

**Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Request for Proposals**

\$340,063

Anticipated Annual Allocation

20%

Required Local Match Rate

January 8, 2026

Date Advertised

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Dept. of Public Safety/ Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2026-2027 beginning on, or after, July 1, 2026. The use of these funds requires a local match in the amount specified above. The county can approve programs for 1 or 2 year funding awards, dependent on county approval and programs meeting all requirements.

Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following checked program types will be considered for funding:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restitution/Community Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services Addressing Problem Sexual Behavior
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Skill Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teen Court – including Sentencing and Responsive Circles	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Home
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpersonal Skill Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychological Assessments	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Shelter Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocational Skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Runaway Shelter Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiential Skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Based Family Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Foster Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tutoring/Academic Enhancement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/Group/Mixed Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Foster Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mediation/Conflict Resolution – including Truancy Mediation, Victim-Youth and Family Group Conferencing, Responsive Circles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Structured Day

Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:

1. Prior History of Delinquency: Weapon and Person Offenses, Felony Level Offenses, Prior Detention
2. School Suspensions, Truancy, Dropouts
3. Aggressive Behavior: Assaulitive/Bullying/Threatening
4. Alcohol and Substance Use/Abuse
5. Mental/Behavioral Health Needs: Assessment/Counseling/Treatment
6. Parent/Family: Parent/Family Criminality, Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Parental Supervision
7. Association with Negative/Delinquent Peers/Gang Association
8. Abuse/Neglect/Victimization

Proposed services should address the following concerns as reported in the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) for adjudicated youth:

Peer Domain: Cleveland County data shows elevated risk levels in the areas of: gang association and youth reporting having no friends/no consistent friends.

Individual Domain: Cleveland County youth assessed higher than the state average in the areas of: prior history of delinquency, prior felony referrals and detention admissions, and prior treatment for alcohol/drug use. Acknowledgement that substance use disrupts function was also higher than the state average. Behavioral/Mental Health was comparable to the state.

Family Domain: Cleveland County data shows elevated risk levels in: family criminality and inadequate parental supervision; family substance abuse and mental health concerns were comparable to the state.

School Domain: Cleveland County youth assessed higher than the state average in the area of dropout rates. Failing some or most classes was comparable to the state at 23%.

Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below:

1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with juvenile offenders.
2. Program services are outcome-based.
3. The program has an evaluation component.
4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individuals from gang participation.
5. Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial Ethnic Disparity that exists in the County.
6. Programs are encouraged to provide effective programming that includes restorative justice practices.

Only local public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.

In order to apply for FY 2026-2027 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at: <https://cp.ncdjjdp.org/CP>

Additional self-help videos on the NC ALLIES webpage are available by clicking on the HELP tab.

Private non-profits are also required to submit, by uploading in NC ALLIES, the following:

1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement,

3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status. (#1 & #2 are available at the above link.)

Applications are also sent to the allocations committee chair, margiesc822@gmail.com including a copy of the most recent audit which MUST be included, with proof of 501(c)3 status. Also, a copy of the current agency Board of Directors, including designation of officers, and a copy of the no Taxes Due Form is required. A copy of the applicant's Conflict of Interest Policy should be included and if there are existing Conflicts for Board members or staff, those should be noted. For new applicants ONLY, there should be THREE letters of support from other agencies.

Mandatory training for ALL applicants will be held VIRTUALLY on January 23, 2026, at 9:00 am (Web Ex link to be provided. Program Managers, or anticipated Program Managers, are required to attend the Cleveland County training.

Interviews will be conducted with the Program Managers on February 17, 2026, at the Advanced Technology Center, at Cleveland Community College, Room 7270. Times will be assigned as the applications are received.

Jamey Davis

JCPC Chairperson / or Designee

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For further information or other technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county or about the program application workshop, contact:

Melissa Johnson

, DPS Area Consultant at **828-808-3019** or melissa.g.johnson@ncdps.gov

Deadline for application submission into NC ALLIES and for submitting to the Cleveland County Allocation Committee:

February 4, 2026, by 12:00 pm.

Program Applications and Supporting Documents should be emailed to Allocations Committee Chair, Margie Christopher at: margiesc822@gmail.com