

may be served with preference given to those with higher PDRA scores. The proposed treatment model can serve youth 11-18 years old.

d. Name and description of the chosen evidence-based intervention(s) for proposal and reason for selection. Please include why this particular program was chosen and how it will benefit your community.

The Juvenile Court of Lowndes County will partner with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) to provide Functional Family Therapy (FFT) as a diversionary service to 36 youth and their families at-risk of commitment to DJJ custody. FFT will be provided with the goal of reducing felony, STP, and total commitments to DJJ as well as reducing new instances of secure detention admissions. FFT continues to be selected, as it has delivered excellent results for our youth and families, does not exist in the county otherwise, and has proven effective in improving family functioning to reduce delinquency behavior. Additionally, the model's support of in-home sessions and flexible meeting times to accommodate families has resulted in very high engagement rates.

e. Brief description of the activities requiring CJCC funds.

The Lowndes County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to serve 36 youth and families in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program. FFT consists of five major components: engagement, motivation, relational assessment, behavior change and generalization. Each of these components has its own goals, focus, intervention strategies, and techniques that target problem behaviors such as delinquency, substance abuse and violence. It is a treatment strategy that is built on a foundation of respect for individuals, families and cultures that includes effective treatment strategies that pave the way for motivating individuals and families to become more adaptive and successful in their functioning. FFT is an empirically grounded intervention with documented success for a wide array of youth and families.

The funding for the initiative will support Grace Harbour, Inc. therapists and supervisors along with a part-time EBA project manager who will serve as an extension of the court to ensure strict adherence to each of the selected program's established protocols.

2. Administration

a. Name and brief description of the implementing agency. Name the applicant and fiscal agents, if these agencies are different from the implementing agency.

The implementing agency is the Lowndes County Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Court is responsible for hearing cases involving juvenile offenders. They focus on not only disciplinary actions but also on the rehabilitation of these youthful offenders. The applicant and fiscal agent is the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners.