



DYRS Credible Messenger Initiative Request For Applications

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ABOUT DYRS



What is DYRS?

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is a division of the DC Department of Public Safety. The mission of DYRS is to give court-involved youth the opportunity to become more productive citizens by building on the strengths of youth and their families in the least restrictive, most homelike environment consistent with public safety.

Our Vision

To provide the nation's best continuum of care for court-involved youth and their families through a wide range of programs that emphasize individual strengths, personal accountability, public safety, skill development, family involvement and community support.

DYRS implements community-based services with the following three goals in mind:

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- Connect youth to services, supports, and resources that help them reach their goals and developmental milestones;

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- Engage youth in positive, developmentally appropriate, and structured activities that complement and enhance DYRS' approach for the care and supervision of young people to enhance public safety; and

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- Invest directly in local organizational and human resources that are accessible and dedicated to strengthening young people and their families to create safer and stronger communities in the long-term.

In furtherance of these goals, the Credible Messenger Initiative provides the following contributions to DYRS community-based services goals:

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- Connects young people to **caring adults** and resources in their home communities;

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- **Engages** families and communities in efforts to **support** youth referred; and

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- Invests in **neighborhood-based** resources where youth and families live.



Request for Applications Summary



- DYRS seeks eligible entities to provide transformative mentoring and family engagement services to youth and their families. All proposed programs should be in alignment with the DYRS vision.
- Focus on selecting partners for this initiative that are rooted in the neighborhoods where young people, families, and Credible Messengers call home.
- Seeking to partner with local organizations that demonstrate a history of service delivery or immersion in the neighborhoods where our youth and their families reside, the capability to deliver programming to any youth referred by DYRS, and the ability to deliver services in unconventional settings such as schools and libraries.



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- Through this initiative, mentoring services, family support programming, and other programs consistent with the goals and objectives of the Credible Messenger Initiative will be offered in our facilities and/or neighborhood locations, reducing the need for youth and families travel to receive services.

Target Population

- Youth: Young people referred by DYRS.
- Family Members: Parents/caregivers of DYRS youth, including the caregivers of youth on community supervision, and family members of youth in placement.



Updates to RFA



- Organizations must have a physical location where they provide services in the neighborhood for which they are applying. This location must be within the District of Columbia, and the applicant must establish a history of providing services in that location.
- Organizations must be deeply connected, rooted, and invested in the neighborhoods they serve. Furthermore, organizations must be culturally and linguistically competent to address the needs of youth and families served. This is expected through the employment of staff who can effectively communicate with the diverse families and young people that are served. It is the expectation that a bilingual Credible Messenger is employed to meet the needs of youth and families referred.



Updates to RFA



- Organizations must identify staff and their respective functions to implement this program. Identify staff supervision, reporting structure and who is responsible for each program component. Provide job descriptions of position(s) funding is requested for (Include staff resumes with the professional licenses and/or certifications of all personnel and Consultants included in your application, if individuals have been identified) Ensure that staffing structure includes minimally one (1) credible messenger assigned as a Violence Prevention Specialist.



Updates to RFA



- The applicants must demonstrate experience in working on projects similar in size, scope and function; Evidence of this experience must be in the form of up to 3 clients' references (included in client reference list: Name of Client Organization; Contact Person from Client Organization; Name of Project; Brief Summary of Services Provided; Time Period of Services Provided; Length of Contract; Outcomes if applicable)



Special Considerations



- Applicants with physical locations in high-crime neighborhoods will receive higher consideration during the application review process.



Elements of Application Narrative



- Project idea
- Target population
- Organizational Capacity
- Evaluation
- Budget
- Budget Narrative (Template)
- Required Documents

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Project Outcomes, Outputs, and Deliverables



Sample Outputs

By the end of the grant period, the grantee will have achieved the following:

- Managed and supported at least 100 to 125 youth and families.
- Provided workshops to at least 100 youth in [insert specific topic area here].
- Provided at least 20 youth with at least 52 one-to-one mentoring sessions.
- Hosted at least two (2) special events during each quarter (8 in total) across various sites.
- Hosted at least (2) family engagement events held at two different locations.

Sample Deliverables

By the end of the grant period, the grantee will have completed the following:

- A monthly or quarterly programmatic and financial report.
- A final report consolidating and summarizing the efforts of the program, to include data detailing the impact of the programming, to be submitted no later than 30 days before the end of the grant period.
- A power point presentation detailing the impact of the funding provided and the programming offered, to be submitted no later than 30 days before the end of the grant period.

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Required Documents



- Certificate of Good Standing
- IRS W-9 Tax Form
- Tax Exemption Affirmation Letter
- Applicant's Current Fiscal Year Budget
- Audited Financial Statements
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Separation of Duties Policy
- Letters of Support
- Partner Documents
- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration
- Documentation or Proof of Matching Funds
- Signed Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances

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Important Information



- Questions due 6/9
- Responses to Questions will be provided no later than 6/15
- Applications Due 7/11
- Award amount 100k-500k
- Applications must be submitted in Zoomgrants (link is in the RFA)



Conclusion



Questions and inquiries can be submitted
via email to CMIRFA23@dc.gov