



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

July 10, 2008

Dear Juvenile Justice Professionals:

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) and the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice are pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$1.2 million in federal funding for programs and services that reduce the number of minority youth that come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Funding will be awarded to youth serving agencies to provide prevention and intervention direct services to minority youth in counties participating in Ohio's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) initiative. Only agencies in the following counties are eligible to apply:

- Allen
- Butler
- Clark
- Cuyahoga
- Franklin
- Hamilton
- Lorain
- Lucas
- Mahoning
- Montgomery
- Richland
- Stark
- Summit
- Trumbull

It is important to note that this solicitation and application process is part of a statewide strategy to reduce disparity. The target communities and the services that will be needed will be determined by a local DMC Assessment that has been facilitated with the involvement of each county's juvenile court. To allow the State and prospective applicants sufficient time to obtain all relevant DMC information, completed applications will not be due until October 15, 2008. **Please DO NOT complete the application prior to attending one of the Bidder's Conferences offered by DYS** (see following page and other attachments).

It is important to note that the Bidders Conferences scheduled for Cleveland and Columbus are for participants from Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties only. This is because funding in these counties is administered locally, by Regional Planning Units, responsible for planning and coordination within their respective counties.

If your agency (excluding Cuyahoga, Franklin and Lucas) is interested in pursuing funding and would like a copy of the application, please contact Tanya Davis-Prysock at (614) 387-2554 or via email at Tanya.Davis-Prysock@dys.ohio.gov. Prospective applicants from Cuyahoga County must contact Shari Ma at (216) 443-7590, from Franklin County must contact Melissa Pierson at (614) 462-5577, and Lucas County must contact Holly Matthews at (419) 213-3800 for a copy of the application.

Sincerely,

Kristi Oden
Grants Administrator

Ohio Department of Youth Services

TITLE II FORMULA GRANT BIDDERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

August 8, 2008 <i>10:00 AM to 1:30 PM</i>	Columbus	Columbus Metropolitan Library Auditorium 96 South Grant Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43215
August 12, 2008 <i>1:00 PM to 4:00 PM</i>	Akron	Akron Regional Office Ocacek Building Auditorium 161 South High Street Akron, Ohio 44308
August 25, 2008 <i>11:30 AM to 2:30 PM</i>	Cleveland	To Be Determined Cleveland, Ohio <i>Please Contact:</i> Shari Ma (216) 443-7590
August 28, 2008 <i><u>Session 1:</u> 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM</i> <i><u>Session 2:</u> 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM</i>	Dayton	Dept of Jobs and Family Services (Job Mall) 133 Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Room C, D, E Dayton, Ohio 45408