

June 06, 2012

Mr. Mark Masterson  
Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility  
700 S. Hydraulic  
Wichita, KS 67211

Re: Fiscal Year 2013 State Block Grant

Dear Mr. Masterson,

In the final budget process, the Kansas Legislature, through House Substitute for Senate Bill 294, appropriated an additional \$700,000 for state fiscal year 2013 (FY13) to the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA). This amount was added to the Prevention and Graduated Sanctions grant for the Boards of County Commissioners (BOCC) responsible for implementation of juvenile justice services in their county, or on behalf of a group of cooperating counties. On June 1, 2012, Governor Brownback signed this bill into law.

This additional appropriation is a direct result of the testimony and advocacy of several juvenile justice system stakeholders representing individual programs, local units of government, and the Kansas Community Corrections Association. As a result of that testimony, the Committee reports specifically designated these funds to be used for Tertiary Prevention programs.

This action results in an additional allocation to your county of \$159,476.00 to the amount you previously budgeted in your FY13 grant request.

With the money appropriated, collectively we must next focus our effort toward a process to supplement the FY13 State Block Grant Application to reflect use of these new funds. Given the vast difference in how individual BOCC and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Boards (JCAB) prioritize and fund current programs, and in local decision making processes, a one size solution will not be appropriate for this work. Our goals will be to:

- Provide general direction as to how to supplement FY13 grant applications
- Provide technical assistance to help you in applying the general directions to individual circumstances
- Work with you to establish reasonable timeframes for approval that could extend into the beginning of the fiscal year

While individualizing the process to meet local needs, approval of the JCAB and BOCC as to the use of the funds will be required. In addition, it will be essential that grant documents demonstrate a clear and

direct link between the additional appropriation of funds and their use for re-instated, expanded, or new Tertiary Prevention programming.

We recognize that the necessary planning may feel challenging. We will do anything within our abilities to help with the process. However, I am thankful for this opportunity that the Governor and Kansas Legislature afforded the Kansas juvenile justice system. I hope you might also see this as an opportunity to have a positive impact upon the Tertiary Prevention portion of the continuum, by diverting youth from further juvenile justice involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terri Williams".

Terri Williams, Acting Commissioner

Cc: Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners  
18TH Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Chairperson  
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