

Justice-Involved Children, Youth, and Families Programs:

Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse

This program provides funding for organizations to enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth impacted by opioids and other drug misuse. The program the implementation and delivery of mentoring services to youth who are currently misusing or dependent on drugs (including opioids, stimulants, and other licit or illicit drugs), youth at risk for misusing drugs, and youth with family members who are currently misusing or dependent on drugs.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

Category 1: Mentoring Strategies for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse (Project Sites)

- Eligible organizations are those that have been in existence for at least 3 years at the time of application and have been directly delivering a structured mentoring program model.
- The applicant must partner with a substance use treatment organization. However, the primary applicant must directly implement the mentoring program. This program is not intended for a substance use treatment organization to provide mentoring services.

Category 2: Statewide and Regional Mentoring Strategies for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse

- National organizations (defined as organizations that have active affiliates or subawardees in at least 45 states), States, Federally recognized tribal governments, Organizations having statewide reach that provide mentoring services
- For purposes of this solicitation, OJJDP has defined an "active affiliates or subawardees" as a local branch of an organization or a local affiliated organization. All such relationships must be formalized in a contract or other written agreement between the parties involved and must pre-date this solicitation. Relationships formed for purposes of eligibility for this solicitation do not constitute an active affiliate or subawardee.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Expand mentoring services to meet the needs of youth impacted by opioids and other drug misuse.
- Expand capacity and increase implementation of quality standards based on the Elements of Effective Practice.

Total Available Funding:
\$16.25 million

Anticipated Number of Awards:
15

Anticipated Award Amount:
Category 1: \$625,000; Category 2:
\$2,000,000

Length of Project:
Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required?
No

Sample Solicitation from FY 2022:
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- Develop services (including educational and support services) for mentees and their families to address opioid or other drug misuse issues.
- Up to 20 percent of the total amount of project funds can be used to support other non-mentoring direct services, such as mental health and/or substance use treatment, residential placement services, or other supportive services identified and aligned with the project design.