

Juvenile Justice
**JJ Formula: Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction –
FY2019 (2023)**

Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through
Egrants on or before August 19, 2022 11:59 p.m.**

Grant Announcement Summary

Program Area: Juvenile Justice

Grant Title: JJ Formula: Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction – FY2019 (2023)

Description: This program provides funding to Wisconsin county agencies, tribal governments and agencies, any unit of local government, and nonprofit organizations to identify racial and ethnic disparities in their community's juvenile justice system at a specific contact point and develop and implement an innovative program or initiative to reduce the identified disparities in their community.

Opportunity Category: Competitive, Non-Scoring. First come, first served. Applications will be reviewed, and grants awarded to complete and eligible projects in the order submitted, until all funds are awarded. Once all funding is awarded, no more applications will be accepted, and the opportunity will close.

Important Dates:

Application Due Date: August 19, 2022

Project Start Date: October 1, 2022

Project End Date: September 30, 2023

Reporting Requirements: If awarded a grant, your agency will be responsible for completing the following reports in order to receive reimbursement.

- Program Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly. This will include a separate form for reporting OJJDP performance measures.
- Financial Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly.

Anticipated Funding Amount: \$50,000 is available for a total of one award.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement: There is no match required under this program.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Wisconsin county agencies, tribal governments and agencies, any unit of local government, and nonprofit organizations.

Eligible Expenses:

Funding may be/must be used for Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel/Training, Supplies & Operating Expenses, Consultants/Contractual.

Requirements for Federally Funded Grants:

System for Award Management (SAM) Registration:

CAGE Code Number: All applicants must be registered on the SAM (formerly Central Contractor Registration/CCR) database. This is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub recipients. If you had an active CCR, you have an active record in SAM. Applicants must update or renew their SAM

registration on an annual basis. Information to update your entity records can be accessed at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>.

On **April 4, 2022**, we no longer will use or request DUNS Numbers, as the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) (generated by SAM.gov). All entities doing business using federal funds will be required to have an active UEI number.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
- Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](#).
- New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

DOJ cannot award funds until an agency has an active registration in SAM and is eligible to receive federal funds.

All expenses must be new and cannot replace existing state or local government funding. Substitution of existing funds with federal grants (supplanting) will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

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The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) through its Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) provides financial and technical assistance to public safety and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. As the state administering agency (SAA) for state and federal juvenile and criminal justice programs DOJ is responsible for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding and disseminating grants, and assessing project achievements. This grant announcement provides information about a specific grant opportunity and instructions to help those eligible apply for a share of the available funds.

Program Description and Background

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) awards Wisconsin DOJ Title II Formula grant funding based on state compliance with the four core requirements of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). These funds are administered by the Wisconsin DOJ, in partnership with the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission (GJJC), under specified Purpose Areas, as required by OJJDP:

This funding opportunity is associated with the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Purpose Area. Funding from this opportunity will support programs, research or other initiatives primarily to address the disproportionate number of youth members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Disparities exist at several points of contact in Wisconsin's juvenile justice system — arrest, diversion, secure confinement, and transfers to adult court. Black youth and Native American youth were more likely than white youth to be arrested, placed in secure confinement, and waived to adult court while also less likely to be diverted away from formal charges after referral. As such, there is an opportunity to improve Wisconsin communities' ability to identify and reduce these disparities. Reducing these disparities requires specific strategies that eliminate bias and improve outcomes for youth of color.

This program provides funding to organizations to identify racial and ethnic disparities in their community's juvenile justice system at a specific contact point (including arrest, diversion, youth justice referral, formal charges, pretrial detention, secure confinement, or transfer to adult court) and develop and implement a program or initiative to reduce the identified disparities. Programs are encouraged to identify and involve stakeholders in the project including police departments, human/social services agencies, community youth serving organizations, schools, and family members of youth. Applicants are encouraged to be innovative with their programming. Programs could include implicit bias or cultural competence training, developing a pre-arrest diversion program, increasing the number of slots available in alternatives to detention and incarceration, and other models.

The GJJC prefers evidence-based and promising programs. Applicants are encouraged to use and incorporate evidence-based programs into their application. Please visit the [OJJDP Model Programs Guide](#), [National Institute of Justice: Crime Solutions page](#), the [Tribal Youth Resource Center](#), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#) resource center, or [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#) for information and examples of promising programs.

Applicants are also encouraged to incorporate the following focus areas into their programs:

- Serve youth in rural communities. For determination of rural status please search your area [here](#).
- Provide gender specific services, including those who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT).
- Provide alternatives to detention for status offenders, survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, and others, where appropriate, such as home-based or community-based services or treatment for those youth in need of mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorder services at the time such juveniles first come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Strengthen the families of delinquent and other youth to prevent juvenile delinquency. This includes involving relatives and extended family members when appropriate, and providing family counseling during incarceration of juvenile family members and coordination of family services when appropriate and feasible.

All programs must serve youth ages 10-16 years old. Applicants' plans to evaluate the outcomes of program participation will be a considered during the application review process. Successful applicants will be expected to submit data on state and OJJDP performance measures. The OJJDP performance measures can be found through the [OJJDP Performance Measurement Tool resource page](#).

Submit Applications Using Egrants

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, the Project Director and Financial Officer listed on the grant application will need to register for their unique login credentials to access the system. To register online, go to <http://register.wisconsin.gov/AccountManagement/> and complete the 'self-registration' process. On the account registration site, you will have a choice between the [DOJ Egrants](#) and WEM EGrants. Please take care to select [DOJ Egrants](#) during this process.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity.

For questions relating to Egrants registration contact the technical assistance contact listed on this announcement, or the DOJ help desk. The helpdesk hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

An Egrants System User Guide is posted on the [DOJ website](#). If you have any problems using Egrants, please contact our help desk at Egrants@doj.state.wi.us or call us at (608) 267-9068 or toll free at (888) 894-6607 during business hours.

Application Components

Through Egrants, you will provide DOJ with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to *Program Manager Name* at (608) *Phone number* or at [email address](#).

Please note: Attachments should only be included in this grant application where specifically requested in section instructions.

1. Main Summary (required)

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button.

Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, each responsible individual in this grant must be a different person.

- The Signatory is the highest elected official in municipality/government entity/organization. (For example, in a city it is the mayor, for counties it is the county executive or county board chair, and for non-profit agencies it is the executive director.)
- The Financial Officer is the individual at the applicant agency who is responsible for financial activities in your organization.
- The Project Director is an individual at the applicant agency who will oversee project operations.
- An Alternate Contact may be added to the application. This person is one that can and should access the application to complete required tasks such as modifications and reports, in the absence of the Project Director. This person should have knowledge of the project and authority to speak on behalf of the organization in the absence of the Project Director. If possible, we encourage the Project Director to list an alternate on the grant.

In the "Brief Project Description" text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

"Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - equipment, training, project, pilot, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project improve safety, improve juvenile accountability or competence, or reduce disparities in Wisconsin?) [If appropriate, add which area(s) of the state will benefit.]"

Responses to this section will be used on the DOJ website, cited in DOJ reports and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

2. Approval Checklist (required)

Answer Yes or No to each question.

3. Performance Measures (required)

Please open this section, enter zeros, and change the page status to Complete; then SAVE the page. Performance Measures will be identified and collected during post-award reporting rather than through this funding application process.

4. Budget Detail (required)

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the course of the grant period. **It is important that you include specific details in the justification field for each budget line, including cost computation.**

Paying for food from US Department of Justice funds is no longer allowed or strict limitations apply as of Oct. 2011. Food for clients being served by the program is the only time prior approval is not needed. Please consult your grant manager prior to submitting this application for clarification and for prior approval.

Personnel: Provide salary information for non-contractual employees that will be funded through this grant, including overtime. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time/number of hours to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Only personnel costs of the agency applying for the grant funds should be included under "personnel." Example for computation line: \$25/hr. x 2080 hr. = \$52,000. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

Employee Benefits: Employee benefits for grant-funded personnel include FICA, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, etc. and amounts budgeted should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Employee benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget and only for the percentage of time/number of hours devoted to the project. Employee benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation. Example for computation line: \$79,539 1.0 FTE salary x 43% fringe rate = \$34,202. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

Travel/Training:

Guidelines for travel and/or training costs for an individual with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: Maximum \$90/night (\$95/night for Milwaukee, Waukesha or Racine County)
- Meals: \$9/breakfast (leaving at or before 6 a.m.); \$11/lunch (leaving at or before 10:30 a.m. and returning at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$21/dinner (returning at or after 7 p.m.).

Example for computation line: 75 miles x \$0.51 state rate = \$38.25. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda. Travel and training for contracted employee/contractual services does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under ("Contractual").

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Supplies and Operating Expenses: Supplies includes consumables such as paper, postage, software, computer/laptop, monitor, accessories, license and subscriptions. Operating expenses include items such as rent and utilities. All supply and operating expenses have an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000 per unit. Example for

computation line: rent \$150/mo. x 12 months = \$1,800. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

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Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual arrangement. With the exception of a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly or daily fee (8-hour day); and estimated time on the project. List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.). Show the basis of computation for each service requested. Within 30 days of grant award date, a signed contract must be received by DOJ. No fund reimbursements will be made prior to receipt of the contract.

5. Agency Profile (required)

Please fill out the *Determination of Suitability Special Condition Applicability Form* found at the end of this grant announcement. Attach a copy of the completed form to this section.

6. Budget Narrative (required)

Please describe how each item in your budget relates to the overall program strategy or implementation plan. Please describe how the items detailed in your budget will help you achieve your program goals and objectives. Be specific and include a description for each budget item.

7. Problem Description (required)

1. Describe the racial and/or ethnic disparities in the local juvenile justice system. Explain at which point of contact there are disparities (arrest, youth justice referral, diversion, pretrial detention, formal court proceedings, secure confinement, or waiver to adult court) and their severity. Local data should be used to provide evidence the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the community.
2. Describe any previous or current attempts to address the problem and explain why they did or did not work.
3. Describe any unique factors about your community impacting the problem and the design of this proposed response.
4. Describe your proposed target population and link the population to research and evidence-based practice, if possible.

8. Project Narrative (required)

Racial and ethnic disparities are present in Wisconsin's juvenile justice system at specific points of contact: arrest, diversion, secure confinement, and transfers to adult court. Please describe the following:

- Describe the contact point at which you aim to reduce disparities and how you will go about doing so. Describe your project in detail, including the steps, activities, and inputs needed to implement your plan. Please describe what goals and objectives will be accomplished. Goals should be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound).
- Describe how your proposed program will reduce racial and/or ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system or at a specific point of contact.
- If applicable, describe what stakeholders you will involve in implementing the project.

Application Review and Award Criteria

Funding will be awarded to complete and compliant applicants on a first come, first served basis until all funding has been awarded. The funding opportunity will close at 11:59 pm on the deadline or once all funding has been awarded, whichever is first. All applications will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. DOJ staff will review applications to ensure consistency with the grant announcement goals and objectives.

Once reviewed, the applications will be submitted to the Attorney General for confirmation. Depending on resources, grants will be funded in the order submitted and approved until grant funds are exhausted. Each grant must satisfy the basic criteria set out above. All final grant award decisions will be made by the Attorney General.

Award Information

Upon application approval, the applicant agency's project director will receive signed grant award documents within approximately 30 days via email. The grant award documents will explain the total funding amount, approved budget by category, performance period, and fiscal and program reporting requirements and deadlines. Grant expenditures will be reimbursed when signed award documents have been received by DOJ, spending and grant activity is documented in proper reports and reimbursement requests are submitted to DOJ.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials.

Please review all of your grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements when you receive the Grant Award documents. Your grant award will be subject to general terms and conditions as well as the following special conditions (and any others noted on your award documents).

1. Grant recipients are also advised that DOJ will monitor grants to ensure that funds are expended for appropriate purposes and that recipients are complying with state and federal requirements as described in the grant award contract. This includes timely completion of progress and financial reports, active efforts to achieve and measure stated goals and objectives, appropriate documentation of activities and outcomes, on-going submission of participant data, and adherence to any conditions included in the grant award.

2. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.
3. The DOJ reserves the right to withhold grant payments if the grant recipient is delinquent paying any obligation to DOJ such as background check fees, etc. Refusal to provide information requested by DOJ may impact the payment of current or approval of future grant funds.
4. Please be advised that a hold may also be placed on any current or future application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in good standing on any DOJ grants or other reporting requirements, has other grants compliance issues (including being out of compliance with special conditions) that would make the applicant agency ineligible to receive future DOJ funding, failure to make progress in obtaining project goals and objectives, and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing DOJ grant review or audit.
5. A hold may also be placed on any application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.
6. Program Income: To maintain consistent practices with other similar programs, and as a proven practice, projects funded under this announcement are subject to program income guidelines detailed in the federal Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide. Grant award funds received are **not** program income. Program income is income earned by the recipient, during the funding period, as a direct result of the award. Any fees charged to the participants of your project are considered program income. The amount earned as program income during the length of the grant period must be expended by the end of the grant period and must be used for the purposes and under the condition applicable to the award.
7. All procurement transactions, whether negotiated or competitively bid and without regard to dollar value, shall be conducted in a manner to provide maximum open and free competition.
8. If the grant award budget contains wages, the grantee's records must be maintained in a form that, at any given time, an auditor or DOJ representative would be able to identify the use of Federal and Matching funds. These records should include information such as employee name, rate of pay, hours worked, and amount of time dedicated to the grant project.
9. Recipients of awards under this funding announcement for which the purpose of some or all the activities is to directly benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age as determined at time of application, must make determinations of suitability and submit the required form to WI DOJ before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. Determinations must be made for all individuals who may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status with the recipient organization and can include (but not limited to) employees of the recipient agency, consultants, contractors, employees of a contractor, trainees, volunteers, teachers, or mentors. For full details of this special conditions visit the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/interact-minors>.

Additional Resources

Additional information about the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- Department of Justice Egrants webpage:
<https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/egmis/login.aspx>
- A helpful [Egrants User Guide](#) is posted on the Egrants page of the DOJ website. It includes registration through grant award instructions.
- The [Grants Administrative Guide](#) provides assistance with grants management and fiscal management rules, such as allowable costs and procurement.
- Online help is available in many areas of the Egrants program – watch for the help buttons.
- Egrants Helpdesk is staffed on non-holiday weekdays between 8am and 4:30pm.
 - Email: Egrants@doj.state.wi.us
 - Local calls: (608) 267-9068
 - Outside the 608-area code: (888) 894-6607



**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Determination of Suitability Special Condition Applicability Form

A Determination of Suitability is required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors.¹ The subrecipient agency must not permit covered individuals to interact with any participating minor in the course of activities under the award before a written determination of suitability has been made.

The following form will be used to determine if the proposed program is subject to this condition. Please complete this form and attach it to the Agency Profile section of your application.

Subrecipient Agency:

Grant Application #:

Project Title:

Date:

Project Director:

1. Does your proposed program involve individuals under 18 years of age participating in program activities (participating minors)?
2. Do any proposed grant-funded activities include adult individuals, regardless of employment status, interacting with participating minors (other than the individuals' own children)?
3. Are the adults interacting with youth due to grant funding? For example, grant funds pay for overtime, fund a new employee/position, pay to recruit new mentors, fund a contractor or employee of a contracted agency to provide therapy or mentoring to a minor etc. Answer "NO" if adults are interacting with youth during normal organizational operations for example, teachers during normal school hours.
4. Will the interaction between adults and participating minors include in person or electronic (or similar) physical contact, oral and written communication, and/or the transmission of images and sound?

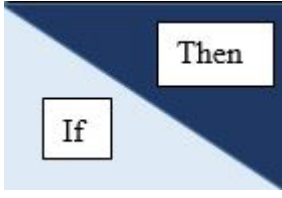
¹ Details of this requirement are posted on the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm>

- a. Will the interaction be brief contact that is both unexpected by the recipient (or subrecipient) and unintentional on the part of the covered individual -- such as might occur when a postal carrier delivers mail to an administrative office?
- b. Personally-accompanied contact -- that is, infrequent or occasional contact (for example, by someone who comes to make a presentation) in the presence of an accompanying adult, pursuant to written policies and procedures of the recipient (or subrecipient) that are designed to ensure that -- throughout the contact -- an appropriate adult who has been determined to be suitable pursuant to this condition will closely and personally accompany, and remain continuously within view and earshot of, the covered individual.

Definitions

1. "Covered individual" means any individual (other than a participating minor, as defined in this condition, or a client of the recipient (or subrecipient)) who is expected, or reasonably likely, to interact with any participating minor (other than the individual's own minor children). A covered individual need not have any particular employment status or legal relationship with the recipient (or subrecipient). Such an individual might be an employee of a recipient (or subrecipient), but also might be (for example) a consultant, contractor, employee of a contractor, trainee, volunteer, or teacher.
2. "Participating minor." All individuals under 18 years of age within the set of individuals described in the scope section of this condition as it appears on the award document are participating minors.
3. "Interaction" includes physical contact, oral and written communication, and the transmission of images and sound, and may be in person or by electronic (or similar) means. But "interaction" does not include—
 - a. brief contact that is both unexpected by the recipient (or subrecipient) and unintentional on the part of the covered individual -- such as might occur when a postal carrier delivers mail to an administrative office.
 - b. personally-accompanied contact -- that is, infrequent or occasional contact (for example, by someone who comes to make a presentation) in the presence of an accompanying adult, pursuant to written policies and procedures of the recipient (or subrecipient) that are designed to ensure that -- throughout the contact -- an appropriate adult who has been determined to be suitable pursuant to this condition will closely and personally accompany, and remain continuously within view and earshot of, the covered individual.
4. "Activities under the award." Whether paid for with federal funds from the award, "matching" funds included in the OJP-approved budget for the award, or "program income" for the award as defined by the (DOJ) Part 200 Uniform Requirements), activities under the award include both—
 - a. activities carried out under the award by the recipient (or subrecipient); and
 - b. actions taken by an entity or individual pursuant to a procurement contract under the award or to a procurement contract under a subaward at any tier.

For DOJ Use Only

	<p>Your grant is subject to the federal Suitability Determination award condition</p>	<p>Post-award, you will be required to conduct background checks and submit certification forms for each covered individual</p>
<p>Applicant answered YES to questions 1-4 and NO to question 4a and 4b</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>If applicant answered YES to questions 1-4 AND answered YES to either or both questions 4a or 4b</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>If applicant answered NO to one or more of questions 1-4</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>NO</p>

Is the applicant subject to the Suitability Determination special condition?

YES

NO