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# Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program

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2025-2027

REQUEST *for* PROPOSAL

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**State of Indiana**

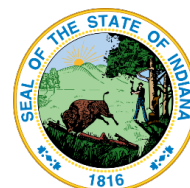
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is now accepting applications for the 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program. This opportunity is being released through the IntelliGrants System and all applications must be submitted online through this system. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### HOW TO APPLY



Applicants must be registered in IntelliGrants to access the electronic application.

[Register](#)

or

[Log in](#)

### WHEN TO APPLY



Applications must be submitted via IntelliGrants on or before:

**11:59 P.M. (ET) on Friday, July 18, 2025**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications at least 48 hours prior to the deadline.

### AWARD PERIOD



October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the ICJI Helpdesk at [CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov](mailto:CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov). ICJI Helpdesk hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, except on state holidays.

ICJI is not responsible for technical issues with grant submission within 48 hours of the grant deadline.

### IMPORTANT



This grant is governed by the biennial state budget. All awards are subject to change and may be modified, reduced, or discontinued depending on the funding allocated during the legislative session.



## Webinar on the 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program RFP

**Date:** Monday, June 23, 2025

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (ET)

ICJI's Youth Services Division is conducting a webinar on the 2025-2027 Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program request for proposal. The webinar will include a basic overview of the program, important highlights, and what to know before applying. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions from the division. Registration is not required.

**Meeting Date:** Monday, June 23, 2025

**Meeting number:** 161 143 5488

**Join by phone:** 1-646-828-7666

[Join here](#)

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## OVERVIEW

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The Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program Fund was established in Indiana Code § 31-40-6-5 to support jurisdictions, particularly in rural areas, to evaluate a child's behavioral health needs and divert the child from formal court involvement and out-of-home placement into community or school-based mental health treatment. Grant recipients must use a validated mental health screening tool, and a full mental health assessment tool, if necessary, to conduct the following activities: (1) partnering with law enforcement to implement a program to divert a child from formal court proceedings, (2) creating crisis stabilization services and a mobile crisis unit, (3) providing comprehensive case management for a child or family in crisis, (4) identifying strengthening community based intensive treatment and management services, (5) establishing telehealth services and programs, (6) supporting mental health evaluations, which include the use of telehealth services.

Applicants are required to clearly define the target population for each program for which funding is being requested. The target population and program description must align with the above-stated purpose. Applicants must clearly state eligibility criteria for each program for which funding is requested.

**Applicants should review the [Executive Orders](#) issued since January 2025 to ensure program alignment with the current Administration's priorities.**

## PROGRAM SCOPE

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Activities supported by this program are determined by statute (IC § 31-40-6 *et seq.*) and Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) policies and procedures. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation and any other applicable laws, rules, policies, and regulations. Funds for this program will be awarded on an upfront, rather than reimbursement, basis. Verification of expenses along with verification of payment of expenses must be provided to ICJI on a monthly or quarterly basis.

## ELIGIBILITY

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Public entities, units of state and local government, nonprofit organizations, and nongovernmental organizations who provide services to youth involved in or at risk of being involved in the juvenile justice system may apply for funding. An entity may apply, but will not be eligible for a grant until the entity has prequalified through a series of threshold requirements including:

1. A review of the entity's good standing with Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR), Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and Secretary of State (SOS).
2. Any non-governmental entity must have an operating agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the referring entity prior to receiving funding.
3. Each grantee shall engage in collaborative service planning with the grantee's local or regional Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC), another local collaborative body that includes juvenile justice stakeholders, or one (1) or more juvenile justice system entities affected by grant funded activities. Collaborative service planning shall (1) inform grant solicitation, with support for rural communities as a required funding priority; (2) inform how funding and programming could be used more effectively; and (3) consider efficiency that may be achieved by implementing the program on a regional basis. For more

information about local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Councils and member requirements, please visit the [Indiana Office of Court Services](#) JRAC page. Contact information for existing local JRACs can be located in the [JRAC Directory](#).

4. All grant recipients must agree to report performance measures on a monthly or quarterly basis and are required to provide an aggregate report at the end of the grant cycle. Recipients will be required to maintain case-level data for the purposes of research and evaluation. The required performance measures are outlined in the Youth Justice Oversight Committee's [Grant Programs Report](#).

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

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An entity is eligible to receive funding if it furnishes, agrees to furnish, or arranges with a third party to furnish any of the following services:

1. Partnering with law enforcement to implement a program to divert a child from formal court proceedings.
2. Creating crisis stabilization services and a mobile crisis unit.
3. Providing comprehensive case management for a child or family in crisis.
4. Identifying and strengthening community based intensive treatment and management services.
5. Establishing telehealth services and programs.
6. Supporting mental health evaluations, which include the use of telehealth services.

## FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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Awards provided by this solicitation are for a (24) twenty-four-month period of funding. This program is funded by the Indiana General Assembly through the state's biennial budget. All awards are subject to change and may be modified, reduced, or discontinued depending on the funding allocated during the current legislative session. The grants are competitive. The amounts awarded will vary based on the breadth and scope of services provided, including the number of counties served as well as the number of grants awarded. Regional models of service delivery are preferred for economies of scale. The majority of grant funds awarded should be used to provide direct services to youth and families.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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Completed applications and all required documentation shall be submitted through IntelliGrants no later than 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday, July 18, 2025**.

IntelliGrants is an end-to-end solution for the administration of grants. Everything from the grant application, reports, and fiscal drawdowns will occur online within IntelliGrants. Applicants must register in IntelliGrants to apply for funding opportunities. Instructions can be found on the ICJI [website](#).

It is recommended that subgrantees review IntelliGrants training materials before logging in for the first time. [Training Webinars](#) and the [Subgrantee User Manual](#) are available on the ICJI website and on the training tab in IntelliGrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 48 hours of the deadline.

## AWARD PERIOD

The award period for this grant shall be October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027. Projects should begin on October 1, 2025, and must be in operation no later than sixty (60) days after this date. Failure to have the funded project operational within sixty (60) days from October 1, 2025, may result in termination of the grant and the de-obligation of all awarded funds.

All projects must conclude, and all funding obligations must be made no later than September 30, 2027. All outstanding expenses must be paid, and the final fiscal report must be submitted via IntelliGrants within thirty (30) days of September 30, 2027. Proof of payment for all expenses must be provided with the final fiscal report. Late fiscal and programmatic reports will not be accepted.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Subgrantees will be required to submit program and fiscal reports on a quarterly, or monthly basis. Program reports are submitted via IntelliGrants.

The following information must be reported via IntelliGrants regarding program participants **every time a program report is submitted**.

Requirement	Definition
Age	Youth's age on date of referral to program.
Ethnicity	Youth's self-identified ethnicity.
Race	Youth's self-identified race (Categories consistent with US 2020 Census).
Gender	Youth's self-identified gender.
Referral Source	Agency/entity referring youth to program.
Referral Process Point	At which point was the referral made?
Offense	Referred offense, classification, and level.

The following information must be reported via IntelliGrants regarding program participants **every time a program report is submitted**.

Requirement	Definition
Referrals Received	Number of referrals received.
Youth Referred	Number of youth referred.
Screening Tools Completed	Number of screenings completed.
Youth Screened	Number of youth who received screening tool.
Formal Evaluations Completed	Number of formal evaluations completed.
Youth Evaluated	Number of youth who received a formal evaluation.
Program Completion: Referrals	Number of program referrals completed.
Program Completion: Youth	Number of youth that have completed the program.
Program Termination: Referrals	Number of referrals that were terminated before program completion.
Program Termination: Youth	Number of youths that were terminated before program completion.

Re-Offense: Active Participants	During the program, the number of youths alleged to have committed a new offense.
Re-Offense: Post Program Completion	After completion, the number of youths alleged to have committed a new offense within six (6) months of program completion.
Referrals to Other Programs	Of the referrals received, how many resulted in a referral to another program or service?
Goals	What work has been completed during the reporting period to achieve the goals as stated in the grant application?
Objectives	What work has been completed during the reporting period to achieve the objectives as stated in the grant application?
Outcomes	What work has been completed during the reporting period to achieve the outcomes as stated in the grant application?
Activities	What activities did youth or their families participate in during the reporting period? (Be specific about how many youths completed an activity and how long the activity took).
Strengths and Barriers	What strengths and barriers were encountered in the reporting period and how did they affect the grant program?
Additional Feedback	Is there any additional information or feedback you would like to share about your program? If no, please write "N/A" in the narrative box.
Final Program Report	Is this your final program report?



## ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

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Allowable activities and costs are those that support the operations and services delivered to youth involved in or youth to be diverted from the juvenile justice system. Grant recipients shall use a validated mental health screening tool, and a full mental health assessment tool, if necessary, and may use funds to conduct the following activities:

- Partnering with law enforcement to implement a program to divert a child from formal court proceedings.
- Creating stabilization case management for a child or family in crisis.
- Providing comprehensive case management for a child or family in crisis.
- Identifying and strengthening community based intensive treatment and management services, including multisystemic therapy (MST), for youth, regardless of payor source.
- Establishing telehealth services (IC § 25-1-9.5-6) and programs to allow youth involved in services to take advantage of remote mental health services. Any providers used must comply with all requirements of IC § 12-23-1-6 and Indiana Administrative Code 440 IAC 4.4-2-1. All addiction treatment services rendered on a more than incidental basis must be done by a provider certified by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration; Division of Mental Health and Addiction.
- Supporting mental health evaluations, which include the use of telehealth services (IC § 25-1-9.5-6).
- Planning sessions and costs to develop juvenile behavioral health programs, including meetings with a local collaborative body that includes juvenile justice stakeholders.
- Activities that support operations and service delivery of juvenile behavioral health programs with a preference for regional models.
- Evidence based juvenile behavioral health projects.

ICJI strongly recommends programs that are evidence based or considered to be promising practices. The selected program may be altered to meet the requirements of the applicant, but fidelity should be maintained as closely as possible. Examples of model programs may be found [here](#) in the Grants Process Workgroup Report and the Behavioral Health Report.

## ALLOWABLE COSTS

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Personnel, employee benefits, cost of supplies, and travel to perform the following activities are allowable costs. Overtime for grant funded staff is an allowable cost, but to claim the increased rate, there must be a separate line item in the budget that includes the overtime rate of pay.

- Costs for program materials such as pamphlets, handouts, booklets, or brochures.
- *Planning activities* for the development of a collaborative plan or implementation of selected programs.

- *Linguistically* appropriate services such as interpreters and/or having documents translated into other languages.
- *Technical assistance* with respect to adherence or application of model programs.
- *Placement advocacy* to assist in locating and securing safe alternatives to detention or out of home placement.
- *Medical advocacy* including referrals for mental healthcare services, and funding for any mental healthcare services, including services delivered via telehealth and related out of pocket costs that would otherwise be the responsibility of the youth or family.
- *Counseling and support services*, and childcare services for youth and families who are engaged in behavioral health care programs.

## UNALLOWABLE COSTS

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The following budget items listed below are ineligible and will not be supported by this program's funding:

- Direct financial assistance to a client such as cash.
- Supplanting existing positions or offsetting existing expenses of the recipient.
- Lobbying.
- Fundraising (including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions) and time spent procuring funding including completing federal and state funding applications.
- Purchase of real estate.
- Construction and physical modification to buildings, including minor renovations (such as painting or carpeting).
- Purchase of vehicles.
- Indirect cost rate and/or de minimis rate.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

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Administrative costs are an allowable expense but are limited to 10% of the total grant funded budget. Administrative costs include time to complete program required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and required statistics; and administrative time to collect and maintain satisfaction surveys and needs assessments used to improve services delivery within the funded project.

Administrative costs should not be a separate line item in the budget. During the application process, there will be a section to state the anticipated percentage of time each position will spend on administrative duties for this program. This percentage is included with the percentage of time worked on the funded project and cannot exceed 10% of the total grant funded budget.

## TRAVEL COSTS

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Expenses for in state and out of state travel must follow the most current Indiana Department of Administration [State Travel Policy](#) or the recipient's travel policy, whichever is more restrictive. [Learn More](#). Non-essential travel is currently excluded under state policy.

## CONTRACTORS & CONSULTANTS

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A consultant evaluates an organization's needs and provides professional advice and a contractor provides goods or performs services. When a subrecipient contracts for work or services, the following is required:

1. All contractual services must be obtained through a procurement method. Verification of this method must be supplied upon completion of the contract.
2. All consultant and contractual services shall be supported by written contracts signed by all parties stating the services to be performed, rate of compensation, and length of time over which the services will be provided.
3. A copy of all written contracts for contractual or consultant services shall be attached in IntelliGrants to the grant file upon their ratification.
4. Payments shall be supported by statements outlining the services rendered, date of service, and cost of service.
5. Any consultant costs exceeding the allowable rate (maximum of \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day) will not be allowed.

## PROGRAM COSTS

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Program costs must meet the following criteria:

1. Costs must be necessary and reasonable for the stated purpose of the grant.
2. Costs must be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. [Learn more](#).
3. Costs must be consistent with policies and procedures of the grant program and applied uniformly.
4. Costs must be adequately documented with supporting materials including receipts, invoices, timesheets, paystubs, etc. The ICJI supporting documentation policy can be found [here](#).

## ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION

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- » *Total Agency Budget:* If the applicant agency is a nonprofit organization or nongovernmental entity, please complete and upload a Grantee Basic Budget (nonprofit Applicant budget form). Be sure to complete both the Organizational tab and the Employee tab. The form can be found on the ICJI website [here](#). *This does not apply to units of government.*
- » *Sustainability Plan:* Please attach a document detailing the applicant's plan to maintain the program once the grant fund period expires.
- » *Timeline:* Please attach a timeline for the completion of the project and/or expenditure of the grant funds.
- » *Letters of Endorsement:* Please attach at least one letter of endorsement from your local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council, another local collaborative body with juvenile jurisdiction, or one (1) or more juvenile justice system entities affected by grant funded activities.
- » *Collaboration Plan:* Please attach a document detailing the collaborative service planning required by IC § 31-40-6-4.
- » *Multiple Counties Served:* If the application is one that will serve multiple counties, the breakdown of percentages provided to each individual county shall be specified. Individual plans for each county are required.
- » *Audit Record:* Include your most recent State Board of Accounts or independent audit.
- » *Miscellaneous*
  - If applying for funds for personnel costs, attach the relevant job descriptions.
  - If applicable, attach other requested information.

## APPLICATION REVIEW

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ICJI and the Youth Justice Oversight Committee's (YJOC) Grants work group will review and score all grant applications as part of the competitive application process. They will assess the following criteria:

- The completeness of the grant application;
- Whether the grant application is within the purpose areas of the funding;
- The applicant's eligibility;
- Whether the grant application, the applicant, and the project are in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and rules;
- Whether the proposed expenditures set forth in the project budget are allowable and allocable;

- Any potential conflicts of interest;
- Whether the applicant has any federal and/or state debt delinquency;
- The applicant's ability to successfully pass clearance checks from the Department of Revenue (DOR), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and Secretary of State (SOS);
- Any and all risk associated with granting funds to the applicant; and
- Whether the applicant is debarred or suspended by any federal or state department or agency.

## MONITORING

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All grant awards will be monitored by an ICJI Grant Manager and/or ICJI Compliance Monitoring team using a combination of desk reviews and site visits. Additionally, the Grant Manager will review all submitted reports for timeliness and accuracy. Delinquencies and report contents will be addressed as needed by ICJI staff. Late and repeated incorrect reports could disqualify recipients from future funding.

## APPENDIX: APPLICABLE LAWS AND MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

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### I. GENERAL

This award is governed by ICJI policies and directives. All applicants must adhere to all provisions set forth in state statutes, regulations, Indiana Executive Orders, and rules. Failure to abide by the state mandates may, at the discretion of the State, be considered to be a material breach. The consequences of a material breach include, but are not limited, to:

- The applicant becoming ineligible for this grant funding opportunity;
- Requiring repayment of any grant funds already received;
- The de-obligation of grant funds; and
- The material breach becoming a factor in the scoring process for future grant applications.

Furthermore, the State shall not reimburse an applicant for expenditures outside the grant period of performance.

All applicants are required to establish and maintain grant accounting systems and financial records to accurately account for funds awarded to them.

The applicant understands and agrees that it cannot use funds from different funding sources for one or more of the identical cost items, in whole or in part. If this scenario presents itself, the applicant must contact the ICJI program manager in writing and refrain from the expenditure, obligation, or draw down of any funds awarded from ICJI concerning the identical cost items.

## II. STATE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of grant funds from the State are required to adhere to all state laws concerning the receipt and use of grant funds from federal and state funding sources. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the laws set forth below.

- *State Ethical Requirements:* The applicant and its agents shall abide by all ethical requirements that apply to persons who have a business relationship with the State as set forth in IC § 4-2-6, *et seq.*, IC § 4-2-7, *et seq.* and the regulations promulgated thereunder. If the applicant has knowledge, or would have acquired knowledge with reasonable inquiry, that a state officer, employee, or special state appointee, as those terms are defined in IC § 4-2-6-1, has a financial interest in the grant, the applicant shall ensure compliance with the disclosure requirements in IC § 4-2-6-10.5 prior to the execution of this grant. If the applicant is not familiar with these ethical requirements, the applicant should refer any questions to the Indiana State Ethics Commission or visit the Inspector General's [website](#). If the applicant or its agents violate any applicable ethical standards, the State may, in its sole discretion, terminate this grant immediately upon notice to the applicant. In addition, the applicant may be subject to penalties under IC §§ 4-2-6, 4-2-7, 35-44.1-1-4, and under any other applicable laws.
- *Indiana Secretary of State:* Pursuant to Indiana Code Title 23, the applicant must be properly registered and owe no outstanding reports to the Indiana Secretary of State.
- *Telephone Solicitation of Consumers; Automatic Dialing Solicitations:* As required by Indiana Code § 5-22-3-7:
  - (1) the Applicant and any principals of the Applicant certify that
    - (A) except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations, it has not violated the terms of:
      - (i) IC § 24-4.7 [Telephone Solicitation Of Consumers];
      - (ii) IC § 24-5-12 [Telephone Solicitations]; or
      - (iii) IC § 24-5-14 [Regulation of Automatic Dialing Machines];
    - in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC § 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and
    - (B) the Applicant will not violate the terms of IC § 24-4.7 for the duration of this Grant Agreement, even if IC § 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.
  - (2) The Applicant and any principals of the Applicant certify that an affiliate or principal of the Applicant and any agent acting on behalf of the Applicant or on behalf of an affiliate or principal of the Applicant, except for de minimis and nonsystematic violations,
    - (A) has not violated the terms of IC § 24-4.7 in the previous three hundred sixty-five (365) days, even if IC § 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law; and
    - (B) will not violate the terms of IC § 24-4.7 for the duration of the grant agreement even if IC § 24-4.7 is preempted by federal law.
- *Drug-Free Workplace Certification:* Applicant hereby covenants and agrees to make a good faith effort to provide and maintain a drug-free workplace as required by Executive Order 90-5, April 12, 1990. Executive Order 90-5 applies to all individuals and private legal entities who receive grants or contracts from state agencies. This clause was modified in 2005 to apply only to contractor's employees within the State of Indiana and cannot be further altered or changed. Applicant will give written notice to the State within ten (10) days after receiving actual notice that the applicant, or an employee of the applicant in the State of Indiana, has been convicted of a criminal drug violation occurring in the workplace. False certification or violation of the certification may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension of grant

payments, termination of the grant and/or debarment of grant opportunities with the State of Indiana for up to three (3) years.

In addition to the provisions of the above paragraphs, if the total amount set forth in this grant agreement is in excess of \$25,000.00, the applicant certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing and providing to all of its employees a statement notifying them that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; and
  - B. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform its employees of (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (2) the applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon an employee for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace; and
  - C. Notifying all employees in the statement required by subparagraph (A) above that as a condition of continued employment the employee will (1) abide by the terms of the statement; and (2) notify the applicant of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction; and
  - D. Notifying in writing the State within ten (10) days after receiving notice from an employee under subdivision (C)(2) above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction; and
  - E. Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice under subdivision (C)(2) above of a conviction, imposing the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace: (1) take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; or (2) require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
  - F. Making a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of subparagraphs (A) through (E) above.
- *Employment Eligibility Verification:* As required by IC § 22-5-1.7 and Executive Order 25-29, the applicant hereby swears or affirms under the penalties of perjury that:
    - A. The applicant has enrolled in and verified the work eligibility status of all his/her/its employees, through the E-Verify program;
    - B. The applicant has provided documentation to the State affirming its enrollment and verification of employees through the E-Verify program;
    - C. The applicant does not knowingly employ or contract with, and has not knowingly employed or contracted with an unauthorized alien; and the applicant shall require its contractors who perform work under this grant agreement to certify to applicant that the contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien and that the contractor has enrolled

- and is participating in the E-Verify program. The applicant shall maintain this certification throughout the duration of the term of a contract with a contractor, and shall provide to the State any and all such certifications promptly upon request.
- D. The applicant shall not retain an employee, and shall not contract with a person that the applicant subsequently learned or learns is an unauthorized alien.
  - E. The State may terminate for default if the applicant fails to cure a breach of this provision no later than thirty (30) days after being notified by the State.
- *ICJI Policies and Requirements:* Recipients of grant funds from ICJI are required to adhere to all ICJI policies, procedures, and guidelines concerning the receipt and use of grant funds from both federal and state funding sources, including those directives, policies, and guidelines found on ICJI's [website](#).





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