

## **FY20/21 Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant - Scoring Information**

Applications for the Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grants will be evaluated by DRC staff. The following criteria in these areas will be used to generate a score on a 100 point scale. Each application will be scored by the same number of reviewers. Each reviewer's score will be added together for a cumulative score total. For example, if each application is reviewed by three reviewers, all three scores will be totaled together for a score out of 300 possible points. Applications with the highest points will be contacted by the DRC for final negotiations regarding funding levels and outcome goals until all available funds are expended.

### **1. Eligibility (2 points)**

- Does the applicant court(s) comply with Ohio Revised Code 5149.311? **(if no, not eligible for grant funds)**
- Does the applicant court(s) utilize the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS)? **(if no, not eligible for grant funds)**
- Did the applicant court(s) provide a copy of its graduated sanction policy?
- Does the policy follow evidence-based practices?

### **2. Problem Statement (15 points)**

- Is the problem clearly stated?
- Is the target population clearly identified?
- Is the target population appropriate considering the problem statement?
- Are the problem statement issues relevant to the county/court?
- Does the information state who is affected by the problem?
- Does the problem statement include objective statistical data?
- Are statistics regarding community control violators sent to prison/jail provided?
- In your professional experience, does the stated problem significantly reduce the effectiveness of the Probation Department and/or result in a higher rate of community control violators revoked and sent to prison?

### **3. Proposed Solution (30 points)**

- How well does the proposed solution address the issue/concerns listed in the problem statement?
- How well does the proposed solution describe how it will improve the situation described in the problem statement?
- Does the proposed solution include a description of the evidence-based practices or policies and how evidence-based practices may be used to address the stated issue?
- Does the proposed solution provide services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances?
- Is the start-up time for the proposal 90 days or less?
- How well does the proposed solution provide a detailed explanation of the steps required to initiate this proposal?
- Does the proposed solution explain how the proposed improvement will be measured?
- Do the improvement measurements relate to the overall program or outcome goals?
- In your professional experience, how effective will the project be in addressing the problem and achieving the goals?

### **4. Outcome Goals (12 points)**

- Does the application include how the goals will be measured?
- Do the outcome goals meet the performance measure/outcome goal requirements of the application?
- Do the goals appear to be achievable?
- Are the goals clear and concise?
- Does the application include a goal of reducing the number of community control revocations?
- Is there a goal for each required aspect of the proposal?
- Is the baseline data directly related to the outcome goal listed?
- Do all outcome goals listed have baseline data for the required timeframe included?
- Does it indicate how they collected the data for the baseline stats?
- In your professional experience, how well will the outcome goals provide the appropriate targets to improve probation services, successful completion rates, and reduce the number of offenders sentenced to prison?

**5. Number of Offenders Served (6 points)**

- Does the application list the number of offenders to be served by the grant?
- Is the ratio of offenders served to the grant total less than \$5,000 per offender?
- Does the ratio of cost per offender seem appropriate for what the application plans to accomplish?
- In your professional experience, is the budget commensurate to the expected impact of the proposal?

**6. Partnership & Criminal Justice Support (10 points)**

- Does the applicant list all agencies/organizations and their roles involved in the grant?
- Are there multiple letters of support included?
- Are the letters of support from the key Criminal Justice groups?
- Do the letters provide insight into the agency's support of the proposal or is it a template general support letter?

**7. Offender Services (10 points)**

- How well do the services listed address the problem statement?
- How well do the services listed support the proposed solution?
- Does each service have a corresponding Quality Assurance practice listed?
- Does the QA practice listed for each service appear to be appropriate?

**8. Overall Impression (15 points)**

- In your professional experience, please rate your overall impression of this proposal.

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*The following scoring section ONLY applies to proposals from a court(s) who participated in a FY20/21 Probation Improvement Grant which was not automatically renewed. If the application does not satisfactorily provide answers to the following questions the reviewer can deduct up to 3 points from the score. If the application provides sufficient responses then zero points will be deducted.*

**9. Past Grant Participation Information (0 to -3 points)**

- If the applicant is indicating their problem statement is the same as the prior grant, do they provide a sufficient explanation as to why it is the same?
- If the problem statement has changed, do they provide a sufficient explanation of why it has changed?
- Does the application provide sufficient reasons for the previous application failing to meet the goals and solve the problem?
- Does the current application provide sufficient explanation for how they will alter their approach to meet the goals and solve the problem during this grant period?
- If the Outcome Goals are the same or similar to a previous application:
  - i. Does the current application explain why they are keeping the same goals?
- If the Outcome Goals are different from the previous application:
  - ii. Does the current application provide reasons why the goals have been modified?