fiscal Year 2021

REQUEST

Retroactive approval to apply for and accept the award under the funding opportunity entitled 2021 OJJDP FY 2021 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children for Federal Fiscal Year 2021; and to create a new trust fund if necessary, to recognize grant funds and align expenditure authority per the grant rules and regulations.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:56.06(1)

BACKGROUND

On December 21, 2020 the United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) posted for a grant opportunity entitled 2021 OJJDP FY 2021 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children (Grant). On March 5, 2021 the HOC submitted an application titled Milwaukee House of Correction FAM Services. On November 4, 2021 the HOC was awarded the grant for a total of \$744,565 over three years.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To receive the funds from the Grant the county must enter into a three-year contract with the Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) for \$373,962. The Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC) proposed to develop and deliver a family centric program (FAM) to provide a safe and supportive environment for incarcerated parents to strengthen relationships with their children. The FAM Services Program will design and open HOC child-friendly spaces for children who are visiting their incarcerated parents. Parallel to these facility changes, safety protocols and procedures will be integrated with a coordinated system of programs and services to support the needs of 50 incarcerated parents and their minor children. The services are designed to prevent violent crime, reduce recidivism, and provide support for the minor children. The evidence-based services include effective parenting skills development, parent/child relationship

engagement, healthy relationship education, family mediation, literacy education, college preparation and holistic family case management. FAM services also incorporate reentry and transitional services that focus on parental responsibility including housing, nutrition, clothing, health insurance and legal. FAM builds on strong existing partnerships with the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families-Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS), Milwaukee County Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), The Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS), University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Talent Search Program (Talent Search) and University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension The Literacy Link (Literacy Link).

CENTER FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

CFSS and its employees, agents, licensees, and officers shall adhere to all relevant federal and state laws as well as all HOC policies at all times. CFSS will facilitate education and employment services to individuals confined at HOC, ages 18 and older, who are releasing to Milwaukee. The CFSS services will integrate core evidence-based strategies of Cognitive Based Healthy Relationship Education & Behavioral Work Readiness Development, Basic and Vocational Education, Financial Literacy, Community Resource Development, Job Seeking, Application and Resume Preparation and Case Management to reach goals of improving access to vocational and employment services for individuals releasing from HOC to Milwaukee. CFSS will use a client case management system to track individual, and aggregate project goals and deliverables. CFSS will serve at least 150 (25 in year 1, 100 in year 2 and 25 in year 3) participants within the 36-month program performance period. CFSS will have two dedicated Member Service Coordinators (MSC). Case management (CM) services for a participant will begin when he/she is 3-6 months pre-release & continues through 6 months post-release.

FISCAL EFFECT

The grant does not require a local match. The County must enter into a three-year contract with the Center for Self-Sufficiency starting January 1, 2022 who was named in the grant. The County must also create two new positions which will be totally funded by the grant. These two positions will be requested at a later date once the position descriptions are completed and approved by the Department of Human Resources. Total grant award was for \$744,565. The grant has a budget for County positions of \$352,772, for supplies of \$17,830, and for the contract with CFSS of \$373,962.

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