FUNDING PURPOSE

Funds received through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used exclusively to assist the aid recipient in the implementation and operation of programs or the provision of services identified in the aid recipient's community plan, including programs for local planning and service coordination; screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to detention; family support services; treatment services; truancy prevention and intervention programs; pilot projects approved by the commission; payment of transportation costs to and from placements, evaluations, or services; personnel when the personnel are aligned with evidence-based treatment principles, programs, or practices; contracting with other state agencies or private organizations that provide evidence-based treatment or programs; preexisting programs that are aligned with evidence-based practices or best practices; and other services that will positively impact juveniles and families in the juvenile justice system. Programs and services shall be designed to serve and target youth who are eleven through eighteen years of age.

Priority for funding will be for those grant applications funding programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat juveniles within the juvenile justice system, and reduce the juvenile detention population or assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments. The goal is for these funds to serve as many youth as possible in Nebraska. While efforts for system improvement are an important part of the process, special consideration on the amount of funds allocated toward system improvement costs that do not directly serve youth should be thoroughly examined by your community planning team. In the future, it may be required that a majority of funds be allocated to direct service and intervention; system improvement costs will be examined.

Special Attention Required: Policy Clarification

Post-adjudicated Youth
In partnership with the Administrative Office of Probation, it has been agreed that programs, services, and placements primarily benefiting youth adjudicated delinquent, do not qualify for funding through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

Prevention/Promotion Programs
The brief in Appendix A of the Appendices will be utilized to determine funding for prevention and promotion programs that are requested through the 2019 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. This brief outlines nine key components for principles of effective programs which include the following categories:
   1. Program Characteristics
   2. Matching the Program with Target Populations
   3. Implementation and Evaluation

To receive funds through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, prevention and promotion programs must demonstrate that they are striving to meet all nine principles of effective programming in the 2019 grant application. It has been a challenge for prevention and promotion programs to justify alignment with the statutory purpose of these funds. In order for the Juvenile Justice Institute to evaluate recidivism and other important measures to determine the effectiveness of programs funded through this grant program, prevention and promotion programs must adhere to the principles of effective programs.

Electronic Monitoring
Electronic Monitoring shall only be funded through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program when used in accordance with the statutory definition of alternative to detention. See the memorandum in Appendix B of the Appendices.

Alternative to Detention Facility
If requesting funds for the one-time use to convert an existing juvenile detention facility or other existing structure for use as an alternative to detention pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.02(3)(c), please contact the Chief of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to complete a separate form that is required to be submitted in addition to the grant application.