

# Request for Legislative Action

Ord. #5784  
Sponsor: Venessa Huskey  
Date: August 21, 2023

Completed by County Counselor's Office			
Action Requested:	Ordinance	Res.Ord No.:	5784
Sponsor(s):	Venessa Huskey	Legislature Meeting Date:	8/21/2023

Introduction
<b>Action Items:</b> ['Appropriate']
<b>Project/Title:</b>
Juvenile Court Diversion -Additional funding for Parenting with Love and Limits

Request Summary
This is a request to appropriate \$90,000 from the 2023 undesignated fund balance in acceptance of additional funds awarded to the Family Court Division by the Department of Social Services to further support programs and services under the current grant named "Juvenile Court Diversion Program." The amendment to the program expands the scope to include the project called Parenting with Love and Limits which combines parent education and group therapy program with individual "coaching" (family therapy) sessions for adolescents and their families. Ordinance 5773 was for the initial amount of \$185,558 awarded for the Juvenile Diversion Program. This additional amount is for \$90,000 makes the total amount awarded for this project \$275,558.00. The period covered by the Grant is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Please appropriate the \$90,000 into the account listed within:

Contact Information			
<b>Department:</b>	Circuit Court	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	8/9/2023
<b>Name:</b>	carl bayless	<b>Email:</b>	carl.bayless@courts.mo.gov
<b>Title:</b>	Grant Coord	<b>Phone:</b>	913-963-3557

Budget Information			
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$90,000
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$185,558
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$275,558
Is it transferring fund?			Yes
Transferring Fund From:			
<b>Fund:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Line Item Account:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
010 (Grant Fund)	9999 (*)	32810 (Undesignated Fund Balance)	\$90,000

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Transferring Fund To:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
010 (Grant Fund)	2163 (JCD)	56790 (Other Contractual Services)	\$90,000

Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5773	July 31, 2023
5660	September 12, 2022
5674	October 10, 2022
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Contract is with another government agency	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds sufficient for this appropriation and/or transfer are available from the source indicated on the budget information tab.</li> </ul>

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### History

Submitted by Circuit Court requestor: carl bayless on 8/9/2023. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Theresa Byrd on 8/9/2023 4:34:42 PM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Barbara J. Casamento on 8/10/2023 8:37:10 AM.  
Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 8/10/2023 10:04:26 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver Sarah L. Matthes on 8/10/2023 10:40:03 AM. Comments: Fiscal Note Attached

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvia Stevenson on 8/10/2023 10:03:30 PM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 8/17/2023 11:36:00 AM. Comments:





# Jackson County Family Court

## Grant Program Information

**Ordinance Number:** ####

**Program Name:** Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL)

**Funding Agency:** Missouri Division of Youth Services

**Funding Arrangements and Use of Funds:** \$90,000 to initiate and sustain mental health and trauma treatment by way of individual therapy for youth referred to the Family Court.

**Funding Period for Grant:** The grant period is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

**New or Existing Program/Continued Funding Opportunity:** Continued Funding

### **Program Description :**

Through funding provided in an amendment to the Juvenile Court Diversion Contract, the 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri provides individual and family counseling to youth referred to the court and diverted from prosecution as well as youth adjudicated and placed on formal supervision.

We continued our collaboration with the following community organizations: AdHoc Group Against Crime; MOCSA; Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health; and Cornerstones of Care. These organizations offer a variety of services that benefit families. However, these existing programs do not reach all of our families or meet their specific needs for services. We increased our provision of mental health services to youth by offering individual and family therapy provided by contract therapists. We referred and connected youth to mental health services in their communities that are sustainable following court involvement. Contract services for individual sessions allowed us to address acute needs and bridge the gap to these community-based services. During the last grant year, we signed contracts with six therapists. In order to meet the complex treatment needs of our youth and families, we have identified providers that possess diversity in a broad range of clinical skills and areas of expertise, as well as racial and cultural diversity and gender. At this time, we are working with three women and three men; four of these counselors are African American and two are Caucasian. Additionally, we have contracted with Midtown Psychological Services, Inc., to provide psychological evaluations for assessment, treatment, and placement recommendations.

### **Theoretical or Practical Basis:**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mental disorders among children are described as “serious changes in the way children typically learn, behave, or handle their emotions, causing distress and problems getting through the day.”<sup>1</sup> Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity (ADHD), anxiety and depression are the most commonly diagnosed issues in children. Depression and anxiety have increased over time<sup>2</sup>. Mental health services are critical in addressing the needs of system-involved youth and families. A large study involving more than 70,000 youth from 283 programs across the nation indicated as many as 70% of youth involved in juvenile justice present with mental health challenges that rise to the level of diagnosis<sup>3</sup>. Community mental health resources are sorely lacking for many segments of the population in Jackson County. Over the years, the number of adults in Missouri suffering from a mental illness has increased, according to Missouri’s Division of Behavioral Health. In 2016, 862,000 Missourians struggled with a mental illness. Three years later, in 2019, that number was up to 925,000 and in 2020, it increased again to 1,056,000. According to the department, mental illness is higher among young adults.<sup>4</sup> Even when counseling resources are available, families often struggle to follow-through with services. Families often face barriers in their efforts to access treatment services. In addition to overburdened providers, families face lack of transportation or on-line connectivity, limited financial resources for co-pay obligations and stigma associated with diagnoses and need for treatment services. In order to meet this critical need in Jackson County, we requested funds in this grant to engage and directly pay providers. This plan streamlines access to care for youth and families referred to the Family Court.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> Vincent, G. M., Thomas Grisso, Anna Terry, and Steven M. Banks. 2008. “Sex and Race Differences in Mental Health Symptoms in Juvenile Justice: The MAYSI-2 National Meta-Analysis.” *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* 47(3):282–90.

<sup>4</sup> <https://fox4kc.com/news/lawmakers-discuss-ways-to-help-mental-health-crisis-in-missouri/>



## Jackson County Family Court Grant Program Information

**Expected Impact:**

We will provide an individual or family counselor to every youth on formal supervision and youth involved in the Emerging Adult Justice program that needs therapy. We anticipate that this will lead to increased adjustment and attainment of goals as youth move through the system. This will support our efforts to protect the community by maintaining low recidivism and increasing the number of youth re-engaging in prosocial, educational and vocational activities.

**Evaluation Plan and/or Demonstrated Efficacy:** Initiative and service will be evaluated on an ongoing basis by the Jackson County Court's Research and Development Department.

**For more information, contact** Theresa Byrd, Deputy Court Administrator at 435-4850

**Project Director:** Pamela Behle, PhD, Director Assessment & Development Services Family Court



**State of Missouri  
Department of Social Services  
Contract Amendment**

*Contract Description:* **Juvenile Court Diversion (JCD)**  
*Amendment Description:*  
**Addition of Parenting with Love and Limits**

*Contract #:* ER172-23012

*Amendment #* 002

*Effective Date:* July 1, 2023

**Contractor Information:**

Contractor Name: 16th Judicial Circuit  
Mailing Address: 415 E. 12th Street  
City, State Zip: Kansas City, MO 64106

The above referenced contract between 16th Judicial Circuit and the Department of Social Services is hereby amended as follows:

1. The contract is amended for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
2. This amendment adds \$90,000 for the Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL) demonstration project per the revised Attachment A.
3. This amendment shall be effective July 1, 2023 . All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain unchanged.

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*In witness thereof, the parties below hereby execute this agreement.*

*Theresa L. Byrd*

Authorized Signature for the Contractor

Deputy Court Administrator

Title

08-08-2023

Date

*Patrick Inelibeing CG*

Authorized Signature for the Department of Social Services

August 8, 2023

Date

