



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

To: Youth Service Bureau Directors

From: Steven Smith, Program Supervisor

Date: July 3, 2019

Subject: **Youth Service Bureau 2019-2021 Enhancement Grant Funding**

As you are all aware, passage of the State Fiscal Year 2020 State budget included increased funding for enhancement of the Youth Service Bureau program. Again in an effort to be mindful of the funding constraints that each Bureau is under, the Department is committed to finalizing the enhancement application process and awarding funding for the coming fiscal year(s) as soon as is practically possible. To that end, the Department has made the determination to mirror the historical State Department of Education application process for these enhancement funds as much as possible to ensure that we are utilizing a process familiar to each Bureau.

Enhancement funds will be distributed once the SFY 2020 Grant Calculations are processed and approved. The purpose of these enhancement funds is to enhance existing direct services to youth in the areas of:

- **Individual and Group Counseling**
- **Parent Training and Family Therapy**
- **Work Placement and Employment Counseling**
- **Alternative and Special Education Programs**
- **Juvenile Review Boards**
- **Recreational and Youth Enrichment Programs**
- **Outreach Program**
- **Prevention Programs, including youth pregnancy, youth suicide, violence and alcohol and drug prevention**
- **Positive Youth Development Programs**

Funds can also be used for maintenance fees associated with use of a web-based data collection tool. As per Connecticut general Statute Section 10-19q, funds will be distributed based on the municipality population size (gathered from the most recent (2017) Connecticut State Census). Specific allocation can be found in Attachment A.

Grant funds may be utilized to offer youth any or all of the program services outlined in Connecticut general Statute 10-19m.

Grant funds may not supplant already existing funding for the same program services. In order to facilitate funds for distribution, please submit the following:

1. One (1) page Abstract indicating which direct service option will be supported by the funds (See Attachment B).

2. Budget and Budget Narrative for the use of funds in SFY 2020 (see Attachment C).
The application (Abstract, Budget and Narrative), must be received, via email, by **3:00PM** on **August 12, 2019** to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Steve Smith.