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Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division — Single Grant Program

Background

The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) of the Department of Human Rights performs research, policy analysis, program development, and data analysis activities to assist policymakers, justice system agencies, and others to identify issues and improve the operation and effectiveness of Iowa's justice system. The CJJP operates a justice system information clearinghouse, serves as the Iowa Statistical Analysis Center, and administers federal and State grant programs to fund local and State projects designed to prevent juvenile crime, provide services to juvenile offenders, and otherwise improve Iowa's juvenile justice system.

In 2019, [SF 615](#) (FY 2020 Justice System Appropriations Act) established a Single Grant Program under the purview of the CJJP. The Program is tasked with deterring juvenile delinquency through early intervention in the criminal justice system by providing comprehensive, multifaceted delivery of social services to a city with a higher than average juvenile crime rate as determined by the CJJP and a population of greater than 80,000 as determined by the 2010 federal decennial census. Under these specifications, the cities of Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport are eligible to apply for grant funding from the Program.

Purpose

The funding provided by the Single Grant Program is intended to be used for studying, planning, programming, and capital purchases related to a program that is committed to deterring juvenile delinquency through early intervention in the criminal justice system. Additionally, such a program may use no more than 5.0% of the total grant funding for administrative costs. The CJJP Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council are to coordinate efforts in administering the Program.

Funding History

Senate File 615 appropriated \$140,000 from the General Fund to the Program for FY 2020. For FY 2021, [HF 2643](#) (FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations Act) continued the funding at a status quo level of \$140,000.

In early FY 2020, the CJJP coordinated with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to establish a request for proposal (RFP) for the Program. In September 2020, [Boys Town Iowa](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting children and their families through in-home family services, community supports services, and school-based programs, placed the winning bid and was granted the contract and \$140,000 in funding associated with the Program. The contract included an option for an annual renewal for up to five years. Funding from the Program will assist Boys Town Iowa in providing early intervention therapy for at-risk youth for up to 36 individual families. The contract was recently renewed for FY 2021. The table below shows the financial standing of the Program at the close of FY 2020 and current status for FY 2021.

More Information

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Of the \$140,000 appropriated to the Program in FY 2020, a total of \$53,998 was expended. The remaining \$86,002 reverted back to the General Fund at the close of the fiscal year. For FY 2021, the Program also received an appropriation of \$140,000, of which \$5,608 has been expended through the end of September 2020.

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