

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE APPLICATION, LETTER OF SUPPORT AND
OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE SARPY COUNTY TRUANCY GRANT
OFFERED THROUGH THE NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2012), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Crime Commission Grant is available to the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application must be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission; and,

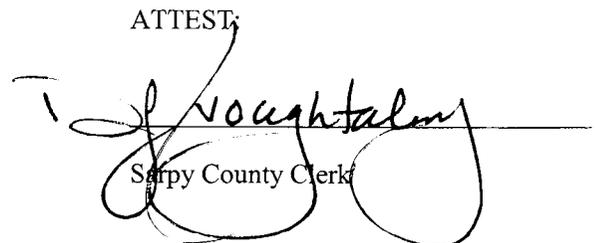
WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports a Truancy Program for the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the application, letter of support and other documents related to the submission of the Sarpy County Truancy Program grant.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 10th day of December, 2013.


Sarpy County Board Chairman



ATTEST:

Sarpy County Clerk

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center Truancy Grant

On December 10, 2013 the County Board will be asked to authorize the Chairman to sign the application, letter of support and other documents related to the submission of the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center's Truancy Grant offered through the Nebraska Crime Commission.

The grant application requests \$33,553 for continuation of the Truancy Program. \$32,920 will pay salaries/benefits for two part-time Truancy Staff at the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center and \$633 will pay for cell phone usage.

There is no County match for this grant, however; the remaining \$5,070 of the salary/benefits and \$261 for cell phone usage will be used as an in-kind match. This request is for year four of the funding. The Sarpy County Education Program (SCEP) Board has indicated support for future sustainability through revenue generated from the Traffic Program.

As a direct result of Nebraska LB800, youth absent from school 20 or more days per year, 5 days in a quarter, are referred to the County Attorney's Office for evaluation and/or a possible Truancy Filing. The goal of the Sarpy County Truancy Program is to implement a comprehensive plan by engaging students in the school culture, developing strategies that will divert, reduce and prevent truancy and ultimately involvement in Juvenile Court.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call myself or Dick Shea.

December 5, 2013

Lisa A. Haire
593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Scott Bovick
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Michelle Siders
Deb Houghtaling

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December 10, 2013

Michael E. Behm
Executive Director
Nebraska Crime Commission
PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE. 68508

Dear Mr. Behm,

The Sarpy County Board of Commissioners supports the Sarpy County Truancy Program grant application for truancy programming at the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Reporting Center. The Sarpy County Truancy Program offers juveniles a comprehensive plan to assist with school absenteeism allowing them to have their truancy charge dismissed and helping youth to reconnect to the school culture.

The Truancy Program helps reduce and prevent truancy diverting youth from entering the Juvenile Court system and ultimately reducing delinquency or placement at the Juvenile Justice Center and/or CARE Program.

Once again the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners supports this application and requests positive consideration from the Crime Commission.

Sincerely,

Jim Warren
Chairman

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

Grant Number _____
 [Crime Commission Use
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**NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION
 FY 2013 FEDERAL TITLE II**

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Applicant Name: [Agency/Organization] The applicant must be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds.	Name: Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center	Telephone: [402]537-7000 Fax: [402]537-7080
2. Applicant Federal Employer ID #: [Must be 9 digits]	47-600-6504	
3. Applicant DUNS #:	78008018	
4. Address:	1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE 68046-2839 <p align="right">[Include zip code + 4 digits]</p>	
5. Project Title: Sarpy County Sheriff Juvenile Services Truancy Program		
6. Project Director: [Receives all grant correspondence]	Name: Lisa A. Haire Title: Grant Coordinator	Telephone:[402]593-1565 Fax: [402]593-4304
Email: lhaire@sarpy.com		
Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE 68046-2839 <p align="right">[Include zip code + 4 digits]</p>		
7. Project Coordinator: [Cannot be the Project Director]	Name: Michelle Siders Title: Coordinator of Support Services, Juvenile Justice Center	Telephone:[402]537-7012 Fax: [402]537-7080
Email: msiders@sarpy.com		
Address: 9701 Portal Road Papillion, NE 68046-3150 <p align="right">[Include zip code + 4 digits]</p>		
8. Fiscal Officer: [Cannot be the Project Director]	Name: Brian Hanson Title: Fiscal Administrator	Telephone:[402]593-2349 Fax: [402]593-4304
Email: bhanson@sarpy.com		
Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE 68046-2839 <p align="right">[Include zip code + 4 digits]</p>		
9. Authorized Official: [NOTE: The authorized official includes county	Name: Jim Warren Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners	Telephone:[402]593-4155 Fax: [402]593-4360

board chair, mayor, city administrator, state agency director, chair or vice-chair of non-profit agency.]	Email: jwarren@sarpy.com
	Address: 1210 Golden Gate Drive Papillion, NE 68046-2839 [Include zip code + 4 digits]

10. Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence based, or promising practice program?
(See Page 10 of the Application Kit Instructions)

Yes No

What evidence exists that the proposed program is evidence based and/or effective?

Sarpy County researched various evidence based and model programs. In this research, Sarpy County concluded, “programs are more likely to survive and thrive when they exist in a supportive context working with the current system rather than against a system or in isolation” (Truancy Prevention in Action: Best Practices and Model Truancy Programs, National Center for School Engagement. July 2005). In 2010, Sarpy County implemented a pilot program which included components from several model programs.

Sarpy County operates a broad-based collaborative approach to juvenile justice, prevention, and intervention which includes Juvenile Court, the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office, Superintendents and Counselors from area school districts, area law enforcement representatives, Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center, and County agencies. In order to work with the established system, Sarpy County utilized facility space, trained staff, current communication among agencies and school districts to jump start a Truancy Program which encompasses strategies that are effective for youth and families in the Sarpy County community. Critical Components of Successful Truancy Programs, outlined by the National Center for School Engagement, the Department of Education, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are key aspects of the Sarpy County Truancy Program.

Start up funding was awarded to Sarpy County in July 2011 for the implementation of the Truancy Program. In the first six months, Sarpy County has experienced success in working with several juveniles in the County. The Juvenile Court Judges and County Attorneys have been extremely happy with the results in this short time period. In just the first 6 months of the grant, from July 2011-December 6, 2011, the Sarpy County Truancy Program assisted ten (10) juveniles. In the last year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Truancy Program assisted 58 youth and families. In August 2012, a new partnership was formed between the County Attorney’s Office, Juvenile Diversion, and the Truancy Program. In the three months from August – November, the Sarpy County Truancy Program has already served 50 youth and their families. This partnership has greatly increased the number of youth referred to the Sarpy County Truancy Program.

During 2013, the Sarpy County Truancy Program was recognized by the Casey Foundation as an important first step in diverting youth from the formal Juvenile Justice System. In addition, the Sherwood Foundation has also been impressed with the Sarpy Truancy Initiative and has helped fund additional staff. The Douglas County JDAI Coordinator has been in discussions with the Juvenile Justice Center staff on ways to replicate this type of program in Douglas County.

11. Impact Demographic: List the area[s] served by the project [i.e. counties, cities,

This application will impact Sarpy County, Nebraska. Sarpy County comprises the cities of Bellevue, Papillion, LaVista, Gretna,

neighborhoods, etc.].	Springfield, parts of Omaha, and outlying rural areas. This initiative has the potential to affect how all Sarpy County youth are processed through the juvenile justice system.
Youth: List the number of youth, ages 10-17, projected to be served by the project.	Approximately 130+ youth per year.

12. Previous 5-Year Crime Commission Funding for this Project:		13. Area[s] Served by Project: [Statewide, Counties, Cities]
Grant #: 12-JJ-0004	Amount: \$33,553	All of Sarpy County, Cities of Bellevue, LaVista, Papillion, Gretna, Springfield, portions of Omaha and outlying rural areas.
Grant #: 11-JJ-0010	Amount: \$33,553	All of Sarpy County, Cities of Bellevue, LaVista, Papillion, Gretna, Springfield, portions of Omaha and outlying rural areas.
Grant #: 10-JJ-0005	Amount: \$50,970	All of Sarpy County, Cities of Bellevue, LaVista, Papillion, Gretna, Springfield, portions of Omaha and outlying rural areas.
Grant #:	Amount:	
Grant #:	Amount:	

14. Is the amount of funds requested following the step down policy? Yes No
If no, clearly justify the need for the Crime Commission to waive the step down policy for this project.
 In the first year of funding, Sarpy County received \$50,970. In the second year of funding, Sarpy County's grant funding was reduced to \$33,553 which was a 34% reduction in Year 2. Under the step-down policy, Year 2 should have been funded at the full \$50,970 level. Year 3 was then funded at the same level as Year 2. Year 3 should have been funded at 75% of the first year which would have been \$38,227. Sarpy County is requesting \$33,553 for Year 4 due to Years 2 and 3 being funded at lesser levels than what would be normal under the step-down policy.

15. Previous 5-Year Crime Commission Funding for this Juvenile Justice Project:

Funding Source	Received in past 5 years		Requesting funds for 2013	
Title V	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
County Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
County Aid Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
State Juvenile Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

16. Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan:
 YES NO Our community has an approved current Three Year *Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan* on file with the Nebraska Crime Commission.

List begin and end date of plan:

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015

List the 3-5 priorities in the plan:

1. Establish alternatives to detention for juveniles in Sarpy County.
2. Reduce DMC issues throughout the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System.
3. Improve system operation and coordination.
4. Improve collaboration among members of the community.
5. Expand and enhance existing programs for juvenile in Sarpy County.

SECTION II: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applicant Name: Sarpy County Sheriff's Office

Agency Responsible for Delivery of Service: Pat Thomas Juvenile Justice Center

Funds Requested: \$33,553

Matching Funds: \$5,331

Total Cost: \$38,884

The problem to be addressed by this proposed grant application is: Absenteeism and truancy contribute to students falling behind in schoolwork, failing grades, and dropping out of school resulting in an increase in criminal behavior, alcohol, and drug usage. An increased dropout rate negatively impacts the community as youth lack the skills to find and maintain employment which contributes to delinquency and welfare dependency. In many cases, truancy from school is the common denominator in crime being committed by youth.

One of the priorities of the 2012-2015 Sarpy County Juvenile Services Plan is to "Expand and enhance existing programs for juveniles in Sarpy County." Priority Three states, "Youth who are not bonded to conventional community institutions such as school, work, religious and recreational organizations are much more likely to engage in criminal behavior." This grant request will enable the Juvenile Justice Center to expand and enhance current truancy efforts. The goal is to interrupt the cycle of isolation and disconnectedness truant youth experience with parents, schools and the community. The Sarpy County Truancy Program will help to create a sense of responsibility, belonging and value while holding youth accountable for their actions. Successful completion of the program will allow the youth's truancy petition to be dismissed.

This grant request will assist Sarpy County with funding two (2) part-time Truancy staff to monitor the program and serve as liaisons with schools and other appropriate individuals by utilizing existing communication tools and relationships. Duties will include: consistent home visits, school visits, evaluating educational needs, tutoring, tracking grades and attendance, transportation, mental health services and program classes as needed.

Youth will be assessed using school records, court referral information, home interviews, and any other educational testing that may have been done. If additional behavioral or mental health screening is required, Truancy staff will utilize the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2), Simple Screening Instrument for Substance Abuse (SSI), Suicide Risk Inventory, and/or Strength Based Questions for Youth. These screening tools will be utilized by Truancy Staff and a Therapist. The Therapist will meet with youth and families as needed. Truancy staff will develop and manage individualized contracts with juvenile offenders. A comprehensive approach focusing on prevention and intervention will be implemented to respond to truancy issues.

This project will divert youth from entering the Juvenile Court System which results in placement at the Juvenile Justice Center and/or the CARE Program. Critical components identified by the National Center for School Engagement (NCSE) will be key elements of the Sarpy County Truancy Program. These components include: school-community collaboration, family involvement, comprehensive approach, use of incentives and sanctions, and a supportive context.

SECTION III: BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	Requested Amount	Match Share	Total Project Cost
A. Personnel	\$32,920	\$5,070	\$37,990
B. Consultants/Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
D. Supplies/ Operating Expenses	\$633	\$261	\$894
E. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
F. Other Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$33,553	\$5,331	\$38,884
% Contribution	86%	14%	100%

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the information in this application is accurate and as the Authorized Official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.

[NOTE: The authorized official includes county board chair, mayor, city administrator, state agency director, chair or vice-chair of non-profit agency.]

Name of Authorized Official (type or print): Jim Warren

Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

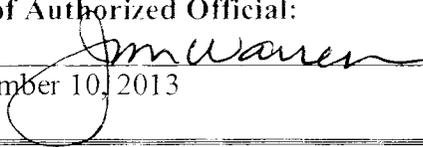
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City, State, Zip+4: Papillion, NE 68046-2839

Telephone: 402-593-4155

Signature of Authorized Official:

Date: December 10, 2013



SECTION IV: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Complete the following table:

Gender, Race & Ethnicity	Total Population of Grant Area		Total Population of Grant Area between 10 – 17 years of age	
	Number	% of Total #	Number	% of total #
Male	80,847	50%	10,037	52%
Female	81,751	50%	9,414	48%
Total	162,598	100%	19,451	100%
White	148,855	92%	17,549	90%
Black	8,122	5%	1,193	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,185	1%	176	1%
Asian	4,436	2%	533	3%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	162,598	100%	19,451	100%
Hispanic or Latino	12,304	8%	1,951	10%
Not Hispanic or Latino	150,294	92%	17,500	88%
Total	162,598	100%	19,951	100%

Cities, Counties, Towns included above: Sarpy County, Springfield, Gretna, Papillion, LaVista, Bellevue

Source of data: OJJDP website

B. Provide an overview of the community[s] where this project will take place:

Sarpy County is where Nebraska's origins began. Located in the southeast area of Nebraska, Sarpy County is directly adjacent to the greater Omaha metropolitan area to the north. Sarpy County is composed of a rural population in the Gretna and Springfield area to the west, Offutt Air Force Base to the southeast, the cities of Papillion and LaVista in the center, and the city of Bellevue to the east.

The Department of Health and Human Services, the Sarpy County Juvenile Probation Office, the Sarpy County Juvenile Court System, the Sarpy County Juvenile Diversion program, the Sarpy County Drug Court, the Office of Juvenile Services, and the Staff Secure Hold Over work together to ensure that juvenile offenders are properly evaluated when they enter the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System. The agencies provide youth involved in the juvenile justice system access to quality, thorough assessments and substance abuse treatment. Eligible youth involved in the juvenile justice system receive assessment screening that includes, but not limited to risk assessment screening, medical/mental health screen, family history, and academic profile. When appropriate, court ordered evaluations

may include, but are not limited to, a thorough psychological, and in some cases a psychiatric, profile report.

- C. According to DMC data from 2010, a DMC concern for Sarpy County exists in the higher incidence of arrests of Black and Hispanic youth. Additionally, the data indicates a lower incidence of cases being diverted for Black youth.

Relative Rate Index Compared with White							
Juveniles							
State : Nebraska				Reporting Period 1/1/2010			
County : Sarpy				through 12/31/2010			
	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/ Mixed	All Minorities
2. Juvenile Arrests	2.78	2.30	**	*	*	*	2.14
3. Refer to Juvenile Court	1.19	0.10	**	*	*	*	0.66
4. Cases Diverted	0.61	**	**	*	*	*	1.45
5. Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.01	**	**	*	*	*	1.52
6. Cases Petitioned	1.00	**	**	*	*	*	1.00
7. Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings	1.17	**	**	*	*	*	1.37
8. Cases resulting in Probation Placement	.68	1.39	**	*	*	*	1.08
9. Cases Resulting in Confinement in Secure Juvenile Correctional Facilities	**	**	**	*	*	*	1.20
10. Cases Transferred to Adult Court	**	**	**	*	*	*	**
Group meets 1% threshold?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	

Data provided by Nebraska DMC Coordinator

Key: Statistically significant results: **Bold Font**
 Results that are not statistically significant: Regular Font
 Group is less than 1% of the youth population: *
 Insufficient number of cases for analysis: **
 Missing data for some element of calculation: --

According to the data above, a DMC issue exists at the point of arrest; the Juvenile Justice Center Truancy Project could have an impact at that contact point as youth may be involved in the program as opposed to engaging in delinquent activities. Additionally, implementation of the program will positively impact the number of youth being referred to Juvenile Court.

In the past, the County collaborated on a grant request with Douglas and Lancaster Counties to hire a DMC Coordinator to assess DMC issues in Sarpy County and begin planning to mitigate those issues. The request was not approved. Sarpy County is currently working with the JDAI Site Coordinator and the State DMC Coordinator to take steps to address DMC issues.

SECTION V: PROBLEM STATEMENT

- A. The problem to be addressed by this application is: School absenteeism and truancy contribute to students falling behind in schoolwork, failing grades and, dropping out of school resulting in an increase in criminal behavior, alcohol, and drug usage.

Sarpy County is the fastest growing county in Nebraska. Approximately one-third of the total population in the County is made up of juveniles between the ages of 0-17. The juvenile population in Sarpy County is projected to grow by 2% per year through 2020. This rapid increase in population has placed a strain on the current juvenile justice system's ability to keep up with the demand for services and to provide the necessary services youth need.

An increase in the juvenile population of Sarpy County combined with unstructured time outside of school has factored into an increase of youth crimes in the County. Initial encounters with law enforcement often begin with status offenses such as running away and truancy. The results of school absenteeism and truancy have been shown to increase youth participation in risky behaviors such as: substance abuse, gang activity, assaults, and other criminal mischief.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), "Truancy may be the beginning of a lifetime of problems for students who routinely skip school" (<http://www2.ed.gov>). A low commitment to school is linked to all problem behaviors during the adolescent years. Truant behavior as an adolescent has been shown to have a direct connection to problems in adulthood such as: violence, marital troubles, job problems, criminal behavior, and incarceration.

Truancy is a community problem and truancy programs require partnerships with schools, families, law enforcement, courts and other community institutions to help youth overcome the obstacles that interfere with school attendance.

Because truancy often indicates bigger problems in a child's life, many communities are designing truancy reduction programs that involve schools, law enforcement, families, businesses, judicial and social service agencies, and community and youth service organizations – OJJDP, (http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/training/truancy_pg3.html).

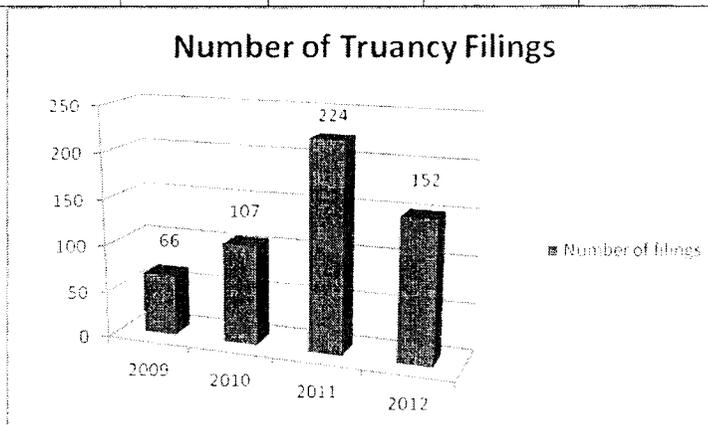
There has been a significant increase of school absenteeism and truancy in Sarpy County. During 2009, the County Attorney received 78 referrals for truancy and filed on 66. In 2010, the County Attorney received 196 referrals for truancy and filed on 107. In 2011, the Sarpy County Attorney's Office received 665 truancy cases and filed on 224 which was an increase of 109% from 2010.

In 2008, 27 juveniles in Probation were identified as truant with eight placed at the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS). In 2009, Probation identified 21 juveniles as truant with two (2) being placed at OJS. In 2010, Probation identified 41 juveniles as truant with five (5) being placed at OJS. From 2009 to 2010, the number of juveniles placed on Probation for truancy increased 95%.

Truancy is an indication youth may be headed for problems including, isolation, educational failure, and dropping out of school. Research shows that approximately 80% of dropouts were truant the year before leaving school (www2.ed.gov). An increased dropout rate impacts the community as these young people lack the skills to find and maintain employment successfully which can contribute to delinquency due to unstructured time and an increase in welfare dependency. According to the 2010 census, 83 percent of College graduates and 71 percent of high school graduates were employed. High school dropouts have an employment rate of only 52 percent.

B. Provide statistical documentation of the problem.

	Jan-Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2010	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012	% Of Change
Total juvenile population between the ages of 0-17 in Sarpy County	42,924	45,875	46,259	46,392	+8.1
Total number of Juvenile offenders involved in the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System	1,854	1,764	1,864	1,964	+5.9%
Number of juveniles involved in District #2 juvenile probation	421	448	449	237	-44%
Number of juveniles in Sarpy County Diversion involved in alcohol and drug abuse	64	125	195	207	+223%
Number of juveniles participating in Juvenile Drug Treatment Court	36	38	41	40	+11.11%
Number of juveniles participating in the Truancy Program	N/A	15	78	143	+853%



**Data provided by OJJDP, Sarpy County IS, Sarpy County Attorney's Office, Sarpy County Probation and Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center.

Although Sarpy County is an affluent county compared to others in Nebraska, there are a substantial number of youth experiencing risk factors for delinquency. These factors include, but are not limited to, poverty, mental illness, alcohol/substance abuse, school truancy/dropout, family/living instability, child abuse and neglect, family conflict, and learning disorders. The Sarpy County juvenile population is projected to grow by 2% per year through 2020, compared to the 1% growth per year experienced between 1980 and 2000 (2004 Chinn Study).

- C. The SAFE Committee developed and adopted the 2012-2015 Sarpy County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to: reduce juvenile delinquency, and enhance public safety by 1) identifying the risk factors related to delinquency and abuse/neglect; 2) developing appropriate prevention and intervention programs for delinquency and abuse/neglect; and 3) fostering system communication, coordination, and cooperation across agencies and with the public to strengthen system effectiveness.

The Plan identifies five prioritized needs: 1) Establish alternatives to detention for juveniles in Sarpy County; 2) Reduce DMC issues throughout the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice System; 3) Improve system operation and coordination; 4) Improve collaboration among members of the community; 5) Expand and enhance existing programs for juveniles in Sarpy County. It is imperative that programming be continued and enhanced to ensure proper service provision to Sarpy County youth and their families.

The top three priority problems include:

1. Establish alternatives to detention for juveniles in Sarpy County. Sarpy County has been approved by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as a JDAI site. Through the JDAI process, Sarpy County will collaborate with the Casey Foundation to analyze the ineffective and inefficient policies and practices within the juvenile justice systems in Sarpy County that result in inappropriate sanctions, disparities for minority youth, and unnecessary transfers to secure detention.
2. Improve system operation and coordination by developing an integrated information sharing system. The integration of agency information is crucial to assisting youth and their families in receiving the help they need. Increased coordination among agencies and the development of an information management system are vital in overcoming the current duplication of services occurring in the Sarpy County juvenile justice system. In addition, enhancements to system information collection and sharing will lead to a greater understanding of the trends and profile of juvenile offender service requirements.
3. Expand and enhance existing programs and services for juvenile offenders by implementing prevention/intervention programs. Sarpy County currently operates several programs that either divert youth from formal court processing or provide an alternative to residential placements. As part of this priority, Sarpy County will focus on the continuation of existing programs as well as enhancement. Efforts to continue programs will include securing funding that enables them to operate at their current level of service. Using the balanced mission and restorative justice framework, Sarpy County Juvenile Justice agencies are working to interrupt the cycle of isolation and disconnectedness youth experience. Efforts to enhance programs and implement new projects will provide Sarpy County youth and their families with necessary resources and programming to meet their needs at all levels of service.

D. The Search Institute has defined *40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents* as building blocks to help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. Sarpy County has identified five Developmental Assets the Truancy Program will target.

1. Support: Parent Involvement in Schooling

Parent involvement is a key asset in helping youth succeed in school. Parents must take an active role in a child's learning and education. Research has shown increased parental involvement in school enables students to achieve higher grades and test scores, improves student attendance, improves student conduct and attitude, and increases the chance of a child going on to higher education. The Sarpy County Truancy Program will instruct and implement a plan that assists families in providing a supportive environment that encourages youth to attend and succeed in school. The Truancy Program involves parents at every level through the incorporation of weekly visits with parents to discuss school progress and the development of a service plan to increase parent involvement and responsibility regarding youth's truancy.

2. Commitment to Learning: Achievement Motivation

In order for youth to be successful in school, there must be a commitment to learning and the motivation to want to learn. The Sarpy County Truancy Program makes school attendance the responsibility of the youth and the parents through a signed contract that requires communication in the event a youth plans to be absent from school. This Contract also provides daily access to school attendance, homework and grades. Through monitoring, students are encouraged to turn in assignments; make-up missed work, and attend classes daily. Monitoring of student's progress will decrease as students demonstrate appropriate progress in school. Various incentives and sanctions will be utilized to help achieve motivation and responsibility. Goals and objectives will be written and re-visited frequently to assess the student's progress. According to the Search Institute, "setting goals together will motivate youth." Communicating the importance of school and making the most out of attendance is a key component in achieving motivation in youth.

3. Positive Values: Responsibility.

Youth must learn to accept and take personal responsibility for their actions including accepting consequences and realizing rewards in the educational process. Positive values will be reinforced to provide necessary structure and guidance helping students to develop the skills to interact appropriately within the school setting. This may include adult mentoring, tutorial services, and/or involvement in school activities. The Sarpy County Truancy Program will model a positive learning environment to equip students with the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed in the classroom setting.

4. Social Competencies: Planning and Decision Making.

According to the Search Institute, young people need to know how to plan ahead and make good choices. The Sarpy County Truancy Program will provide classes and individual instruction in decision-making, peer-pressure, cultural diversity, conflict management, and interpersonal relationships. Empowering youth to make decisions helps self-esteem and an understanding of how their actions affect others in the community.

5. Positive Identity: Personal Power.

The purpose of the Truancy Program is to provide youth with the knowledge and skills to become successful in school. Youth need to feel that they are in control of what happens to them. It is important for youth to learn that if they want control over their life, they must accept responsibility for decisions, actions, and consequences. The Sarpy County Truancy Program will help youth to brainstorm possible solutions to problems helping them feel empowered to succeed.

Incorporating these five Assets, the Sarpy County Truancy Program has helped to engage youth in their education process, empowering them with the tools necessary to succeed in the school setting. These Assets will assist youth in reconnecting to the school giving them a sense of accomplishment, responsibility, and motivation. Parents will take an active role in learning and education providing a supportive environment which will encourage students to succeed in school.

SECTION VI: CURRENT EFFORTS

Sarpy County's Juvenile Justice Center began researching Truancy Programs in 2009. After a year of research and meeting with Sarpy County Juvenile Court professionals, staff at the Juvenile Justice Center implemented a Truancy Pilot Program in August 2010. The goal of the Sarpy County Truancy Pilot Program was to implement a comprehensive plan which holds parents, students, and schools accountable for school attendance by engaging students in the school culture, successfully developing strategies that will reduce and prevent truancy and ultimately delinquency and involvement of the Juvenile Courts.

Due to the passage of Nebraska Law LB800, students absent from school 20 or more days per year, 5 days in a quarter, will be referred to the County Attorney's office for evaluation. During the initial research phase, Sarpy County reviewed several evidence based model programs and put together components from different approaches. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court and County Attorney researched ways to implement a successful truancy program which would work with the current system and agreed that the Juvenile Justice Center would be an ideal setting to begin such a project.

Truancy statistics in Sarpy County showed a significant increase in youth referred to the County Attorney's Office. The Juvenile Justice Center staff increased their work load and responsibilities to provide services such as: evening home visits, transportation to and from school, school visits and, monitoring of student grades.

In 2011, Sarpy County applied for and received funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission to further implement the Truancy Program. Funding was awarded for three part-time Truancy staff that would be housed at the Juvenile Justice Reporting Center. During the first six months of grant funding, the Truancy Program worked with fifteen (15) juveniles. From July 2011 to June 2012, the Sarpy County Truancy Program served a total of 58 youth and their families, 30 completed the program successful in May 2012. One youth was referred to the court due to long term behavioral and mental health services that are needed, 18 youth remained with the program to receive Summer School assistance or mentoring for a successful start to the new 2012-2013 school year.

In the summer of 2012, Truancy Program staff attended meetings with the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and Juvenile Diversion. A partnership was formed and the Truancy Program now works with all referred truancy cases that flow through the County Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program. Due to this change, the Truancy Program served over 100 youth in 2012 and between 2011 and 2012, Truancy filings in the County Attorney's Office decreased 35% indicating that the Sarpy County Truancy Program has been very effective with diverting youth from formal court proceedings. Additionally, the Sarpy County Truancy Program was renamed the Persistence Achieves School Success (PASS) Program.

In 2013, the Sarpy County Truancy Program requested funding for additional Truancy staff in the State LB561 grant. The request was approved and one FT Truancy staff will join the team. In addition, the Douglas County JDAI Coordinator and the Sherwood Foundation were extremely impressed with Sarpy County's Truancy PASS Program. Dick Shea and Michelle Siders met with representatives from the Sherwood Foundation and were encouraged to apply for grant funding from the Foundation to expand the Reporting Center and Truancy PASS Program. The grant was approved and additional personnel will be hired in the next few months. The Reporting Center will implement a Day Reporting Center which will supplement the Evening Reporting Center, assisting youth not only during the evening hours but during the day as well.

SECTION VII: PROJECT OPERATION

The Sarpy County Truancy (PASS) Program is a comprehensive, individualized approach which develops strategies to reduce and prevent truancy within the County. Critical components identified by the National Center for School Engagement are key elements of the Sarpy County Truancy Program. These critical components include; family involvement, a comprehensive approach focusing on prevention and intervention, use of incentives and sanctions, collaboration with the community, and support.

By decision of a Juvenile Court Judge or County Attorney the student is referred to the County Truancy Program. A Truancy staff member serves as a liaison with the schools and other appropriate individuals involved with the student. Truancy staff makes contact with the referred family and arranges to meet the youth and family in their home. Family involvement is one of the Critical Components identified by the National Center for School Engagement for successful truancy programs. Sarpy County has made it a priority to have the family involved in every step of the student's progress.

A meeting time is scheduled around school attendance and family work schedules. During this meeting, a family and youth interview takes place to assist in gathering information and reasons for truancy. Upon completion of the initial interview, a date is set within a week for a second meeting with Truancy Staff and the family. This meeting takes place at the family home or the Sarpy County Juvenile Reporting Center. Truancy staff collaborates with the schools to attain all needed contacts to gather class schedule, grades, attendance, IEP information and any additional information needed to assist in an appropriate attendance plan for the youth and family. According to the National Center for School Engagement, "school-community collaboration is an effective strategy for dropout prevention." Truancy Program staff review all information provided at the interview, by the Juvenile Court, and the youth's school. An action plan to work with the family is put into place.

Truancy Assessment

1. Student intake form/Truancy plan
2. Parent intake form/Service Plan

School Records

1. Discipline history
2. Attendance
3. Transcript
4. Educational testing

Results regarding the student's educational status is then discussed with parents/guardians. The meeting includes services in which the youth and parent(s) may attend in order to address the truancy issue. Family is made aware that program length is determined by the youth's successful school attendance.

If the family agrees to the program conditions, the Truancy Program Contract is signed. The contract is provided to the Juvenile Court and communication between the school, parents, and student is established for monitoring the truancy problem. The Court is provided a status report regarding youth's progress on a bi-weekly basis. If parents do not agree to the Program Contract, Juvenile Court is advised and the family is referred back to the Juvenile Court for further intervention.

Monitoring of youth's progress may consist of weekly visits to the family home, school visits and phone contact with both family and school officials. The amount of contact and visits is determined by family request, youth needs and overall program success.

Daily check of youth's attendance takes place. Truancy Program staff maintain current information regarding progress. Youth provide program staff a completed progress report signed by all teachers at the end of each week. Truancy staff provides the Juvenile Court, County Attorney and youth's attorney with a

memorandum detailing youth's performance every two weeks. If needed, cooperation memorandums may be sent requesting the courts attention and intervention. The following are incentives and sanctions which focus on prevention and interventions identified by the National Center for School Engagement as Critical Components for successful Truancy Programs.

Recommendations and Incentives for Truancy Reduction Programs

Parent Involvement –

1. Common Sense Parenting Classes
2. Referral for Community Services if necessary
3. Parent Support Group
4. Consistent family support from Truancy Program

Students- (Proposed possibilities)

1. Programs to reconnect student (extra-curricular/community activities)
2. Therapy
3. Training –
 - Assertiveness/Communication
 - Decision/Goal Setting
 - Anger/Conflict Management
 - Surviving High School
 - Resiliency and Character Education
4. Mentors
5. Tutoring Services
6. Recovery Credit for high school students
7. Monitor Compliance and Progress
8. Referral for alternative educational setting if needed
9. Academic/education specific testing services as needed
10. Supplies as needed such as: shoes to participate in school sports, alarm clocks, school supplies, back-packs.

All youth will be required to provide three reasonable goals they plan to accomplish within six months. Staff will assist the youth in coming up with an appropriate plan to achieve these goals.

Sanctions that may be issued for not attending School

- 1) Truancy staff will come to the home and escort youth to school.
- 2) Truancy staff will come to home and escort youth to the Juvenile Reporting Center for the day. Youth's school and parents will be notified. Youth will work with teaching staff during this day on homework and issues regarding truancy problem for that day.
- 3) Youth will have to call a designated answering machine daily for five days upon leaving for school.
- 4) Youth will attend a four hour Saturday School session with teaching staff or Reporting Center Staff. Youth will work on homework and reasons for truancy.
- 5) Youth will write brief paper regarding why education is important.
- 6) Youth will lose gaming system or cell phone.
- 7) Memo written to the Juvenile Court advising youth's status as unsuccessful.

Successful completion is accomplished upon one academic semester of positive school attendance. Documentation is provided to the Sarpy County Juvenile Court, County Attorney and youth's attorney. Documentation includes: youth attendance record, current grades in scheduled classes, completion certificates for program classes completed and any additional information pertinent to the completion of the program. Upon review of documentation and recommendation by Truancy Program staff, Sarpy County Juvenile Court determines the final decision on dismissing the truancy charge.

SECTION VIII: ACTIVITY/TIMELINE

Activity	Position Responsible	Time Frame	Projected Outcome
Complete Quarterly Report	Grant Coordinator, Juvenile Reporting Center Supervisor, Truancy Staff	October, January, April, July	Complete reports sent to Crime Commission on time.
Prepare Future Grant Application	Grant Coordinator, Juvenile Reporting Center Staff, Truancy Staff	November-December	Successful completion of grant application sent to Crime Commission on time.

SECTION IX: SUSTAINABILITY

New Applicants: N/A

Continuation Applicants: Explain other sources of funding which have emerged to support the project, if those funds will continue to be available, and how the project will be sustained when the five-year step down process is completed.

The Sarpy County Truancy (PASS) Program has the support of Sarpy County and the Sarpy County Education Program (SCEP) Board which consists of Superintendants from the five area school districts, the Sarpy County Sheriff, Sarpy County Attorney's Office, Sarpy County Probation, Sarpy County SAFE Chairman, and non-voting members which include the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Director, Sarpy County JJC Programs Supervisor, Sarpy County JJC Head Teacher and the SCEP Program Head Teacher. The SCEP Board has committed to support the program on a long term basis through funding secured from revenue generated in the Traffic Program.

Upon completion of the five year grant, the SCEP Board has indicated full support for the Program. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office fully supports the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Truancy Program. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, Sarpy County Juvenile Court, Sarpy County Attorney's Office, and the SCEP Board understand that juvenile crime will ultimately be reduced with the implementation of a successful Truancy Program. Research from the National Center for School Engagement (NCSE) shows that successful Truancy Programs operate within a supportive context which includes: an umbrella agency, neighborhoods, schools, and laws and policies.

In addition, Sarpy County has requested funding for additional staff in the LB561 grant and will continue to request funding for the Truancy Initiative in the future. Dick Shea and Michelle Siders have also been in contact with representatives from the Sherwood Foundation and they have agreed to fund an expansion of the Truancy Initiative through their grant process. The Sherwood Foundation will fund an additional teacher, an additional Juvenile Services Officer, and a PT Truancy attendant in order to implement a Juvenile Day Reporting Center which will supplement the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center.

Sarpy County has a successful record of sustaining programs which were initially awarded with start-up funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Juvenile Justice Reporting Center, Juvenile Justice Center Assessment Center, Pre-trial Juvenile Assessment Center, and The CARE Program are all examples of programs which were implemented with funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission and are currently being sustained by Sarpy County. With full support from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, Sarpy County Juvenile Court, Sarpy County Attorney's Office, and the SCEP Board, the Sarpy County Truancy Program will continue to operate to serve the youth of Sarpy County.

SECTION X: IDENTIFICATION OF PURPOSE AREAS

Check which purpose area[s] this application will address and indicate the amount of Title II funding that will be used in the area.

PURPOSE AREA	CHECK IF PROGRAM ADDRESSES THIS AREA	AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THIS AREA
<p>1. Aftercare/Reentry: Programs to prepare targeted juvenile offenders to successfully return to their communities after serving a period of secure confinement in a training school, juvenile correctional facility, or other secure institution. Aftercare programs focus on preparing juvenile offenders for release and providing a continuum of supervision and services after release.</p>		
<p>2. Alternatives to Detention: Alternative services provided to a juvenile offender in the community as an alternative to confinement.</p>		
<p>3. Child Abuse and Neglect Programs. Programs that provide treatment to juvenile victims of child abuse or neglect and to their families to reduce the likelihood that such juvenile offenders will commit subsequent violations of law.</p>		
<p>4. Children of Incarcerated Parents: Services to prevent delinquency or treat delinquent juveniles who are the children of incarcerated parents.</p>		
<p>5. Community Assessment Centers (CACs): Centers that lead to more integrated and effective cross-system services for juveniles and their families. CACs are designed to positively affect the lives of youth and divert them from a path of serious, violent, and chronic delinquency. Using a collaborative approach, CACs serve the community in a timely, cost-efficient, and comprehensive manner.</p>		
<p>6. Compliance Monitoring: Programs, research, staff support, or other activities primarily to enhance or maintain a state's ability to adequately monitor jails, detention facilities, and other facilities to assure compliance with Sections 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the JJDP Act.</p>		
<p>7. Court Services: Programs to encourage courts to develop and implement a continuum of pre- and post-adjudication restraints that bridge the gap between traditional probation and confinement in a correctional setting. Services include expanded use of probation, mediation, restitution, community service, treatment, home detention, intensive supervision, electronic monitoring, translation services and similar programs, and secure, community-based treatment facilities linked to other support services.</p>		
<p>8. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders: Programs, research, or other initiatives to eliminate or prevent the placement of accused or adjudicated status offenders and non-offenders in secure facilities, pursuant to Section 223(a)(11) of the JJDP Act.</p>		
<p>9. Delinquency Prevention: Programs, research, or other initiatives to prevent or reduce the incidence of delinquent acts and directed to youth at risk of</p>		

becoming delinquent to prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system or to intervene with first-time and non-serious offenders to keep them out of the juvenile justice system. This program area excludes programs targeted at youth already adjudicated delinquent, on probation, in corrections, and those programs designed specifically to prevent gang-related or substance abuse activities undertaken as part of program areas 12 and 32.		
10. Disproportionate Minority Contact: Programs, research, or other initiatives primarily to address the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, pursuant to Section 223(a)(22) of the JJDP Act.		
11. Diversion: Programs to divert juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system.		
12. Gangs: Programs, research, or other initiatives primarily to address issues related to juvenile gang activity. This program area includes prevention and intervention efforts directed at reducing gang-related activities.		
13. Gender-Specific Services: Services to address the needs of female offenders in the juvenile justice system.		
14. Graduated Sanctions: A system of sanctions that escalate in intensity with each subsequent, more serious delinquent offense.		
15. Gun Programs: Programs (excluding programs to purchase from juveniles) to reduce the unlawful acquisition and illegal use of guns by juveniles		
16. Hate Crimes: Programs to prevent and reduce hate crimes committed by juveniles.		
17. Jail Removal: Programs, research, or other initiatives to eliminate or prevent the placement of juveniles in adult jails and lockups, as defined in Section 223(a)(13) of the JJDP Act.		
18. Job Training: Projects to enhance the employability of juveniles or prepare them for future employment. Such programs may include job readiness training, apprenticeships, and job referrals.		
19. Juvenile Justice System Improvement: Programs, research, and other initiatives to examine issues or improve practices, policies, or procedures on a system-wide basis (e.g., examining problems affecting decisions from arrest to disposition and detention to corrections).		
20. Mental Health Services: Services include, but are not limited to, the development and/or enhancement of diagnostic, treatment, and prevention instruments; psychological and psychiatric evaluations; counseling services; and/or family support services.		
21. Mentoring: Programs to develop and sustain a one-to-one supportive relationship between a responsible adult age 18 or older (mentor) and an at-risk juvenile (mentee) that takes place on a regular basis.		
22. Indian Tribe Programs: Programs to address juvenile justice and delinquency prevention issues for Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives.		
23. Planning and Administration. Activities related to state plan development, other re-awarded activities, and administration of the Formula Grant Program, including evaluation, monitoring, and one full-time staff position pursuant to Section 222 (c) of the JJDP Act and the OJJDP Formula Grant Regulation.		
24. Probation: Programs to permit juvenile offenders to remain in their		

communities under conditions that the juvenile court prescribes.		
25. Restitution/Community Service: Programs to hold juveniles accountable for their offenses by requiring community service or repayment to the victim.		
26. Rural Area Juvenile Programs: Prevention, intervention, and treatment services in an area located outside a metropolitan statistical area as designated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.		
27. School Programs: Education programs and/or related services to prevent truancy, suspension, and expulsion. School safety programs may include support for school resource officers and law-related education.	X	\$33,553
28. Separation of Juveniles From Adult Inmates: Programs that ensure that juveniles will not be detained or confined in any institutions where they may come into contact with adult inmates, pursuant to Section 223(a)(12) of the JJDP Act.		
29. Serious Crime: Programs, research, or other initiatives to address serious and violent criminal-type behavior by youth. This program area includes intervention, treatment, and reintegration of serious and violent juvenile offenders.		
30. Sex Offender Programs: Programs to support the assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, supervision, and accountability of juvenile sex offenders.		
31. State Advisory Group Allocation: Activities related to carrying out the state advisory group's responsibilities under Section 223(a)(3) of the JJDP Act.		
32. Substance Abuse: Programs, research, or other initiatives to address the use and abuse of illegal and other prescription and nonprescription drugs and the use and abuse of alcohol. Programs include control, prevention, and treatment.		
33. Youth Advocacy: Projects to develop and implement advocacy activities focused on improving services for and protecting the rights of youth affected by the juvenile justice system.		
34. Youth or Teen Courts: Juvenile justice programs in which peers play an active role in the disposition of the juvenile offender. Most communities use youth courts as a sentencing option for first-time offenders charged with misdemeanor or nonviolent offenses who acknowledge their guilt. The youth court serves as an alternative to the traditional juvenile court.		
35. Strategic Community Action Planning: Programs and activities that bring together committed community leaders and residents to identify and access existing local resources for the development of a multifaceted response to juvenile justice issues.		

[The total should equal your predetermined grant amount]

TOTAL = \$33,553

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SECTION XI: BUDGET

CATEGORY A – PERSONNEL WORKSHEET

Position	Annual Salary	% Time Devoted	Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Requested Fringe	Match Fringe	TOTAL COSTS
PT Tuancy Officer	\$17,493	100%	\$15,158	\$2,335	\$17,493	\$2,325	\$359	\$20,177
PT Tuancy Officer	\$15,427	100%	\$13,368	\$2,059	\$15,427	\$2,069	\$317	\$17,813
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERSONNEL TOTAL								
			Amount Requested	Match	Subtotal	Fringe Requested	Fringe Match	TOTAL COSTS
			\$28,526	\$4,394	\$32,920	\$4,394	\$676	\$37,990

CATEGORY A – PERSONNEL NARRATIVE

Funding is being requested for two part time Truancy (PASS) Officers to provide comprehensive needs assessments and support to youth participating in the Sarpy County Truancy Program. Additionally, a portion of the salary and benefits will be used as in-kind match and will be provided by the Sarpy County General Budget.

Juvenile Truancy (PASS) Program Officers provide direct service to youths participating in the Truancy Program through comprehensive assessment intakes of youth and their families. Duties will include home visits, school visits, transportation, monitoring of grades and attendance. These positions will submit results and written recommendations to the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and Sarpy County Juvenile Court. These positions will be housed at the Juvenile Justice Reporting Center. Hours will consist of M-F 6:00 am-12:00 pm and 3:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Total Request: \$32,920 (Salary + Social Security + Retirement)

The Juvenile Justice Reporting Center will provide \$5,070 of the remaining portion of the salary/benefits (Social Security and Retirement) for the two PT Truancy personnel as an in-kind match. .

Total In-Kind Match Contribution: \$5,070

CATEGORY D – SUPPLIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES WORKSHEET

1. SUPPLIES:					
Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
SUPPLIES SUBTOTAL			\$	\$	\$

2. OPERATING EXPENSES – [Note Special Instructions]:				
	Rate[per month]	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Rent – Equipment		\$	\$	\$
Rent – Facilities		\$	\$	\$
Telephone – Cell Phone	\$74.50/month	\$633	\$261	\$894
Utilities		\$	\$	\$
Auto Lease		\$	\$	\$
Photo Copying		\$	\$	\$
Printing		\$	\$	\$
Non-consultant Contract Help				
Bookkeeping/Audit		\$	\$	\$
Other:		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
OPERATING EXPENSES SUBTOTAL		\$633	\$261	\$894

SUPPLIES/OPERATING TOTAL	\$633	\$261	\$894
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CATEGORY D – SUPPLIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES NARRATIVE

Truancy Staff Officers will require access to a cell phone in order to be contacted as needed by the Juvenile Justice Center and/or youth, school officials, counselors and therapists. Youth will be required to call the Truancy staff if they are ill or cannot make it to school for any reason. School officials will need to have a way to contact the Truancy staff if situations arise during school hours. Parents of youth will need to have a way to contact the staff to schedule appointments and discuss their child's progress. Two cell phones will be shared between the staff.

Total for cell phones is \$74.50/month x 12 months = \$894

Request: \$633 for a portion of the cell phone service

Match: \$261 of the remaining portion for cell phone service

Total Request for Supplies/Operating Expenses: \$633

SECTION XII: CONTINUATION INFORMATION

A. Complete the table provided for youth served for the past three years:

	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
Youth Referred	N/A	56	141
Youth Accepted into Program	N/A	56	141
Youth Completed Program [unduplicated]	N/A	30	64
Youth Continuing in Program [unduplicated]	N/A	25	65
Youth not completing the program, and why A. New Law Violation B. Drop Out C. Moved D. Other: _____	N/A	D. 1	A. 4 D. 8
TOTAL not completing the program		Total = 1	Total = 12
RACE			
White	N/A	47	121
American Indian or Alaskan Native	N/A	1	0
Asian	N/A	2	2
Black or African American	N/A	6	16
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	N/A	0	2
Total	N/A	56	141
ETHNICITY			
Hispanic	N/A	9	27
Non Hispanic	N/A	47	114
Total	N/A	56	141
GENDER			
Male	N/A	36	72
Female	N/A	20	69
Total	N/A	56	141
AGE			
9 and under	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	N/A	2	3
13	N/A	3	8
14	N/A	4	16
15	N/A	18	26
16	N/A	15	43
17	N/A	13	45
18 and over	N/A	1	0
Total	N/A	56	141

B. Describe the impact of the project on the community, agency, and client/family.

The project has brought school professionals, family and truancy staff together for the greater good of the youth served. Daily communication with school attendance professionals has provided new relationships between court professionals and school officials. Communication among the Truancy Program, school discipline officials and families have been of a positive nature. School officials continue to collaborate with the Truancy (PASS) Program by utilizing alternative discipline techniques as needed that will allow youth to remain in school. Previously, youth were given out of school suspension which further distances the youth from school. School professionals are now working with the program to keep the youth in the school setting, such as utilizing in-school suspension or after school detention for inappropriate behaviors. The program still struggles with some schools that allow out of school suspensions and youth to remain home unsupervised.

Weekly meetings take place with the PASS Program staff, and monthly meetings take place with area Education Administrators, Juvenile Court professionals, and community agencies. This allows for good communication flow and the ability to continue building ideas toward a successful transition, positive school attendance, and school relationships.

Parents appreciate that the program has many partners and can assist in finding answers to their questions not only for youth being served by the program but also for the siblings in the home. On many occasions, meetings are set up with the family and the school to build plans toward educational success and graduation. Financial assistance, mental health referrals, and food pantry referrals are often set up with the assistance of the PASS Program staff, thus helping the entire family.

C. Provide a success story about the project.

The PASS Program has worked collaboratively with the Justice Center therapist for mental health referrals and assistance. Another resource that has been greatly utilized by the PASS Program is Evening Reporting Center. This partnership has given many youth the opportunity to receive one on one tutoring in their studies, attend education classes, obtain recovery credit, and build positive relationships. From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, The Reporting Center accepted 123 referrals for 1,305 hours of service from the PASS Program. For this education year, 55 youth have been referred for 615 hours of service. This collaboration is a success and many youth are successful because of the time they have dedicated into receiving tutoring or participating in programs offered at the Center.

D. Describe any unanticipated challenges in implementation or operation of the project. How were these challenges addressed?

The PASS Program has grown in youth participation quite rapidly. As a result of this growth, the need for an additional part time staff member and a small Day Reporting Center has become imperative. The Program has determined some youth would greatly benefit from a smaller education environment. Many of these youth are in need of physical or mental health care, are very far behind in credits, or just thrive in a smaller one on one setting. The Day Reporting Center would collaborate with the youth's home school to provide supervision and educational services, assist in developing an educational plan to meet individual needs, and assist in scheduling needed appointments or visits with physical or mental health professionals. PASS Program youth who are suspended from school would attend the Center for supervision and studies. For these reasons, a grant application was completed requesting funding from the Sherwood Foundation for an additional PASS Program staff member, a teacher and one staff member to assist in the daily operations of a Day Reporting Center. This application was approved and funding was received for this next year. The sustainability of these new positions will continue to be developed as ideas are generated from the JADI work groups.

SECTION XIII: LETTERS OF COMMITMENT/SUPPORT

All letters of commitment and support are to be submitted as part of this application. Letters submitted separately from the application will **NOT** be considered. Submit no more than five [5] letters. Letters may be addressed to: Michael E. Behm, Executive Director c/o Nebraska Crime Commission.

SECTION XIV: REQUIRED FORMS

Read the following required forms and have them signed by the Authorized Official for the grant application.

1. CERTIFIED ASSURANCES
2. CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTER; AND DRUG-FREE WORPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The Authorized Official is the following:

Counties: County Board Chair
Cities: Mayor, City Administrator
Non-Profit: Board Chair or Vice-Chair [not agency director].
State: State Agency Director

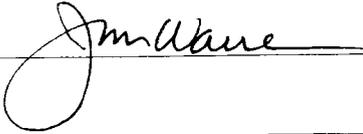
CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

State Juvenile Services Funds

1. **PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** The Crime Commission expects that the subgrantee will procure such special equipment being purchased in whole or in part with grant funds by that method, authorized by state law or local ordinance, which results in the lowest price for goods of the kinds or type required.
2. **NON-SUPPLANTING REQUIREMENT:** The applicant assures that state grant funds made available under the state juvenile services funds will not be used to supplant existing funds, but will be used to enhance or expand services.
3. **BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY AND USE BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED:** Any construction, design or alteration of a building or facility which will be used by the public or which may result in the employment or residence of physically handicapped persons shall provide for accessibility and use to physically handicapped persons through appropriate items such as ramps, handrails, guardrails as required by 42 U.S.C. 4152 1970 and 34 Fed. Ref. 12828 1969.
4. **REPORTS:** The applicant assures that it shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports, in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Crime Commission may require. The applicant agrees to submit all required reports in a timely manner. The applicant agrees to submit financial reports and progress reports indicating activities undertaken, expenditures, and general progress of the project. A final report [using the same report forms] is required to be submitted at the end of the project period. The final report will include data necessary to verify the success or failure of the project.
5. **ACCOUNTING:** The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the Nebraska Crime Commission shall prescribe will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the victim assistance grant program.
6. **RECORD KEEPING:** The applicant assures that it shall maintain required data and information and shall submit required reports deemed necessary by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
7. **CERTIFICATION:** The applicant certifies that the programs contained in its application meet all the requirements, that all the information is correct, that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies, and that the applicant will comply with all provisions of applicable state laws.
8. **SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, non-Federal entities expending \$500,000 or more a year from all federal sources shall have a single organization-wide audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133. Non-federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal dollars from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year. However, financial records must be maintained in an acceptable accounting system and be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of Federal, state or local agencies.
9. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:** No recipient of monies under the Juvenile Services Act shall use or reveal any research or statistical information or other type of information acquired or furnished under this program by any person/juvenile and identifiable to any specific private person/juvenile for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the Act.
10. **ADHERENCE TO LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The applicant also understands and agrees: [1] that funds received are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget, [2] that the grant may be terminated by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice if the applicant fails to comply with all provisions and all amendments thereto, any of the certified assurances listed above, or any other requirements of the Crime Commission.
11. **OTHER CONDITIONS:** The applicant also understands and agrees: [1] that funds awarded are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget; [2] that the grant may be terminated in whole or in part by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at any time that the Commission finds a substantial failure to comply with the provisions or regulations promulgated there under including these grant conditions; [4] that appropriate grant records and accounts will be maintained and made available for audit as prescribed by the Commission; and [5] that the appropriate share of the total costs of this project shall be contributed by the Applicant from non-federal funds which are not being used in connection with any other program which is receiving federal financial assistance.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances and the applicant will comply with all provisions and requirements of the Crime Commission, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 [as amended] and all other applicable federal and state laws.

[SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL] 	
[DATE] December 10, 2013	
[TYPED NAME] Jim Warren	[TITLE] Chairman, Board of Commissioners
[TELEPHONE NUMBER] 402-593-4155	

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTER; AND DRUG-FREE WORPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension [Non procurement] and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace [Grants]." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

[a] No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

[b] If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - L.L.L. "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

[c] The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers [including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts] and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS [DIRECT RECIPIENT]

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transaction, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510-

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

[a] Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State of Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department of agency;

[b] Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public [Federal, State, or local] transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

[c] Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity [Federal, State, or local] with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph [1][b] of this certification; and

[d] Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions [Federal, State or local] terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE [GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS]

The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

B. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about

[a] The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

[b] The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

[c] Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

[d] The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;

C. Notifying the employee in the statement that the employee will:

[a] Abide by the terms of the statement; and

[b] Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such convictions;

The subgrantee shall notify the Crime Commission in writing of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

The subgrantee certifies that it will take one or more of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice of the conviction:

A. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

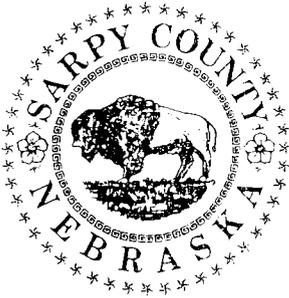
B. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purpose by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

The subgrantee certifies that it will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

Sarpy County, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE 68046
Organization Name and Address

Jim Warren, Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Jim Warren 12-10-13
Signature Date



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L. Kenneth Polikov
Sarpy County Attorney

November 21, 2013

Michael E. Behm, Executive Director
Nebraska Crime Commission
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Behm and Crime Commission members:

Please accept this letter of support for the Sarpy County Truancy Program. I am a Deputy Sarpy County Attorney assigned to the Juvenile Court, and I believe the Sarpy County Truancy Program addresses a very difficult problem in a meaningful manner.

Although we all recognize that truancy is an important issue, it is also one of the most difficult to resolve. There are a myriad of underlying causes for truancy, although mental health problems and alcohol or drug use by the student or parent are two very common problems we see. Many youth have experienced years of educational neglect by the parent starting at a young age that has left the student so far behind in school that they are not experiencing any success, and they feel it is hopeless to continue attending. There is no easy fix for truancy.

The Sarpy County Truancy Program implemented by the Juvenile Justice Center has had amazing success with this difficult issue. The intense supervision combined with other identified individual services provided to the parents and students is working to correct what often has been a long-standing problem for the youth who have been referred to this program. Additional funding for the truancy project will allow these services to continue to help those who are referred to the program, and there will be a positive impact on Sarpy County.

I am enthusiastic about this program, and I am very impressed with the progress that has been made with youth in the PASS program. This is a program worthy of your support. Thank you for your consideration of additional funding for this program.

Sincerely,



Sandra Markley
Deputy Sarpy County Attorney.



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November 20, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the Sarpy County Truancy Program has applied for a grant from the Crime Commission. Please be advised that this application has my strongest support.

Truancy continues to be an issue in Sarpy as well as other counties. Truancy contributes to class failure, drop-out rates, increase in criminal behavior and illegal use of substances. The Sarpy County Truancy Program has been successful with working with parents to build stronger parenting skills and implementing structure and consequences for their children. In addition, the youth have benefitted by the tutoring programs and therapy, when needed, as well as transportation to and from tutoring.

I would also note that Sarpy County has a strong history of sustaining programs that have received Crime Commission grants. Our CARE program, Juvenile Justice Center Assessment Center, and the Juvenile Reporting Center all received Crime Commission grants and are flourishing today. Additional funds are crucial to our expansion of this program.

I appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Robert B. O'Neal, Judge
Separate Juvenile Court

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November 14, 2014

Mr. Michael E. Behm
Executive Director
Nebraska Crime Commission

Dear Mr. Behm:

At the last SCEP (Sarpy County Educational Program) Board meeting we discussed the Truancy Grant Application. The SCEP Board voted to support the Grant Application.

We are in complete support of the Truancy Grant and believe it will assist our school districts in Sarpy County. This is a very innovative program being led by the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department Juvenile Services Division. The Superintendents of Schools within Sarpy County have been in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department in the development of the Grant. The SCEP Board is prepared and committed to provide on-going financial support for the Truancy Program once Grant funding ends.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Davis
Chairman-SCEP Board

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November 13, 2013

Re: Truancy Program Grant Application

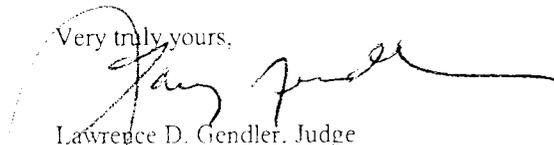
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Sarpy County's grant application to support a recent truancy initiative. I know all of us within the system are keenly aware of the issues surrounding school truancy. Over the years we have tried to aggressively address these issues with continued court supervision and collaborating with our school districts (we have six districts located within our county; Omaha, Millard, Papillion-LaVista, Springfield, Bellevue, and Gretna).

Our newest approach allows for creative supervision tailored to the student's needs without incurring additional court time. The success of our alternative education program, operated on the campus of our juvenile detention center, allows us to continue working with these school districts and implementing the right match of supervision and resources. These resources include our evening reporting center, individual instruction, therapy, and other support services for the benefit of the student and their family.

Because of the Crime Commission's past support, we have been able to establish a number of effective programs that continue to this day. They include our juvenile house arrest program (with four levels allowing for a minor's removal prior to a court hearing), our detention facility, and our evening reporting center (which includes programs for wellness, cultural sensitivity, MRT, and victim empathy). All of these programs are now supported independently because of their value to the system and the results they have achieved. I am certain our newest truancy initiative will be equally successful and I hope you will give the application due consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,



Lawrence D. Gendler, Judge
Separate Juvenile Court

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