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To: PCSA Directors, FCFC Directors, and FCFC Coordinators

From: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director
Office of Families and Children

Date: April 16, 2021

Subject: Extended Funding for Communities of Support Grants

**Background**

The Communities of Support Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) was released on November 9, 2020. This grant was created in partnership with the Ohio Family and Children First Council to provide support to existing and new community service delivery. The opportunity is still available to assist in collaborative cross system work in three priority areas:

- Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Plans of Safe Care,
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) level of care assessments, and,
- Community based aftercare planning for children discharged from residential treatment settings.

The RFGA consists of two prongs. Prong 1 provides up to $10,000 in one-time planning funds to establish and determine sustainable support for Family and Children First Councils and community networks to provide comprehensive community services. To receive these funds, the applying entity must identify and receive a letter of commitment from community partners and develop a sustainability plan.

Prong 2 provides funding dependent upon county size for targeted support to plan, provide and pilot specific practices and services to inform future funding and regulation and to meet state and federal requirements.

- Small counties may receive up to $20,000
- Medium counties may receive up to $40,000
- Large counties may receive up to $60,000

**Extended Opportunity**

Based on feedback from the Public Children Service Agencies (PCSA) and Family and Children First Councils (FCFCs) over the last few months, ODJFS has decided to extend this funding opportunity. Although the intent of the original opportunity provided one-time funding for each prong, based upon the feedback around sustainability, PCSAs or FCFCs may now apply for Prong 2 in State Fiscal
Years (SFY) 21 and 22 and if funds are available, this opportunity may be extended to SFY 23. At this time, Prong 1 will continue as a one-time opportunity. Additionally, Prong 1 must be applied for prior to being eligible for Prong 2. If you already applied for Prong 1 and/or Prong 2 in SFY 21, you will be eligible to apply again for Prong 2, beginning May 2, 2021 for SFY 22 funding.

Below includes a summary of the updated application deadlines for each SFY. Please note the application deadline date for SFY 21 was moved to May 1, 2021 to adjust to the new funding opportunity dates.

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Applications for SFY22/23 may be emailed to: [CommunitiesofSupport@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:CommunitiesofSupport@jfs.ohio.gov)

This revision will allow ODJFS to process applications and awards timely, while giving more opportunities for additional funding.

**Contact**

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