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Indiana Department of Child Services

Child Welfare Provider Stabilization Grants

Background:

The child welfare provider stabilization fund was appropriated in FY 2024 to allow the Department of Child Services to provide \$30 million in total grant awards to child welfare service providers to support increased wages for direct-care staff. DCS was tasked to grant awards to community-based providers, residential treatment service providers, and licensed child-placing agencies located in Indiana for the purpose of improving direct-care staff recruitment and retention. A total of 115 applications were received by the deadline of August 18, 2023, requesting a total of \$80,755,863.93 (270% of available funding).

Scoring Methodology:

Six DCS employees served on the review panel for grant applications. They were asked to score each of the four application questions and the budget request up to 20 points each, for a maximum total of 100 points per application. A business compliance score was calculated and weighted evenly with the six reviewers' scores. The applicant pool was then sorted from high to low based on the average of all seven scores.

Based on the value of items in each application budget, the six reviewers also recommended the amount of funding an applicant should receive. These recommended funding levels were averaged for calculation of those receiving funding up to the available \$30 million appropriation.

Recommendations:

In final recommendations, 98 successful applicants were identified to share a portion of the funding. To support as many providers as possible, a ceiling was established that no award would exceed 5% of the total available funding (\$1.5M), with the average award amount as \$306,122.45.

Total Award Amount by Provider	
Grantee Organization	Total Award Amount
Adult and Child Mental Health Center, Inc	\$ 110,000.00
Advocacy Links LLC	\$ 150,000.00
Amani Family Services	\$ 50,000.00
Ascent 121	\$ 20,000.00
Aspire Indiana, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00

Associates in Counseling and Psychotherapy	\$ 200,000.00
Bashor Home of the United Methodist Church Inc.	\$ 1,300,000.00
Bauer Family Resources Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Benchmark Family Services, Inc.	\$ 850,000.00
Birth to Five, Inc.	\$ 15,000.00
Blue River Services, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
BPW LLC	\$ 70,000.00
Bridges Counseling and Family Services Center, LLC	\$ 35,000.00
Caring Corner LLC	\$ 60,000.00
Centerstone Indiana	\$ 270,000.00
Childplace, Inc.	\$ 860,000.00
Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, Inc.	\$ 700,000.00
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	\$ 210,000.00
Connections, Inc.	\$ 80,000.00
Counseling Partners LLC	\$ 90,000.00
Crisis Center, Inc.	\$ 260,000.00
Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc.	\$ 650,000.00
Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Damar Services, Inc.	\$ 1,500,000.00
Debra Corn Specialized Family Care	\$ 30,000.00
Dockside Services, LLC	\$ 250,000.00
Dunebrook, Inc.	\$ 150,000.00
Family & Children's Place, Inc.	\$ 10,000.00
Family and Community Partners, LLC	\$ 400,000.00
Family and Community Solutions, LLC	\$ 100,000.00
Family Centered Services, Inc	\$ 70,000.00
Family Focus, Inc.	\$ 300,000.00
Family Interventions Inc.	\$ 60,000.00
Family Links	\$ 90,000.00
Family Service Association of Howard County, Inc.	\$ 60,000.00
Family Solutions, Inc	\$ 100,000.00
Family Time, Inc.	\$ 200,000.00
Family Works, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
Firefly Children & Family Alliance	\$ 1,500,000.00
Gateway Woods Family Services	\$ 185,000.00
George Junior Republic in Indiana	\$ 300,000.00
Gibault Children's Services and Campagna Academy	\$ 750,000.00
Glasshouse Visitation & Nurturing Center	\$ 50,000.00
Grant Blackford Mental Health dba Radiant Health Services	\$ 50,000.00
Haven Focused LLC	\$ 90,000.00
Healthy Family Advocates LLC	\$ 95,000.00
Helping Hands LLC	\$ 60,000.00
Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	\$ 150,000.00

Indiana Developmental Training Center of Lafayette dba TC Harris School	\$ 750,000.00
Indiana MENTOR, National Mentor Healthcare LLC	\$ 350,000.00
Indiana United Methodist Children's Home	\$ 500,000.00
Ireland Home Based Services, LLC	\$ 1,500,000.00
KidsPeace National Centers of North America, Inc.	\$ 400,000.00
L.A.S.E.R. Project Inc	\$ 70,000.00
LaPorte County Comprehensive Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Swanson Center	\$ 35,000.00
Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc.	\$ 1,200,000.00
Lotus Family Services	\$ 60,000.00
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana/Kentucky, Inc.	\$ 950,000.00
Lutheran Social Services, Inc.	\$ 40,000.00
Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana	\$ 350,000.00
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	\$ 700,000.00
New Hope Services	\$ 170,000.00
Noble Transitions LLC	\$ 90,000.00
North Star Services, LLC	\$ 150,000.00
Oaklawn Psychiatric Center Inc	\$ 1,000,000.00
Omni Visions, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
Open Door Youth Services Floyd County	\$ 100,000.00
Pathway International Incorporated	\$ 300,000.00
Promising Futures	\$ 15,000.00
Providence House	\$ 100,000.00
PWA and Spencer Home, LLC	\$ 300,000.00
RainTree Consulting, LLC	\$ 300,000.00
Rite of Passage, Inc.	\$ 500,000.00
Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center, Emergency Shelter Care	\$ 75,000.00
Rrairie LLC	\$ 50,000.00
Safe Response, LLC	\$ 200,000.00
Salvation Army Harbor Light Center	\$ 5,000.00
SCAN, Inc.	\$ 660,000.00
Sky Point Social Services	\$ 80,000.00
Solid Rock Family Services	\$ 40,000.00
Southlake Community Mental Health Center dba Regional Health Systems	\$ 150,000.00
Southlake/Tri-city dba Geminus Corporation	\$ 300,000.00
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Indiana, Inc. (SAFY of IN)	\$ 360,000.00
Stepping Stone Therapy Center LLC	\$ 260,000.00
Take Back Control Inc.	\$ 110,000.00
The Behavioral Center	\$ 40,000.00
The Otis R Bowen Center	\$ 610,000.00
The United Methodist Youth Home, Inc	\$ 200,000.00
The Villages of Indiana, Inc.	\$ 960,000.00
The Youth Service Bureau of Jay County, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00

Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana	\$ 100,000.00
Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center	\$ 500,000.00
Youth Encouragement Services	\$ 100,000.00
Youth Opportunity Center	\$ 1,500,000.00
Youth Service Bureau of Porter County, Inc dba Family & Youth Services Bureau	\$ 30,000.00
Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County	\$ 50,000.00
Youth Villages	\$ 450,000.00
Total	\$ 30,000,000.00

By service type, 48% of funding supports Community and Home-Based services, 40% supports Residential Care services, and 12% supports Foster Care services. Awards by service type are in the following tables, with some providers funded for multiple service types:

Total Award Amount by Service and Provider	
Grantees for Community & Home-Based Services, total funding \$14,498,400	
Adult and Child Mental Health Center, Inc	\$ 110,000.00
Advocacy Links LLC	\$ 150,000.00
Amani Family Services	\$ 50,000.00
Ascent 121	\$ 10,000.00
Aspire Indiana, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
Associates in Counseling and Psychotherapy	\$ 200,000.00
Bauer Family Resources Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Birth to Five, Inc.	\$ 15,000.00
Blue River Services, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
BPW LLC	\$ 70,000.00
Bridges Counseling and Family Services Center, LLC	\$ 35,000.00
Caring Corner LLC	\$ 60,000.00
Centerstone Indiana	\$ 270,000.00
Childplace, Inc.	\$ 17,200.00
Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, Inc.	\$ 658,000.00
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	\$ 210,000.00
Connections, Inc.	\$ 80,000.00
Counseling Partners LLC	\$ 90,000.00
Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc.	\$ 58,500.00
Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Damar Services, Inc.	\$ 270,000.00
Dockside Services, LLC	\$ 237,500.00
Dunebrook, Inc.	\$ 150,000.00

Family & Children's Place, Inc.	\$ 10,000.00
Family and Community Partners, LLC	\$ 400,000.00
Family and Community Solutions, LLC	\$ 100,000.00
Family Centered Services, Inc	\$ 70,000.00
Family Focus, Inc.	\$ 300,000.00
Family Interventions Inc.	\$ 60,000.00
Family Links	\$ 90,000.00
Family Service Association of Howard County, Inc.	\$ 60,000.00
Family Solutions, Inc	\$ 100,000.00
Family Time, Inc.	\$ 200,000.00
Family Works, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
Firefly Children & Family Alliance	\$ 1,065,000.00
George Junior Republic in Indiana	\$ 300,000.00
Glasshouse Visitation & Nurturing Center	\$ 50,000.00
Grant Blackford Mental Health dba Radiant Health Services	\$ 50,000.00
Haven Focused LLC	\$ 90,000.00
Healthy Family Advocates LLC	\$ 95,000.00
Helping Hands LLC	\$ 60,000.00
Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	\$ 72,000.00
Ireland Home Based Services, LLC	\$ 1,500,000.00
L.A.S.E.R. Project Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
LaPorte County Comprehensive Mental Health Council dba Swanson Center	\$ 35,000.00
Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc.	\$ 1,200,000.00
Lotus Family Services	\$ 60,000.00
Lutheran Social Services, Inc.	\$ 40,000.00
Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana	\$ 350,000.00
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	\$ 329,000.00
New Hope Services	\$ 170,000.00
Noble Transitions LLC	\$ 90,000.00
North Star Services, LLC	\$ 150,000.00
Oaklawn Psychiatric Center Inc	\$ 140,000.00
Omni Visions, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
Pathway International Incorporated	\$ 300,000.00
Promising Futures	\$ 15,000.00
Providence House	\$ 72,000.00
RainTree Consulting, LLC	\$ 300,000.00
Rrairie LLC	\$ 50,000.00
SCAN, Inc.	\$ 660,000.00
Sky Point Social Services	\$ 80,000.00
Solid Rock Family Services	\$ 40,000.00
Southlake Community Mental Health Center dba Regional Health Systems	\$ 150,000.00

Southlake/Tri-city dba Geminus Corporation	\$ 300,000.00
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Indiana, Inc. (SAFY of IN)	\$ 118,800.00
Stepping Stone Therapy Center LLC	\$ 260,000.00
Take Back Control Inc.	\$ 110,000.00
The Behavioral Center	\$ 40,000.00
The Otis R Bowen Center	\$ 610,000.00
The United Methodist Youth Home, Inc	\$ 102,000.00
The Villages of Indiana, Inc.	\$ 134,400.00
The Youth Service Bureau of Jay County, Inc.	\$ 51,000.00
Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana	\$ 58,000.00
Youth Opportunity Center	\$ 60,000.00
Youth Services Bureau of Porter County dba Family & Youth Services Bureau	\$ 30,000.00
Youth Villages	\$ 450,000.00
Community & Home-Based Services Total	\$ 14,498,400.00

Grantees for Residential Services, total funding \$12,024,950	
Ascent 121	\$ 10,000.00
Bashor Home of the United Methodist Church Inc.	\$ 1,300,000.00
Blue River Services, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Childplace, Inc.	\$ 817,000.00
Crisis Center, Inc.	\$ 260,000.00
Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc.	\$ 591,500.00
Damar Services, Inc.	\$ 1,035,000.00
Firefly Children & Family Alliance	\$ 390,000.00
Gateway Woods Family Services	\$ 142,450.00
Gibault Children's Services and Campagna Academy	\$ 750,000.00
Hillcrest Washington Youth Home	\$ 78,000.00
Indiana Developmental Training Center of Lafayette dba TC Harris School	\$ 750,000.00
Indiana United Methodist Children's Home	\$ 500,000.00
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana/Kentucky, Inc.	\$ 950,000.00
Oaklawn Psychiatric Center Inc	\$ 860,000.00
Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc.	\$ 54,000.00
Open Door Youth Services Floyd County	\$ 100,000.00
PWA and Spencer Home	\$ 300,000.00
Providence House	\$ 28,000.00
Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center, Emergency Shelter Care	\$ 75,000.00
Rite of Passage, Inc.	\$ 500,000.00

Safe Response, LLC	\$ 200,000.00
Salvation Army Harbor Light Center	\$ 5,000.00
The United Methodist Youth Home, Inc	\$ 98,000.00
The Youth Service Bureau of Jay County, Inc.	\$ 49,000.00
Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana	\$ 42,000.00
Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center	\$ 500,000.00
Youth Encouragement Services	\$ 100,000.00
Youth Opportunity Center	\$ 1,440,000.00
Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County	\$ 50,000.00
Residential Services Total	\$ 12,024,950.00

Grantees for Foster Care Services, total funding \$3,476,650	
Benchmark Family Services, Inc.	\$ 850,000.00
Childplace, Inc.	\$ 25,800.00
Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, Inc.	\$ 42,000.00
Damar Services, Inc.	\$ 195,000.00
Debra Corn Specialized Family Care	\$ 30,000.00
Dockside Services, LLC	\$ 12,500.00
Firefly Children & Family Alliance	\$ 45,000.00
Gateway Woods Family Services	\$ 42,550.00
Indiana MENTOR, National Mentor Healthcare LLC	\$ 350,000.00
KidsPeace National Centers of North America, Inc.	\$ 400,000.00
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.	\$ 371,000.00
Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc.	\$ 46,000.00
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Indiana, Inc. (SAFY of IN)	\$ 241,200.00
The Villages of Indiana, Inc.	\$ 825,600.00
Foster Care Services Total	\$ 3,476,650.00

Next Steps:

Based on the timeline established for this grant program, award announcements were made on November 1, 2023, allowing the DCS Contracts division to develop and execute grant awards by the beginning of calendar year 2024. All grant funds must be expended within 18 months of contract execution.