

# **Attachment #1**

# NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

OPERATING INSTRUCTION  
NUMBER 36

October 27, 1995

## NEBRASKA JUVENILE COURT REPORTING PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To specify policies and procedures for the Nebraska Juvenile Court Reporting Program.

1. **SCOPE:** Applicable to Commission members and staff.
2. **GENERAL:** The Commission collects, compiles, and publishes information concerning juveniles processed by courts with juvenile jurisdiction in Nebraska. Voluntary cooperation by courts and juvenile probation personnel in submitting this information has made juvenile justice information available agencies and individuals concerned with juvenile involvement in the criminal justice system.
3. **PROCEDURES:**
  - (A) County courts, juvenile probation offices, or other agencies designated by the county court are requested to submit monthly information to the Commission regarding the number and characteristics of juvenile cases referred to each court having juvenile jurisdiction in Nebraska.
  - (B) A form supplied by the Commission is used for the purpose described in (A) above. No personal identifying information such as name or address or other personal identifier is collected or recorded. The Commission provides an instruction manual and other related assistance to the agencies submitting forms to insure consistent procedures in all jurisdictions. Other formats of submission, including submitting data electronically, may be considered. Submission in any format other than the forms provided by the Commission must be approved prior to submission.
  - (C) The Commission shall compile, publish, and distribute annual reports of Nebraska juvenile court activity, and will, upon request provide periodic reports of detailed juvenile activity.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Statistical Analysis Center Director and Juvenile Justice Division Chief will coordinate the submission of forms, compilation and analysis of information, and preparation and distribution of reports concerning the Juvenile Court Reporting Program.

ALLEN L. CURTIS  
Executive Director

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Supersedes OI #36 dated March 27, 1981

# **Attachment #2**

# NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

OPERATING INSTRUCTION  
NUMBER 21

~~September 29, 2008~~  
May 6, 2016

## ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES

**PURPOSE:** To provide guidance and instructions governing attendance at conferences.

1. **SCOPE:** Applicable to members of any Commission committee, council or board and to all agency staff.
2. **GENERAL:** The Commission receives numerous requests for attendance at conferences. Each request will be carefully evaluated to ensure maximum benefit will occur.
3. **PROCEDURES - MEMBERS OF ANY COMMISSION COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OR BOARD:**
  - A. A member may be reimbursed for attending a conference related to Commission interests and/or committee assignment. Reimbursement is governed by Nebraska Revised Statute §81-1174 through 81-1182.01. The following will apply:
    1. If the member would normally attend as representing his or her agency, expenses are to be paid by that agency or by the member.
    2. If the member desires to represent the Commission and so registers for the conference, reimbursement will be provided by the Commission, if prior approval is obtained from the Executive Director or recorded in the minutes of the committee's meeting.
    3. Travel expense policies and procedures for Commission staff and members of Commission committees, councils, and boards is explained in detail in Staff Memorandum #10-2.
4. **PROCEDURES - STAFF:**
  - A. Staff requests for attendance at conferences will be referred to their Division Chief or immediate supervisor. Attendance may be limited to one individual who will report activities to the staff and Commission.
  - B. Staff may accept committee appointments or conference assignments as approved by the Executive Director and either their Division Chief or the Training Center Director.

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- C. All requests to attend in-state conferences will be approved by the Division Chief, the Training Center Director or the Executive Director. Attendance at an out-of-state conference and travel will be approved by the Executive Director and either the Division Chief or Training Center Director.

~~Michael E. Behm~~  
Darrell Fisher  
Executive Director

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Distribution: Commission Members, all agency staff,  
and members of Commission committees, boards and councils.  
Supersedes: OI#21, dated May 5, 1995—September 29, 2008

# **Attachment #3**

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April 25, 2016

Nebraska Crime Commission  
301 Centennial Mall South  
P.O. Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946

Members of the Crime Commission:

I am writing this in my capacity as Chairperson of the Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council. The council met on April 6, 2016, to review the County Attorneys Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Attendance Reports and other records submitted by the County Attorneys and Deputy County Attorneys for 2015. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of those County Attorneys and Deputy County Attorneys who did not report any CLE hours for 2015.

The following individual did not file a County Attorney CLE Attendance Report for 2015:

- Thomas Gross                      Scottsbluff County

accordingly, they are not in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1217. We bring this to the Crime Commission's attention for action in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1219.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth F. Waterman, Chairperson  
Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

# **Attachment #4**

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The following individuals filed County Attorneys CLE Attendance Reports for 2015 and are requesting extensions to complete the deficiencies in 2016:

- Brent Quadt	Adams County	.5 hr. CAC
- Joseph Abler	Antelope County	1.25 hrs.
- Malina Dobson	Douglas County	20 hrs.
- Paulette Merrell	Douglas County	4 hrs.
- George Vinton	Hooker County	.5 hr.
- Steve Schmidt	Lancaster County	1 hr. CAC
- Steve Vinton	Logan County	4 hrs.
- Louie Ligouri	Nemaha County	4.5 hrs.

- Amy Miller	Pierce County	6 hrs.
- Lee Polikov	Sarpy County	4.5 hrs.
- Aaron Conn	Sheridan County	1.5 hr. CAC

The County Attorney Standards Advisory Council voted to recommend the Crime Commission approve the requested extensions to allow these individuals to complete the required amount and type of CLE hours by June 1, 2016.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth F. Waterman, Chairperson  
Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

# **Attachment #5**

**NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION**  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CLE ATTENDANCE REPORT \***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY EMPLOYED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF HIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY 1, 20\_\_\_\_ THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 20\_\_\_\_

APPROVED COURSES ATTENDED DURING THIS PERIOD			
SPONSORING AGENCY	NAME OF COURSE	ATTENDANCE DATES	NO. HOURS ATTENDED

TOTAL HOURS ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_

SELF-INSTRUCTION/TRAINING RECEIVED DURING THIS PERIOD **			
TRAINING TITLE & PRESENTER	MEANS OF PRESENTATION	TRAINING DATES	HOURS OF TRAINING

TOTAL HOURS SELF-INSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

Radar training requirement(1 hour) met in first year of office?      YES \_\_\_      NO \_\_\_

Investigation & prosecution of crimes against children training requirement met?  
 (8 hours during first 2 years and 1 hour each following year?)      YES \_\_\_      NO \_\_\_

**I swear or affirm that the information herein, is to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

Mailing Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946 (402) 471-2194

\* This report is required to be submitted by January 31 of each year.  
 \*\*Up to 5 hours of self-instruction/training is allowable annually.

# **Attachment #6**

## 2016 Office of Violence Prevention Grant

Number	Agency (Program Title)	City	2016 Amount Requested	Amount Recommended Staff Review	Amount Recommended Board
16-VP-5000	African Aid Initiative (Refugee Youth Mentorship and Parental Engagement)	Omaha	\$ 288,370.00	\$ -	\$0
16-VP-5001	Banister's Leadership (The Night LIFE)	Omaha	\$ 30,000.00	\$63,965	\$63,965
16-VP-5002	NorthStar Foundation (Athletic Engagement & Outreach Project)	Omaha	\$ 28,000.00	\$0	\$0
16-VP-5003	Father Flanagan's Boystown (SOVIP Community Coordinator and Back to school bash)	Omaha	\$ 26,748.00	\$24,648	\$24,648
16-VP-5004	Center for Holistic Development (Urban Youth BOLT)	Omaha	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
16-VP-5005	City of Omaha (PACE)	Omaha	\$ 29,168.00	\$29,168	\$29,168
16-VP-5006	Hope Center for Kids (Village Basketball Alliance)	Omaha	\$ 82,906.00	\$80,679	\$65,679
16-VP-5007	Black Men United (intro to the trades and soft skills Development)	Omaha	\$ 308,614.00	\$ -	\$0
16-VP-5008	University of Nebraska Board of regents UNMC (Eval of Hospital Based Violence Prevention Program)	Omaha	\$ 75,286.00	\$ 68,236.00	\$ 69,540.00
16-VP-5009	Lancaster County (Operation Tipping Point)	Lincoln	\$ 219,360.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
16-VP-5010	Empowerment Network(Omaha 360 and Step up Omaha)	Omaha	\$ 105,385.00	\$ -	\$0
16-VP-5011	Urban League of NE ( Community Coach YES)	Omaha	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$0
16-VP-5012	La Casa del pueblo	Omaha	\$ 1,367,802.00	\$ 323,696.00	\$ 350,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Available			\$ (1,017,802.00)	\$ 26,304.00	\$0
Remaining					

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** African Aid initiative

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5000

**Title:** Refugee Youth Mentorship & Parental Eng.

**Amount Requested:** \$ 288,370.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p>Application is recommended for denial based on Operating Instruction #10:            007.02C: Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application.            007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.            007.02G Amount of funds available</p>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Great Objectives and outcome measures with a large number of youth served
2. Newly founded community based agency that recently just received 501c status

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Portion of salaries desired do not equal percentage of time dedicated to program
2. No justification and explanation of expenses i.e. travel, other cost ect
3. Some outcome measures seem unattainable or measurable
4. Cost to operate program extremely high
5. Clarity of application
6. Inconsistency in demographics served
7. Lacked local partnerships and collaborations
8. Sustainability of program not addressed in application
9. Assessment to demonstrate effectiveness would strengthen application (A plan to get the program evaluated would be recommended)
10. Overall, not clear how program reduced violence.
11. Be specific about how program works. What about the program causes the change in youth?

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**Applicant: Banister's Leadership Academy**

**Grant #: 16-VP-5001**

**Title: The Night LIFE**

**Amount Requested: \$ 30,000.00**

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\$0	<p>Application is recommended for denial based on Operating Instruction #10:                      007.02C: Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application.                      007.02G Amount of funds available</p>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Providing youth positive life skills during active crime hours
2. Program covers a wide range of ages from KG-11<sup>th</sup> Grade.
3. Follows the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model concerning core strategies.
4. Leadership plan and CHESS goal sheet innovative.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Clarity of application
2. Application claims to be a new program however very similar to previous applications
3. Sustainability of program not addressed in application
4. Overall, not clear how program reduced violence in North and South Omaha.
5. Be specific about how program works. What about the program causes the change in youth?
6. An explanation of the data that will be collected and how that will determine what success of the program will look like.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant: NorthStar Foundation**

**Grant #: 16-VP-5002**

**Title: Athletic Engagement & Outreach Project**

**Amount Requested: \$ 63,965.00**

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$63,965	

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Great partnerships and community engagement including school outreach
2. Identified the problem and a starting point for the solution.
3. Clear connection between problem and program activities.
4. Proposal incorporates evidence based approaches and models.
5. The plan for implementation of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.
6. The evaluation will directly research the effectiveness of not only the aspects of the program but that which deals with the improvement of the youth in the program.
7. Continuation of Evaluation shows commitment to proven results.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Sustainability plan for continuation of program would also strengthen application
2. In the objectives, indicators and results section, the projected results were too general but given an evaluator will be hired to clarify these aspects, it is apparent the applicants recognize the need for objective and in-depth evaluation.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Father Flanagan's Boys Home (Boystown)      **Grant #:** 16-VP-5003

**Title:** SOVIP Community Coordinator & B2SB

**Amount Requested:** \$ 28,000.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p>Application is recommended for denial based on Operating Instruction #10:            007.02D: Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem.            007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.            007.02G Amount of funds available</p>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. The goals are simple- to have events whereby backpacks and other information working towards a work ethic are emphasized.
2. Wide variety of partners

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Not clear how this will have long-lasting effects or how this will be evaluated.
2. Justification of how position will differ from 360 coordinator position which serves to facilitate similar efforts in Omaha North and South.
3. Sustainability of program not addressed in application
4. Assessment to demonstrate effectiveness would strengthen application (A plan to get the program evaluated would be recommended)
5. Overall, not clear how program reduces gun and gang violence directly.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Center for Holistic Development

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5004

**Title:** Urban Youth BOLT

**Amount Requested:** \$ 26,748.00

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$24,648	Evaluation plan on how it program translates into reduction of gang and or gun violence  Revised Budget

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Great Objectives and outcome measures with a large number of youth served.
2. Providing youth positive life skills during active crime hours.
3. Identified the problem and tied program to the solution.
4. Clear connection between problem and program activities.
5. Proposal incorporates evidence based approaches and models.
6. Parent engagement element in the project with children.
7. Utilizes a holistic approach to build up young people through culture, education and knowledge of history.
8. Supports an attendance navigator.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Sustainability of program not addressed in application.
2. Application seemed to merge DMC issues with gang and gun violence not distinguishing the difference between the two.
3. Evaluation component would have strengthened application to show program is focusing on proven outcomes and results.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** City of Omaha

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5005

**Title:** PACE

**Amount Requested:** \$ 40,000.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$40,000	Program Evaluation Plan

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Free Athletic opportunities to at risk and economically disadvantaged youth.
2. Encourages discipline, self-esteem and positive moral values within youth participants through healthy competition.
3. Builds positive relationships between police officers, youth participants, their families and the greater Omaha community.
4. Brings together youth of different groups and cultures to facilitate cross-cultural understanding and respect.
5. Serves a large number of youth.

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Program should work on finding an evaluator to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Hope Center for Kids

Grant #: 16-VP-5006

Title: Village Basketball Alliance

Amount Requested: \$ 29,168.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$29,168	

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. It is clear from research that sports, school, religion, etc. reduce delinquency. This program falls into that. It provides youth the opportunity to partake in community activities, which also aid in the reduction of violence, that can provide recreation, pride, commitment, skill building, dealing with authority figures, etc... that have historically shown reduction in violence-producing behaviors.
2. Large number of youth participation in program

**Areas for improvement:**

1. The applicants noted there is research that supports the idea that sports do reduced violence on an individual and community level. However, the applicants failed to make clear beyond anecdotal statements how their program has aided in the reduction in violence in Omaha. Specificity perhaps gleaned from data from their four years of operation could address this. How does the program reduce violence in the area? If players come back and are happy with the program, how does that translate into a reduction of community violence?
2. Sustainability of program not addressed in application
3. Overall, not clear how program reduces violence.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Black Men United

Grant #: 16-VP-5007

Title: Intro to the trades and soft skills development

Amount Requested: \$ 82,906.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$65,679	Revised Budget

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Great target population providing job skills to returning youthful citizens
2. Recognizes general link between reduction in violence and work for youths.
3. Clear description of how program works.
4. A large number of youth crime prevention programs have been job training components. Having access to a quality job reduces the propensity for violence.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Letters of support would strengthen application.
2. Some positions responsibilities seemed to overlap with one another with respect to actual project.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant: Nebraska Board of Regents UNMC**

**Grant #: 16-VP-5008**

**Title: Eval of Hospital Based Violence Prevention**

**Amount Requested: \$ 308,614.00**

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	<p>Application is recommended for denial based on Operating Instruction #10:</p> <p>007.02D: Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem.</p> <p>007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</p> <p>007.02G Amount of funds available</p>

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***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Focuses on gun violence through victims

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Covering the aspects of evidenced based program areas would have been helpful even though they are listed.
2. The project strives to identify those who are most likely to become victims of violence again in the future and then meet these victims with the needed services. Then based on the data collected, they will create an instrument to better identify these potential victims with the goal of better connecting these victims to reduce incidence of victimization.
3. There is no clear link as to how this data, once collected will reduce gun and gang violence in Omaha. It will enable UNMC personnel to better ID future victims but the potential that it will reduce their potential for victimization in the future is not clearly demonstrated.
4. By what criteria will they assess the victims' potential for future victimization? It appears to be an exploration of the Routine Activities Theory. How will connecting victims with service enable these victims to be removed from the threat of those likely to victimize them?

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**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5009

**Title:** Operation Tipping Point

**Amount Requested:** \$75,286

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$69,540	<b>Revised Budget</b>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Program targeting diverse population
2. Proactive approach to problem
3. Application defined problem well and the need of application also addressed previous obstacles from prior grant
4. Great collaboration and community support, which is very useful in impacting the problem
5. Structure present for how and what type of data will be collected in the areas of school attendance, law enforcement contacts and program participation by members

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Sustainability plan for retention of position
2. The grant is for surveillance equipment, GPS, etc. that targets and identifies gang members however does not address the function that the equipment serves to suppress gang activity or gun violence.

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**Applicant:** African American Empowerment Network

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5010

**Title:** Omaha 360 Collaborative step up

**Amount Requested:** \$219,360.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$57,000	Revised Budget

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Reduced gun and gang violence in Omaha
2. Approach includes collaboration, prevention, intervention, enforcement, and support services.
3. Over 300 partner agencies.
4. Targets summer employment, educational opportunities and positive activities.
5. A very laudable and well-funded and supported program.

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Letters of support would strengthen application
2. The goals/evaluation were aimed at the expansion of the program. There was very little in as to how the program would be evaluated to determine how well the program works.
3. The program has not utilized the funds from the 2015 OVP Grant

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

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**Applicant:** Urban League of Nebraska

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5011

**Title:** Youthful Offender Re-Entry

**Amount Requested:** \$105,385.00

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Application is recommended for denial based on Operating Instruction #10: 007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project. 007.02G Amount of funds available

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Uses Attendance Navigators to track student attendance in schools
2. Will serve 350 at-risk youths ages 15-21.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Greater specificity as to how the program directly reduces violence in the community. The effect is indirect.
2. Letters of support would strengthen application
3. Evaluation component would have strengthened application to show program is producing proven outcomes and results.
4. Sustainability of program not addressed in application

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** La Casa del Pubelo

**Grant #:** 16-VP-5012

**Title:** South Omaha Youth Training Project

**Amount Requested:** \$70,000.00

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***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Project in apprenticeships in construction trades.

***Areas for improvement:***

1. No direct link between how this program reduces gang and gun violence.
2. Sustainability of program not addressed in application
3. Assessment to demonstrate effectiveness would strengthen application (A plan to get the program evaluated would be recommended)
4. Be specific about how program works. What about the program causes the change in youth?
5. The program seemed to mainly operate through Metro and the program only serves as a link from the trade program to companies like a recruiter or head hunter. Application did not connect the vital connection or need for the relationship.

# **Attachment #7**

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MAR 25 2016

NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

Nuestro Mundo

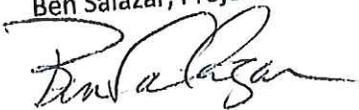
*Appeal Notice*

**From:** Nuestro Mundo <nuestromundonewspaper@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** Chris Harris (chris.harris@nebraska.gov); darrell.fisher@nebraska.gov  
**Cc:** heath@heathmello.com; rschmailzl@mccneb.edu; 'Grotrian, jim'  
**Subject:** appeal

Mr. Chris Harris & Mr. Darrell Fisher; After reviewing your letter dated March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, which I received on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, I will be Appealing the "recommendation" of denial from the OVP Review Team for the following reasons:

1. The Appeal procedures set out in your notice are improper and unlawful because according to Nebraska Revised Statute 25-1901, "a judgment rendered or final order made by any tribunal, board, or officer exercising judicial functions and inferior in jurisdiction to the district court may be reversed, vacated or modified by the district court." Specifically, I turn your attention to the word "final order." The "recommendation" made by the OVP Review Team is not, in my opinion, a "final order." The OVP Review Team lacks the authority to make a final order. This authority resides with the Crime Commission. It would be improper, ordinarily, for me to interject myself into the duties of the staff and the Crime Commission by Appealing such a Recommendation.  
I am therefore only Appealing this "recommendation" to protect my rights to further Appeals.
2. Second, the recommendation being made to deny my application relies primarily on criticism of the approach and method
3. Third, a letter of support from Metro, was not a part of the evidence considered in support of my application.
4. Fourth, the foundation being laid for expansion of our project is only halfway finished. A potential partnership with Operation Reach— Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce is still being negotiated; A potential partnership with Douglas County Corrections will soon be considered for ongoing expansion of the project.
5. The OVP is being hypocritical in its denial because on the one hand it "encourages" partnerships and collaborations by its grant recipients yet one of the "Areas for Improvement" cited as a weakness in my project was "the program seemed to mainly operate through Metro and the program only serves as a link from the trade program to companies like a recruiter or head hunter. Application did not connect The vital connection or need for the relationship." Where's the support for partnerships? Hypocrisy!

Ben Salazar, Project Coordinator



# **Attachment #8**

STRATTFORD SQUARE APARTMENTS  
6836 1/2 SOUTH 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
Omaha, NE 68107  
402-734-6000



March 30, 2016

To Pastor L.D. Richardson

My name is Donald Davis. I am the new property manager at Stratford Square Apartments. It is my understanding that for the past few years, your (SOVIP) has been hosting a "Back To School Bash" here at Stratford. I'm contacting you to let you know that I am fully on board with your efforts to bring positive energy to this community, it is very much needed. I'm hoping that you will continue to host this great event here. I believe that it sends a great message to our youth that they are important and cared for and it helps the tenants get much needed school supplies, some of which would not have if this event did not take place. In closing I would like to thank you for caring for our kids, and we hope to see you again this year!

Thank you

Donald Davis  
Manager  
Stratford Square Apartment



**L.D. Richardson, Sr.**  
Chair, South Omaha Violence  
Intervention and Prevention

March 28, 2016  
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
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RE: Appeal of SOVIP Application #16-VP-5003

To Whom It May Concern:

The South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention (SOVIP) leadership team is writing this letter to appeal the decision that was made to deny funding of the recent Crime Commission Grant, #16-VP-5003. Our team appreciates that feedback that was given regarding the creation of the Community Coordinator position for SOVIP. We found this feedback helpful and will take it into serious consideration as we further develop a vision for how this position could collaborate to improve the overall safety of the community and produce a measurable impact in decreasing gun violence in the South Omaha Area.

We would request that you reconsider funding just the Stratford Square Back to School Bash portion of our grant, which would be a total of \$2000.00 in funding. There was no negative feedback received on this portion of the application. This event is of great importance within the community, as evident through the positive feedback from the parents and families, high level of attendance by community partners and families, and positive interactions between attendees and the South East Precinct Police Officers. This is an event that SOVIP has done for the past two years and each year, the event has been highly successful. The intended outcome of the event is to connect families in this neighborhood with back to school supplies and resources that will assist parents in helping their children. The residents of this apartment complex are typically living below federal poverty guidelines and the Omaha Police Department has stated this complex also experiences high levels of gang activity. In order to assess if the event may have had an impact on violence or crime in that specific area, we requested data from the Omaha Police Department of calls to Stratford Square during the months of August and September for 2013, 2014, and 2015. We did not have an event in 2013 and they received 156 calls for service to Stratford Square. We had this event in both 2014 and 2015, and calls were lower both of

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those years. In fact, there were a total of 239 calls in those two years combined, so that is a 24% decrease in calls for those two months. While we cannot directly attribute the decrease to this event, we feel it did have an impact.

SOVIP aims to prevent youth violence in the community and believes that by bringing community partners directly to community member, we can assist in bridging the gap in access to needed resources for these residents of the South Omaha community. Several partner agencies will participate in the event and help with overall collaborate with planning. Activities at the event will include bounce houses, games with police officers, family and youth resources and free backpacks with school supplies for children attending the event. We anticipate providing free health screens again during this event.

We appreciate your willingness to reconsider funding for just the Back to School Bash event held at Stratford Square. Funding would once again allow SOVIP as well as education opportunities at the event that work to decrease overall violence within this neighborhood. Once again, thank you for your reconsideration.

Sincerely,

  
L. D. Richardson, Sr.  
Chair, SOVIP

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# **Attachment #9**

Total

Listing - 2015 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Formula Grant  
 \$1,212,368; Admin \$121,236; Aid Available \$1,091,130 (PREA \$57,163)  
 Over in Requests for Aid \$428,446

Number	Agency—City	Program Title	Amount Received in 2014	Amount Requested for 2015	Amount Recomm Staff Rvw. 2/18/16	Amount Recomm Grnt. Rvw. 3/17/16	Amount Recomm Crime Comm. 5/6/16
15-VW-700	The SAFE Center-Kearney	Five County Coordinated Response Team	\$ 114,473.00	\$ 179,841.00	\$ 133,399.00	\$ 133,399.00	
15-VW-701	African Aid Initiative-Lincoln	Training LE & Judicial Personnel	\$ -	\$ 144,279.00	\$ -	\$ -	
15-VW-702	Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program-No. Platte	Community DV Intervention Program	\$ 66,197.00	\$ 90,902.00	\$ 70,286.00	\$ 70,286.00	
15-VW-703	Haven House-Wayne	Enhancement of Dakota Co. Community Response	\$ 55,644.00	\$ 58,818.00	\$ 53,237.00	\$ 53,237.00	
15-VW-704	Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program-Ogallala	Enhanced Advocacy/Keith Co. CRT/BIP	\$ 20,121.00	\$ 39,675.00	\$ 14,621.00	\$ 14,621.00	
15-VW-705	Crisis Center for DASA	Coordinate Response: Intervention Advocacy	\$ 15,798.00	\$ 21,327.00	\$ 20,222.00	\$ 20,222.00	
15-VW-706	The Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc.-Hastings	Communities Ending Violence Project	\$ 30,304.00	\$ 35,715.00	\$ 35,715.00	\$ 35,715.00	
15-VW-707	Bright Horizons-Norfolk	Bright Horizon's Enhanced Advocacy & Coordinated Response Team Project	\$ 24,474.00	\$ 36,119.00	\$ 24,474.00	\$ 24,474.00	
15-VW-708	Center for SADV Survivors-Columbus	Enhanced Coordinated Response to DV, Dating Violence, SA & Stalking	\$ 43,588.00	\$ 75,816.00	\$ 35,873.00	\$ 35,873.00	
15-VW-709	NE Atty General's Office-Lincoln	Atty General's Prosecutorial Response to VAWA Related Incidents	\$ 74,386.00	\$ 71,535.00	\$ 58,528.00	\$ 58,528.00	
15-VW-710	NE DVSA Coalition-Lincoln (pass through)	Prison Rape Elimination Act	\$ 58,543.00	\$ 58,543.00	\$ 57,163.00	\$ 57,163.00	
15-VW-711	Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation (pass through)	DV & SA Initiative	\$ 55,462.00	\$ 54,557.00	\$ 54,557.00	\$ 54,557.00	
15-VW-712	Crisis Center, Inc.-Grand Island	Coordinated/SA Response Team	\$ 13,727.00	\$ 30,316.00	\$ 14,988.00	\$ 14,988.00	
15-VW-713	Heartland Family Service	Sarpy County CRT	\$ 67,748.00	\$ 93,081.00	\$ 61,976.00	\$ 61,976.00	
15-VW-714	City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor	Douglas Co. Community Response Team	\$ 211,050.00	\$ 256,128.00	\$ 200,022.00	\$ 200,022.00	
15-VW-715	Lancaster County	A Coordinated Response to Reducing Violence Against Women in Lancaster Co.	\$ 181,420.00	\$ 196,426.00	\$ 186,526.00	\$ 186,526.00	
15-VW-716	Nebraska State Patrol	Nebraska DVSA Program	\$ 76,309.00	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 69,545.00	\$ 69,545.00	

TOTAL Available  
 Remaining

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**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0700

Applicant: The SAFE Center

Amount Requested: \$179,841

Title: Five County Coordinated Response Team

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:			
Amount Recommended	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies:		
\$133,399	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit revised budget addressing #1 under areas for improvement.</li> <li>2. Submit revised Objective #4.</li> <li>3. Coordinate SANE training with the CDVIP project.</li> <li>4. Submit copy of contractual agreement with FAN</li> </ol>		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement	\$2,341 (CRT)	\$1,022	0
Prosecution	\$66,326	0	0
Victim Services	*\$61,332	*\$43,886	\$13,221
Discretionary for CRT	\$3,400	\$2,500	\$1,000

\*\$21,926 for SANEs of which \$4,544 is for training of 5 nurses

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Overall, well written proposal. Narratives are detailed and outline the issues and concerns that support request for funding.
2. Expanding services by adding a counseling intern as a cost effective measure.
3. Contingency plan involving project entities shows improvement from prior years. Applicant identifies the importance of support from county representatives and the role of the Executive Advisory Committee.
4. Providing SANE training from an out of state educator to come to Nebraska that will be offered to other agencies as well.
5. Project is accomplishing goals and outlining efforts to improve and enhance services to victims.
6. Applicant is reporting improved communication and cooperation among CRT entities and is planning to train law enforcement in surrounding counties.
7. Good to see that SAFE Center will be reaching out to the new VW Unit Director to build relationships and coordinate efforts.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Submit revised budget with corrections and the following: a) remove Counseling Intern position; b) identify source of match for \$14,250 (pg. 16); c) provide justification for consultant fee of \$650 in regards to SANE training request; d) revise prosecutor budget sheet request (separate out the positions)

- to match the narrative which is very clear; e) the amount of travel specific to prevention and education activities must be identified as these costs will need to be included in the overall amount allowed for the project to conduct Prevention and Education; and f) clarify if the DVIP facilitator are independent contractors or employees. If these facilitators are employees they should have an established hourly rate of pay versus a rate per session provided which fall under a contractual agreement.
2. If project isn't tracking the numbers of victims where there is no contact information available and those that advocates have been unsuccessful in reaching it might help in assessing needs and/or gaps in services.
  3. As a reminder, primary victims who are ages 11 and older are eligible for services funded through STOP.
  4. Project is receiving sexual assault funds specifically to conduct SANE training to be held in Kearney. It is requested that this project coordinate all their efforts with the Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program (CDVIP) who will be funding 4 nurses to be trained. The original request from the CDVIP was to send these nurses out-of-state to accomplish this training. Thank you.
  5. Since project has plans to improve efforts at making sure every victim is asked the question about planning for their safety then why is Objective #4 only maintaining what was achieved last year. Please revise.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0701

**Applicant:** African Aid Initiative

**Amount Requested:** \$144,279

**Title:** Training LE & Judicial Personnel on Cultural Intelligence

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p align="center"><b>Request denied at this time based on Operating Instruction #10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>007.02B: Adherence to federal and/or state requirements and guidelines.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>007.02C: Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application.</b></li> </ul>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Needed program for an area of need that services are lacking.
2. Seeking to utilizing resources to meet needs such as Vista and AmeriCorps.
3. The proposed project is commended for its concepts and culturally specific nature.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. It is recommended that applicant join local CRT efforts in those areas where it is providing services. Applicant is strongly encouraged to continue to establish the necessary infrastructure required of organizations to meet the legal, financial, and programmatic requirements outlined for all recipients of Federal funds.
2. No supporting evidence provided to indicate applicant's financial capabilities to administer Federal funds. No established internal business controls are in place to ensure that Federal dollars are appropriately handled and tracked. It is concerning that the Project Director and Authorized Official is listed as the same individual; each with a different address.
3. Application not completed in correct format or in entirety and all required signatures (i.e., no signed Certified Assurances, no project period identified, etc.). Reviewers were unable to determine whether the identified entity has a physical location as contact information is incomplete and confusing.
4. In developing future grant applications please note the following suggestions: a) labor laws do not permit paid employees to volunteer hours to do work that falls within their scope of paid job responsibilities; b) provide completed job descriptions; c) budget narratives should breakdown salaries for each position; d) reconsider salary levels (based on percentages and information provided the salaries are high); e) ensure that outcomes match proposed project activities; and f) seek technical assistance, as available by funders.
5. While the training recommended by applicant is important and relevant and the consultant offers extensive background there is no documented evidence provided from the courts, county attorneys or law enforcement agencies to indicate or ensure their participation in this type of training.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Community DV Intervention Program

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0702

**Title:** Community DV Intervention Program

**Amount Requested:** \$90,902

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:			
Amount Recommended	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with the following contingency:		
\$70,286	1. Submit revised budget addressing items in # 2 Areas for Improvement.		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement	\$3,416 (CRT)	0	0
Prosecution	\$7,263 (CRT)	0	0
Victim Services	\$1,725 (SANEs)	\$1,725	0
Discretionary (CRT & BIP)	\$57,882	0	0

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Summary provided nice overview of project. Well written.
2. Excellent statistical information to support the identification of the problem.
3. Processes are clearly outlined. Pro-arrest policy that allows advocates a 12-hour window while the perpetrator is held in order to provide services to the victim.
4. Thorough progress information from the last 12 months.
5. Good to see technical assistance provided to Keith County CTR on BIP services.
6. Solid program as evidenced by the longevity of BIP facilitators.
7. The County Attorney and Chief Deputy County Attorney are to be commended for addressing SANE staffing issues with Great Plains Health.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Although match provided is over the required amount, additional information as to how match would be met if there was not enough income from BIP would be useful.
2. Submit revised budget with the following:
  - Calculation corrections (i.e., mileage)
  - Include \$2,800 for training of 4 SANE nurses in Category B – Consultants/Contracts. These training costs have been reduced since the SAFE Ctr. in Kearney is bringing a SANE trainer from MN to NE. It is requested that this project coordinate efforts with SAFE Center. Please discuss this coordination in the revised budget narrative.
  - Remove request for law enforcement cameras as needed justification is not provided. For this request to be allowable as a STOP expense the cameras must be considered a “standard issued law enforcement item.”
3. Recommend applicant update information as J. Gilbert is no longer the Executive Director at RDAP.
4. Include in the community description information regarding the diversity of Lincoln County, as census data indicates there is a fairly large Hispanic population.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Haven House Family Service Center  
**Title:** Enhancement of Dakota Co. Comm Response

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0703

**Amount Requested:** \$58,818

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:			
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies. Submit:</b>		
\$53,237	1. Revised budget addressing #1 under Areas for Improvement. 2. Revised objectives addressing #3 and #4 under Areas for Improvement. 3. Provide CRT information.		
<b>Allocation Category</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service</b>	<b>Amt. Designated Prevention &amp; Ed.</b>
Law Enforcement	\$23,066	\$2,306	\$1,150
Victim Services	\$30,171	0	\$1,375

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Strong volunteer commitment.
2. Increase in securing funding from other sources as well as an increase in donations.
3. Paid off mortgage of shelter during last grant year.
4. Spanish speaking staff in all areas of CRT.
5. Long standing working relationship with the tribes. Applicant has provided support and advocate training for both Tribal programs in the area.
6. Application does a thorough job of detailing responses and specifying services provided to victims of domestic violence.
7. Good to see law enforcement providing awareness training to underserved communities.
8. Applicant provides a good comparison of the ethnic makeup of the county compared to those seeking services.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Submit revised budget ensuring all calculations are correct (personnel, travel, etc.) and that pro-rated amounts are accurate in proportion to funding sources and that all funding sources are included.
2. Problem statement continues to reference the dynamic of crimes but no information is provided about these dynamics.
3. Similar to last year, objectives list items that have base lines and projected results as zeros. These will need to be revised. At this point, it would be expected that baseline numbers have been established.

4. CRT has identified the need for enhanced outreach and awareness activities to disabled and elderly populations. Since the project has plans to increase outreach activities by 50% it would be reasonable to expect higher results than 1 or 2 individuals being served. Submit revisions.
5. Outline specific steps that have been taken to recruit a new BIP facilitator.
6. Applicant indicates that all services in addition to education on trauma are provided to sexual assault victims. Without details provided as to the types of services available in the area and provided by Haven House specific to the needs of sexual assault victims reviewers were unable to determine if meaningful sexual assault services are provided.
7. Please provide information on each CRT that Haven House staff are either facilitating or participating on. Thank you.
8. Explain why the Corporation Account appears to not be earning funds as the same amount has been indicated for the 3 years from 2014/15 through 2016/17.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** SCIP

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0704

**Title:** Enhanced Advocacy-Keith Co CRT-BIP

**Amount Requested:** \$39,675

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
\$14,621	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies: 1. Revised budget addressing #1 under Areas for Improvement. 2. Submit revised outcomes. 3. Submit the estimated numbers of underserved populations to be served.		
Allocation Category		Total Amount	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Victim Services		\$10,078	\$2,000
Discretionary (VS or CRT)		\$4,543	\$4,280

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Increase in membership of the Board of Directors. Board has remained active through strategic planning efforts, self-evaluation and awareness activities.
2. Applicant has taken the initiative to develop BIP services for the area.
3. Results gained from increased outreach provided to surrounding rural areas. Good to see project's plans for 2016 to engage all sheriffs' departments.
4. Applicant does a thorough job of outlining responses and detailing services provided to victims of domestic violence.
5. Nice summary of the achievements. Good to see the progress this CRT is making.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Budget revisions needed:
  - Ensure that all position titles listed on the budget sheet and whether the position is new or existing match what is indicated in the budget narrative.
  - Correct volunteer coordinator calculations as the salary and fringe amounts are too high based on the time devoted to the project. Also, correct typo on the amount provided for the CA1 listed on page 5.
  - Explain how overtime works for on-call workers.
  - Adjust mileage to new federal rate of .54 cents.
  - Remove funds designated for training of law enforcement and BIP.
  - Separate professional liability insurance from workers compensation and pro-rate these costs based on full-time or part time status (note: rates are different).
  - Identify how much of the discretionary funds will be used for victims services or CRT efforts.

2. Questions regarding the BIP proposal included what participants would be charged and how that revenue would be used; if BIP facilitators are employees or independent contractors; and how was the BIP Director's salary determined as it seems low considering job responsibilities.
3. Identification of the estimated numbers of underserved populations to be served is a federal requirement for STOP funding.
4. Application is not clear as to the types of services available in this area specifically for victims of sexual assault and/or what SCIP is providing to these victims. Reviewers were unable to determine whether project is providing meaningful sexual assault services. One suggestion would be to provide further details on human trafficking as they are often sexual assault victims.
5. Clarify outcomes related to increased knowledge. For point of reference, if SCIP serves a total of 100 clients, of those 100 will 50 increase their knowledge?
6. While the request for law enforcement training is important the application does not explain how this training will be utilized for meaningful sexual assault services. There are no outcomes or activities outlined to help reviewers determine what will be the end result of this training in regards to meaningful sexual assault services.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Crisis Center-The Bridge

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0705

**Title:** Coordinated Response: Intervention Advocacy

**Amount Requested:** \$21,327

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:	
\$20,222 (6 months, requested by applicant)	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies: 1. Provide an additional contact person. 2. Submit revised budget. 3. Submit revised outcomes and performance measures. Refer to #6 under Areas for Improvement.	
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service
Victim Services	\$19,972	\$2,000
Discretionary for CRT	\$250	\$250

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Applicant has diversified funding sources to ensure organizational sustainability.
2. Project is taking steps to address the increased numbers of individuals in need of Spanish speaking services.
3. Well-developed project. Solution clearly outlines responses to both domestic violence and sexual assault victims and identifies several best practices utilized.
4. Applicant serves on the Drug Court team and uses this opportunity to educate court personnel.
5. Applicant is to be commended for maintaining effective working relationships with law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel. This is evident by CRT participants, the numbers of victims referred by law enforcement for victim services, and the Deputy County Attorneys going to the agency to meet staff.
6. Impressive lists of results. Useful data provided on agency services indicating increased units of services provided in the last year.
7. Good to see development of a MOU with Dodge County Probation and the addition of a sexual assault support group.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Sustainability section was very informative and well written. Please add information regarding the makeup and structure of the Board of Directors.
2. Recommend project have a plan for all CRT members to provide Spanish Speaking services.

3. Ensure that funds are strictly utilized for victim services and CRT coordination and that no STOP funds are used to support BIP activities.
4. Assign a 4<sup>th</sup> individual as the Project Coordinator and provide contact information.
5. Is it accurate that 100% of the cases charged (56) were prosecuted without using the testimony of a victim (evidenced based prosecution)? Recommend adding this evidence based practice into Solution Section.
6. While the outcomes and performance measures show what will be provided they must also indicate how the goal of increased victim safety and/or increased offender accountability (instructions) will be measured. For example, 73 victims are referred within 24 hours. Of those 73 victims, what % will report that the safety plan developed with the enhance advocate will be helpful to them in keeping themselves safe. Also, is the project number of crisis calls of 33,421 accurate?
7. Applicant may want to consider raising the average rate of pay to decrease staff turnover and the length of time it takes to fill positions. This might be helpful when considering the project's close proximity to the state's largest metropolitan area. .

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0706

**Applicant:** SASA Crisis Center

**Amount Requested:** \$35,715

**Title:** Communities Ending Violence Project

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:	
\$35,715	Project funded at level requested with the following contingency: 1. Submit revised budget addressing #1, #2 and #3 under Areas for Improvement.	
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service
Victim Services	\$35,715	\$12,500

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. This is a very complete, thorough and well-written grant. Application reflects a level of awareness, knowledge, and expertise of the issues and needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
2. Increased visibility in service area by utilizing area college students to provide marketing and such.
3. Applicant serves as a great example of how effective coordination and collaboration can improve services to victims. Good work on newly developed partnerships.
4. Project is to be commended for accomplishing a lot with little funds.
5. Estimated numbers of underserved victims the project proposes to serve.
6. Applicant recognizes the need to preserve passionate staff.
7. Cross-training of staff members.
8. Congratulations on the AmeriCorps funded volunteer coordinator.
9. Impressive 5K event with participation of victims and medical providers. Excellent!
10. Several noted areas of expansion including facility, programming (sexual assault therapy), satellite office and services.
11. Detailed and thorough community section.
12. Good to see that the CRT moving into sexual assault response and formalizing of a SART.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Provide separate description of each position for which funds are requested. In the current narrative it was somewhat difficult for reviews to follow what each position does.
2. Volunteer time spent doing fund raising is not allowable under STOP therefore; it cannot be counted towards match time coming from volunteer hours.
3. Follow all GSA rates for meals, hotels, etc. If the agency's established mileage rate is less than the established federal rate (.54) then it must charge that lower rate consistently for all travel. Please adjust travel accordingly.
4. Since the Program Administrator's tasks include some activities associated with BIP the applicant must ensure that these funds are only supporting victim services
5. Please clarify if it is accurate that 100% of the cases charged (168) were prosecuted without the use of testimony from a victim (evidenced based prosecution).

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0707

**Applicant:** Bright Horizons

**Amount Requested:** \$36,119

**Title:** Enhanced Advocacy & Coordinated Response Team Project

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:			
Amount Recommended \$24,474	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingency: 1. Submit revised budget with accurate Personnel calculations.		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement (CRT)	\$2,000		
Victim Services	\$22,474	\$1,575	\$3,000

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Utilizes social media to increase awareness of services provided and markets fundraising activities.
2. It is clear that the agency has thought about contingency plan in order to maintain services.
3. Applicant is a provider of culturally specific services targeting their two largest minority groups.
4. Well-developed list of underserved populations.
5. Applicant utilizes an advisory board that includes victim participation.
6. Implementation of a SART in Madison County.
7. Applicant does a thorough job of outlining responses and detailing services provided to victims of domestic violence.
8. Nice job of developing pro-rating formulas.
9. Good to see that project plans to offer community training on sexual assault.
10. Effective strategy utilizing satellite offices.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Provide detailed job descriptions for each position.
2. Explain or provide possible reasons for the large discrepancy in the # of related calls to LE versus low numbers of victims referred for advocacy services.
3. Strength overall application as it applies to provision of meaningful sexual assault services. Discuss what is available in the area and what is provided by Bright Horizons. Since project has a SART describe how this response is different from the CRT and include the SART efforts on an additional flow chart. The current CRT/SART plan indicates that responses are the same for DV and SA victims.
4. Indicate in the contingency plan the length of time the staff could be supported on unrestricted funds.
5. The problem statement notes that outreach is provided to LGBTQ community to refer to services. Reviewers were confused as to what services the project is or is not providing to these victims.
6. Recommend the use of technology (conference calls, skype, etc.) to possibly improve CRT participation.
7. In the stated outcomes include actual numbers versus percentages.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0708

**Applicant:** Center for SADV Survivors

**Title:** Enhanced Coordinated Response to DV, Dating Violence, SA & Stalking      **Amount Requested:** \$75,816

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
\$35,873	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies. Submit: 1. Revised budget addressing #1 - #3 under Areas for Improvement. 2. Explanation as to why the Chair is not the authorized official. 3. Revised BIP performance indicators. 4. Steps that are being taken to address the significant decrease in Protection Orders granted,		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement (CRT & BIP)	*\$3,682	0	0
Victim Services	\$12,987	\$11,127	\$7,812
VS/Culturally Specific	\$5,952		\$2,209
Discretionary (CRT & BIP)	*\$13,252	\$7,069	

\*Total for CRT & BIP activities is \$16,934.

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Well written grant. Very thorough job.
2. Project offers array of services to increase victim safety and offender accountability.
3. Outreach strategies utilize numerous satellite offices located in various public setting throughout a multi-county service area.
4. Good historical account of the development of CRTs. Was interesting and helpful.
5. Strong focus on underserved populations. Comprehensive listing of these populations was provided.
6. Project is assisting victims in developing economic security.
7. Applicant's involvement in the training of law enforcement.
8. Project results are reported on in addition to any changes needed to improve future results.
9. Explanation for fluctuation in data was helpful.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Correct personnel budget explaining what "in-kind" from volunteer services is as match for Advocate position. If these are volunteer hours then include them in the volunteer hours listed on the personnel budget sheet and remove from the Advocate position.
2. Revised budget must outline justification for any increases in salaries. Note that differences in the percentages of increases among employees are questionable.

3. Of the total allocated amount (\$16,934) for CRT/BIP provide the specific amount that will be used for BIP and the specific amount for CRT.
4. As indicated in the instructions only include pages of application needed.
5. The Vice Chair as the authorized official is allowed however, explanation would be helpful.
6. BIP performance indicators must include measurable result that will provide an indicator of increased offender accountability.
7. Why are the numbers of victims served not provided for the VW Unit?
8. Recommend project adopt one MOU form as the use of different forms is confusing.
9. The outline provided as a flow chart is incomplete as it is missing significant components or steps that occur within the response of the criminal justice system.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** NE Atty General's Office

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0709

**Title:** Prosecutorial Response to VAWA Related Incidents

**Amount Requested:** \$71,535

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Project funded at level requested for 9 months with following contingencies:</b>	
\$58,528 (9 months)	1. 100% of project funding is contingent on approval of Federal extensions to State grant.	
	2. Submit revised budget for 9 month project.	
<b>Allocation Category</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service</b>
Prosecution	\$58,528	\$22,860

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Overall, well written application.
2. Project summary is concise and provides a nice synopsis of the project.
3. Great discussion in community description section regarding turnover of law enforcement officers.
4. Project operations and areas of priority are clearly stated.
5. Good selection of entities providing letters of support.
6. Successfully integrated the training aspects of the project throughout the application.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Project is currently operating on 2012 funding and has 100% of funds remaining from 2013 and 2014.
2. Ensure proposal is updated with the current map (pg. 14) and current (2013/2014) data from the NE Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.
3. Include survey results of training provided within application.
4. Application is unclear as to how the funded prosecutor position relates to trafficking. The narrative speaks to the prosecutor's involvement with the trafficking work of the AGO, yet trafficking is not listed as an underserved population. Also, there is no recognition of language barriers in underserved populations. Please address how this project is helping to bridge the gap with the Hispanic population which is NE largest minority group.
5. Instead of case-specific information it is recommended that the solution discuss current efforts to address the problem systemically.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** NE DVSA Coalition  
**Title:** Prison Rape Elimination Act

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0710  
**Amount Requested:** \$58,543

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:	
\$57,163 (pass through amount)	Project funded at reduced amount due to funds allocated for PREA.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit revised budget addressing #1 and #2 under Areas for Improvement.</li> <li>2. Provide LEP plan.</li> <li>3. Submit completed Applicant Disclosure of Pending Application form.</li> <li>4. Provide reasoning for the number of correctional officers to be trained.</li> </ol>	
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service
Victim Services	57,163	\$57,163

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Applicant's project summary is concise and provides a nice synopsis of the project.
2. Project will utilize consumer input to determine whether services are helpful.
3. The expertise, knowledge and skills provided by the current Prison Advocacy Coordinator.
4. Project staff is co-leading the statewide SART efforts.
5. The letter of support from Corrections was very helpful in outlining activities that have occurred. Good to see the development of procedures for the crisis line and awareness resources.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Provide rationale for the 4% salary increase. Explain whether this is a merit increase or are all positions at the Coalition receiving this percentage of an increase and how was the 4% determined.
2. On pro-rated amounts also include the total costs that these were based on.
3. Expand problem to indicate the numbers of the inmates who are sexual assaulted that are receiving services from this project by the types of services offered.
4. Explain how the project is meeting the needs of inmate victims who are limited in their ability to speak English or are disabled.
5. Are there victims who have on-going or repeat contacts with the project and if so, is this being tracked.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Admin Office of the Courts & Probation  
**Title:** DVSA Initiative

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0711

**Amount Requested:** \$54,557

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Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:					
<b>Amount Recommended</b> \$54,557 (pass through amount)	<b>Project funded at level requested with the following contingencies:</b> 1. Submit brief budget narrative that separates FICA from retirement. 2. Provide estimated numbers of underserved population to be served. 3. Submit narrative to address #3 and #5 under Areas for Improvement.				
<b>Allocation Category</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Amount</th> <th>Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$54,557</td> <td>\$4,269</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	\$54,557	\$4,269
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\$54,557	\$4,269				
Courts					

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Application is complete.
2. Concise project summary and informative presenting problem.
3. Nicely developed proposal.
4. Overall, well written.
5. Project offers a statewide impact to efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability.
6. Data and explanations provided were helpful.
7. Outcomes indicate measureable performance indicators targeting increased victim safety.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. DV Program Specialist salary on page 4 should read \$36,742.
2. Based on the DV Specialist job description applicant should be made aware that developing and monitoring grants other than this project cannot be part of the 58% of the position supported by STOP.
3. Provide examples of strategies that will be developed to improve the return rates on victim impact statements.
4. Identification of the estimated numbers of underserved populations to be served is a federal requirement for STOP funding.
5. Identify what new policies and procedures are needed as a result of LB 605.
6. It is recommended that project survey probation officers to determine their level of understanding pre and post training.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0712

**Applicant:** Crisis Center, Inc.

**Amount Requested:** \$30,316

**Title:** Coordinated Sexual Assault Response Team

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Amount Recommended		Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
\$14,988		Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies: 1. Submit revised budget addressing #1 under Areas of Improvement. 2. Submit revised outcomes.		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.	
Victim Services	\$8,383	0	0	
Discretionary for BIP	\$6,605	0	0	

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Applicant is to be commended for efforts that resulted in the local hospital agreeing to conduct sexual assault exams! Nice job.
2. Project has an active CRT and SART.
3. Data provided on restitution in addition to the numbers of cases prosecuted with evidence that did not rely on a victim's testimony to move forward.
4. Successful expansion of the BIP program to include services for female offenders.
5. Good to see that the entire staff received training on improving ways for access to services from members of the LBGQT community.
6. Application shows improvement from last year.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Revise budget to include the following changes: a) move match to the Supplies & Operating category; b) remove the Prevention and Education position; c) provide job descriptions for BIP Director, Executive Director and Crisis Line Advocates; and d) based on budget cost breakdown clarify if BIP Facilitators are employees or contractors.
2. Provide physical address.
3. Areas to strengthen application: a) discuss structure of the board identifying committee, frequency of meetings, and any strategic planning efforts; b) add to the community description based on request. Since the request included Ed/Prevention the community description could provide information on schools, businesses, etc. where this type of activity might occur; c) Complete Table C based on the definition of underserved populations (i.e., LGBTQ, elderly, disabled, rural, inmates, etc.) provided by the U.S. DOJ. Survivors in need of transportation and legal services are not considered underserved

populations. The discussion about these victim issues can be moved to the problem requiring a solution. The services provided by the Crisis Center need to be outline in "Services Currently Provided" (i.e., safety planning, shelter, crisis line, outreach, BIP, etc.); and d) Please restate the problem as it currently notes that "dating" is a problem.

4. Project goal must do more than "promote" but instead increase victim safety and increase offender accountability. According to proposal this project does both. Funds are requested for BIP which is directly related to increased offender accountability. In addition, safety planning and providing shelter are two of ways this project helps increase victim safety. Revise outcomes to reflect the impact this project is making. For example, in addition to tracking the # of safety plans applicant should indicate the numbers of victims who report that the planning provided was helpful in giving them options they can use to keep themselves safe.
5. It is not necessary to reference 2008 changes to procedures in the operations section.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Heartland Family Service

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0713

**Title:** Sarpy Co CRT

**Amount Requested:** \$93,081

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
\$61,976	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies. Submit: 1. Revised budget addressing #2 under Areas for Improvement. 2. Explanation as to why law enforcement does not collect sexual assault data. 3. Revised Goals and Objectives. 4. Submit plan to address #7 under Areas for Improvement		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement (CRT)	\$3,682	\$3,682	0
Prosecution	\$30,757	0	0
Victim Services	\$18,398	\$9,971	0
Discretionary for CRT	\$9,139	\$4,911	\$1,488

Note: funds in LE, VS and Discretionary are for HFS personnel request.

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Applicant is an established community-based organization with a high level of sustainability. Proposal does a good job of outlining the organizational structure, internal controls, funding resources and alternatives for funding.
2. Project is implementing a universal worksheet with LE that will make it possible to track missing data for 2016.
3. Applicant's CRT membership reflects a diverse group of professionals who have the authority to positively influence systems to make any necessary changes.
4. CRT members are utilizing evidence based and best practices to meet victim needs.
5. Attempts are being made to improve coordinated response to victims of sexual assault, and re-evaluating sexual assault protocols.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. As indicated by the applicant, Sarpy County has increased demand for services including the need for additional advocates to provide direct services therefore; it is recommended that HFS explore other victim assistance grant opportunities in an effort to possibly address these concerns. In addition, based on the growing Latino population of Sarpy county future consideration should be given to adding a Bilingual (Spanish) advocate.

2. The documents indicating HFS's indirect cost rate are expired and are not signed. Applicant must submit proof of non-profit status and provide updated documents for indirect cost rate. HFS will need to submit revised budget indicating within the amount funded the STOP categories this indirect cost rate will be applied, if an indirect rate is applied. HFS cannot apply its established indirect cost rate to other entities such as Sarpy County. Instead, Sarpy County would include their established indirect cost rate to other entities the contract and on the first \$25,000 only. The 17.9% in HFS expenses applied to Consultants/Contracts and travel is not allowable. Please call with questions.
3. While the request for law enforcement training is important the application does not explain how this training will be utilized for meaningful sexual assault services. There are no outcomes or activities outlined to help reviewers determine what will be the end result of this training in regards to meaningful sexual assault services. It is indicated that the training will educate the officer on the steps necessary to create a SART however; according to application there is already a SART in place. In addition, it is concerning that this law enforcement entity which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest county in the state does not track # of sexual assault calls or the # of arrests for sexual assault.
4. Provide information on the "various evidence based models" utilized by Sarpy County prosecutors.
5. Ensure that application used for proposal includes all updates changes from prior year.
6. Goals and objectives must target the project's ability to increase victim safety and to increase offender accountability (instructions). The request includes support for prosecution however, there are no related outcomes. Current measures only reflect units of activities (# of worksheets, # of presentations). Indicate how officers completing worksheets will increase victim safety and how the project will know that this result has happened. In addition, objective #3 should be re-worded as it is not the intent of HFA to increase the number of sexual assault victims in Sarpy County by 5%.
7. For monitoring and audit purpose applicant must maintain a detailed ledger pertinent to this grant funding source.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

Grant #: 15-VW-0714

Applicant: City of Omaha

Amount Requested: \$256,128

Title: Douglas Co CRT

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended		Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:	
\$200,022		Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies. Submit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revised budget addressing #1 under Areas of Improvement.</li> <li>2. Document that indicates the Mayor's Chief of Staff has the authority to sign off as the Authorized Official for the City of Omaha.</li> <li>3. Submit narratives addressing #4 under Areas for Improvement.</li> </ol>	
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement	\$81,807	\$2,445	0
Prosecution	\$62,010	\$9,832	0
Victim Services	\$26,205	\$6,233	\$3,983
VS/Culturally Specific	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Discretionary (CRT)	\$15,000		

Note: \$15,000 for CRT, \$15,000 for J-FON (VS/CS), and in Victim Services, \$3,014 for 3 months of the WCA bilingual advocate, \$14,191 for WCA attorney, and \$9,000 Ponca tribe.

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Complete and well written proposal. All sections offer detailed and useful information.
2. Under the leadership of the DVC team this project has developed into a model CRT. Good to see the development of a SART.
3. Applicant does a nice job identifying best practices utilized throughout CRT processes (i.e., evidence based prosecution, warrant sweeps, implementing a community safety assessment, etc.).
4. Provided a comprehensive list of identified underserved populations.
5. Project is to be commended for its data collection and evaluation efforts and using these tools to initiate system changes. Data explanations provided were most helpful.
6. Good to see Ponca tribe request simplified. See note below.
7. Project has made several major achievements as evidenced by list of accomplishments.
8. Outcomes measures provide indicators of impact and effectiveness. Nice!

*Areas for Improvement:*

1. Submit revised and corrected budget with the following:
  - Bilingual advocate funded at 3 months. It is recommended that the WCA seek other victim assistance funding to possibly support continuation of this position.
  - Provide explanation as to how the increase in the Prosecutor request and also how the Ponca tribe request are not supplanting of funding. Note that all positions whether they are in Personnel or Contracts and Consultants must indicate if they are new or existing. If existing and request is new or for an increase in funding, applicant must explain how it is not supplanting.
  - Based on the match and requested funds for J-FON their hours dedicated to the project must be increase from 475 to 1,746.
  - In reference to the WCA Family Law Attorney position, as indicated by the Office of Violence Against Women, the primary purpose of support for legal services must be to protect the victim's safety. Applicant must ensure that the WCA understands that funding through STOP is not intended to pay fees charged by attorneys for divorces, legal separations and other actions falling outside the scope of the statute. Support for legal services, such as custody or visitation, must be examined on a case-by-case basis and must be directly related to enhancing a victim's safety.
  - DV Investigation squad Sergeant match \$1,732 for college tuition is not within allowable Basic Fringe benefits as outlined in application, please find another source for match in this amount.
  - Identify the other funding sources to meet the full time status for the WCA Family Law Attorney.
2. The DVC should be included on the list of CRT members (pg. 20)
3. Indicate how the information on pg. 24 regarding all needed services for underserved Native American victims provided was determined.
4. LGBTQ underserved number seems extremely low based on population for service area.

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**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0715

**Title:** A Coordinated Response To Reducing Violence Against Women in Lancaster Co

**Amount Requested:** \$196,426

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:		
\$186,526	Due to limited funds project funded at reduced level with following contingencies: 1. Submit revised budget addressing #1 under Areas for Improvement. 2. Provided name and contact information for a 4 <sup>th</sup> contact person. 3. Submit response to #4 and #5 under Areas for Improvement. 4. Attend a Federal Victim Assistance Grant Management Training in 2016; see #7 under Areas for Improvement.		
Allocation Category	Total Amount	Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service	Amt. Designated Prevention & Ed.
Law Enforcement	\$83,244	\$21,987	0
Prosecution	\$47,899	0	0
Victim Services	\$37,317	\$9,170	\$17,658
VS/Culturally Specific	\$6,066		
Discretionary for CRT	\$12,000	\$5,000	0

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Strong cultural components with proposed expansion to two additional cultural communities.
2. Established response teams addressing multiple victim issues.
3. Improved anonymous reporting.
4. Effective partnerships throughout the CRT members.
5. Response to information gathered during safety and accountability audits.
6. Dual arrests are down.

**Areas for Improvement:**

1. Revise budget to include: a) adjusted mileage at current federal approved rate of .54; b) request for VOH "other costs" to indicate the basis for how the costs were determined; c) remove \$6,300 from law enforcement for training purposes; e) indicate any realignment of the assigned categories for sexual assault allocations; and f) it appears that Lancaster County is applying its own 4% indirect cost rate to the contracts with LPD, VOH and FVC. If this is the case, it is not allowable. Each of these entities would need their own indirect cost rate established and then they could apply it to their contract with

2. Community description provided does not meet application instructions. This will need to be corrected for any future grant applications.
3. The brief summary provided of achievements is not reflective of this project's major accomplishments.
4. Submit information to explain the significant discrepancies in the numbers of calls to law enforcement in comparison to the number of arrests and the numbers of victims referred by law enforcement and provided face-to-face advocacy.
5. Explain why the SART is not aware of the number of SANE nurses available in Lancaster County.
6. Provide explanation as to how an officer becomes specialized when an annual rotation with members of the "specialized investigator unit" is utilized. Include any documented evidence that a rotation method is conducive or considered a best practice for use with specialized DV or SA police units, and address plans to sustain the ongoing training costs.
7. Integrate audit results into application by describing how these results will be utilized to move the CRT/SART forward.
8. Applicant personnel (Project Director, Fiscal Officer) will need to participate in GMT.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** NE State Patrol

**Grant #:** 15-VW-0716

**Title:** NE DVSA Program

**Amount Requested:** \$76,500

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>		
\$69,545 (10 months)	<b>Project funded at level requested for 10 months with following contingencies:</b> 1. 100% of project funding is contingent on approval of Federal extensions to State grant. 2. Submit revised budget for 10 months and address #5, #6 and #7 under Areas for Improvement. 3. Provide estimated numbers of underserved population to be served. 4. Submit revised outcomes.		
<b>Allocation Category</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Amt. Designated Sexual Assault Service</b>	<b>Amt. Designated Prevention &amp; Ed.</b>
Law Enforcement	\$69,545	0	0

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***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Well written proposal. Sections flow and successfully provide an overall picture of the project and operations.
2. Applicant does an excellent identification of underserved populations.
3. Applicant is to be commended for providing effective leadership for the statewide CRT including the state's informal fatality review process.
4. Well-developed CRT project including strategic planning efforts, development of a statewide SART and DVFR subcommittee, and signed MOUs.
5. Excellent sustainability plan, it is evident that much thought has been put into this section.

***Areas for Improvement:***

1. Project is currently operating on 2013 funding and has 100% of funds remaining from 2014.
2. In future applications please include STOP federal funds received on the Supplemental Funding Chart.
3. The underserved populations chart is missing the last column which is the estimated numbers to be served. This is a federal requirement under these funds.
4. Revise outcomes as they are only indicating units of activities provided. Recommend integrating the CRT goals and objectives (Outlined in Project Operations); and include measures such as but not limited to those that will help applicant determine effectiveness of TA and trainings provided.
5. Submit revised budget using meal per diem based on GSA rates, and the Printer used as match should be pro-rated unless it will be 100% dedicated to this project. In that case, no change will be necessary. Please outline the agency's procurement process.
6. Agency membership to National Center for Victims of Crime is allowable if this organization does not primarily do lobbying activities. Please provide verification from the NCVC.

**Attachment**

**#10**



From: African Aid Initiative  
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To: Nebraska Crime Commission  
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Date: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Sub: Appeal of Nebraska Crime Commission Decision VAWA Grant

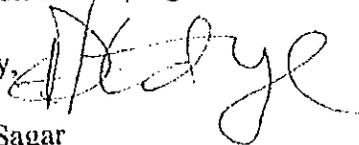
On behalf of African Aid Initiative, I will like to send my appeal to the distinguished committees to reconsider our application for funding.

African Aid Initiative attempted to established partnership with different CRT. Since all agencies are fighting for the same fund, we ran into stonewalls and we don't have hammers to break through. Hence, the decision seems biased against us because it favors our competitors and the platform is NOT leveled. Denying us to reach a vulnerable population that is NOT being served by the mainstream agencies is also prejudice and biased and denial of services to people who desperately need is arbitrary. If the Highest Commission in the State of Nebraska that was entrusted with the responsibility of aiding all population esp. its most vulnerable cant makes bold decisions, how are we going to break barriers and extend services with populations with most crime rates? We decided to submit our application as culturally specific. We proposed to provide Training Law Enforcement and Judicial Personnel on Cultural Intelligence to Improve Services for Refugee women who are Victims of Violence and Sexual Abuse and Provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters but the declination letter **states only** the training portion. We believe this was an error. Likewise, the deficiencies on our application should be considered as contingency issues that would be addressed accordingly. While we recognizes The Nebraska Crime Commission has the ultimate decision, the application instruction hasn't defined the line between what constitute contingency plan and denial, hence there is blurry line. In addition, African Aid Initiative met the Eligibility Requirement Grant, Priorities of the Grant, and The Purpose of the Grant. We anticipates the distinguished Committee will reconsider our application

knowing the platform is not leveled for new players especially recently established NGO that would represent one of the most overlooked, underserved, underrepresented, marginalized and vulnerable population by reconsidering the "Culturally specific is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups defined in the Public Health Act (2 U.S.C. 300u-6(g))" African Aid Initiatives welcomes and is open to discuss regarding the amount requested and would love to work with the Commission to redevelop a new budget if necessary. We are also opened to have sister Agencies such as WCA manage any financials on our behalf. However, declining services to this population will be catastrophic decision. Hence, we believed the decision was reached without considering the totality of the Grant guideline but the decision was base on minor details. African Aid Initiative is ready and willing to work with the Commission to rectify these errors before any funds can be disbursed.

African Aid Initiative submitted all the required documentations to support our application. African Aid Initiative believes that our application meets the clarity, consistency, and completeness the application requires. We acknowledge few errors in the application with regard to the address of the CEO but we believe this or similar errors shouldn't be basis for denial. Since the VAWA grant is disbursed through reimbursement system, we see no reason for concern because all the deficiencies will be addressed through contingency plan. We hope the respected Committees will reconsider our application for funding.

Sincerely,



Dekow Sagar

# **Attachment #11**

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April 13, 2016

Nebraska Crime Commission  
Attn: Ms Cynthia Kennedy  
Director of the Community-Based  
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Lincoln NE 68509

RE: Appeal of Buffalo County Grant #16-CB-0531; Denial of  
proposed use of funds

Dear Cynthia:

As per our letter dated March 18, 2016 Buffalo County is appealing the denial of the proposed use of Community-Based Funds for the Juvenile Justice Coordinator Position within Buffalo County. This appeal is pursuant to our conversations and based upon Section 011 of Title 75, Chapter 1, *Distribution of Community-based Juvenile Services Aid*.

Per 011.03 the basis of our appeal is .011.01B (Denial of proposed use of funds. The contingency #3-"Juvenile Justice Coordinator is denied given it appears funds are being utilized to prosecute a juvenile to seek adjudication under the juvenile code. Reference section (3) of Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.02. Buffalo County is appealing on the basis of 011.02C.-"the decision being appealed was reached without adherence to statutory requirements as specified in the Juvenile Services Act".

In section (3) of Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.02; "In distributing funds provided under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, aid recipients shall prioritize programs and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, reduce the population of juveniles in juvenile detention and secure confinement, and assist in transitioning juveniles from out-of-home placements"

We can understand why the decision was made when reading the original grant application. The statement written "prepare and present information for court testimony". In clarification, the Coordinator documents what the youth and family have been involved in regarding services during pre-adjudication, but NEVER testifies or files anything in court. The Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator position is neither an attorney nor do they prepare or assist in prosecution of any juvenile cases. They do not testify nor are they present in court; but rather provides information to the prosecuting attorney by way of narratives and documentation on what has taken place. This also can lead to no petitions or no filings taking place in court.

As you can see per attachment A;

The goal of this position (Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator) is to intervene on the behavior of youth who have received a request for an Uncontrollable Juvenile petition to be filed and to help them avoid entering the court system.

Prior to the Juvenile Justice Coordinator working full-time; during 08/01/14 through 04/01/15 there were 59 youth referred to the Buffalo County Attorney's Office with 29 petitions filed for a 56% rate of filings or going to court.

\*\*With the Juvenile Justice Coordinator working full-time; during 08/01/15 through 04/01/16 there were 64 youth referred with 26 being filed on for a 41% filing rate. This is a 15% decrease in youth being filed on in Buffalo County court in an eight month time period.\*\*

Under §43-2404.02 (3b): "funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used exclusively to assist the aid recipient in the implementation and operation of programs or the provision of services identified in the aid recipient's comprehensive juvenile services plan, including programs for local planning and service coordination; screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to detention; family support services; treatment services; truancy prevention and intervention programs".

Per the attached Job Description and Duties; the Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator position works with these priorities within the Buffalo County Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan:

#1-Increase youth and family engagement; works with parents and youth to gather information about the history, consequences and services already in place. The Coordinator has a caseload of 10-12 diversion youth ages 18 and younger.

#2-Effectively utilize and expand a continuum of alternatives to out-of-home/community placements and supports for youth in crisis: follows up with service providers, monitors participation in pre-adjudication services and documents what services are working or not working.

3) Identify appropriate behavioral health and substance abuse prevention programs and services for youth in Buffalo County; services may include counseling, behavioral health services, decision-making classes, Region 3 programs, MST Programs, Boys Town Services, Families CARE, or other service providers.

4) Improve system operation and coordination: the Coordinator communicates with youth, family, service providers, school personnel, attorneys, and probation officers to provide the latest and most current information to keep youth out of the court system.

The Coordinator reviews pre-adjudicated service invoices and works with the providers and State Probation on determining the dates and billing agencies for pre-adjudicated youth and services being provided.

Based upon this clarification we request Community-based Juvenile Services Aid funds in the amount of \$46,869 be allowed to be utilized in Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordination Programs; Grant 16-CB-0531. These funds are to continue to be used to divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system as allowed for in §43-2404.02 (3).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to telephone me directly at 308-233-5229 or email me at [dkramer@buffalocounty.ne.gov](mailto:dkramer@buffalocounty.ne.gov) if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Doug Kramer  
Buffalo County Juvenile Services Administrator  
Buffalo County Community-based Juvenile Services  
Aid/Grant 16-CB-0531 Project Director

**Attachment A: Buffalo County: Juvenile Justice Coordinator  
Position Job Description and Duties**

Here is a brief description of the Juvenile Justice Coordinator position in Buffalo County Juvenile Services:

**Juvenile Justice Coordinator consistently monitors three groups of youth/adults:**

- 1-Youth who have received a request for an Uncontrollable Juvenile petition to be filed and are not yet entered into the court system (nothing has been filed into court)
- 2- Diversion clients (both adult and juveniles) ages 18 and younger who are also not yet entered into the court system but will either be filed on if Diversion is unsuccessful or their record will be sealed upon successful completion of the program
- 3- Juveniles who have been filed on and entered the court system, but are still pre-adjudicated and utilizing court-authorized services at the county's expense.

**Uncontrollable Juveniles:** Youth who have received a request for an Uncontrollable Juvenile petition to be filed are referred to the Buffalo County Attorney. The Juvenile Justice Coordinator assists in following up with the parents or guardian of the youth and gather information on the history of his or her behavior. First, the Coordinator asks the parents or guardian about what consequences are already in place in the home and if the youth is utilizing services. These services may include counseling, behavioral health services, decision-making and responsible behavior classes, Region III programs, MST programs, Boys town services, Families CARE, or any other service providers in the area who assist with issues in a home or individual behavior. If the youth is already utilizing services, more information is gathered on what exact services are in place, if the services are helping, or if the youth needs additional help. It also may be that the youth or family needs to take a different approach, for example, getting a second opinion from a different psychologist or counselor. If a youth is not using services, the Coordinator makes referrals to services that are most appropriate for the youth at that time.

Each case is different. Depending on the juvenile there may be more than one service provider involved. The Coordinator monitors the progress of each youth as they utilize the services referred to and provide the County Attorney or Deputy County Attorney with updates along the way. The Coordinator will follow up with all service providers and even attend meetings if necessary. These youth may also have truancy issues and if so, the Coordinator will coordinate with the Truancy Officer as well. By gathering reports/evaluations from service providers and keeping in contact with others who are working with the youth or family, it makes it easier to assess the youth's situation as a whole.

Attachment A-cont.:

The goal of this position is to intervene on the behavior of youth who have received a request for an Uncontrollable Juvenile petition to be filed and to help them avoid entering the court system. Because these youth have yet to enter the court system, we consider them "pre-adjudicated" as nothing has been filed and hopefully nothing will be filed. If counseling or programs can assist a youth in addressing issues that may be the root cause of their behavior, then that is where we need to start. After exhausting services and a youth continues to act out or commit new law violations, filing a petition just may be the best option for the youth at that point. Ultimately, it is at the discretion of the County Attorney or Deputy County Attorney to decide whether or not these youth need to go to court, but by gathering information first and assessing each situation, we may be able to intervene and prevent these youth from going to court instead of resorting to prosecution.

**Diversion:** The Juvenile Justice Coordinator currently has a caseload of 10 diversion clients both adults and juveniles ages 18 and younger who are monitored on a regular basis. Diversion clients who successfully complete the program will have their record sealed and those who are not successful on Diversion will have their case returned to the County Attorney's office for further prosecution.

**Pre-Adjudicated Juveniles:** The Juvenile Justice Coordinator will also keep track of juveniles who have entered the court system and utilized pre-adjudication services authorized by the court at the County's expense. By tracking who utilized services before being adjudicated, what services were in place at the time, and the dates of when each juvenile was/is adjudicated, it helps verify that the bills the County receives from the service providers or detention centers are billed correctly.



**Pete Ricketts**  
Governor

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**  
NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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15 April 2016

RE: Response to Appeal of Buffalo County Grant #16-CB-0531; Denial of proposed use of funds

Dear Crime Commission Board Members:

Buffalo County has filed a formal appeal as a result of the Nebraska Crime Commission Funding Panel's recommendation to deny funding of the Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator position based on 011.02C of Title 75, Chapter 1 which states that, "the decision being appealed was reached without adherence to statutory requirements as specified in the Juvenile Services Act".

On March 3, 2016 the Nebraska Crime Commission Funding Panel, composed of voting members of the Nebraska Crime Commission Board, voted to approve Buffalo County grant application #16-CB-0531 in full (\$152,118); however, the Crime Commission Funding Panel recommended a denial of Buffalo County's request to use \$46,869 to fund the "Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator" salary and fringe benefits.

In previous rounds of grant review, the Community Planning Staff Review and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Grant Review both recommended to approve Buffalo County's full request of funds in the amount of \$152,118 but recommended denial of Buffalo County's request for the Juvenile Justice Coordinator position based on the nature of work performed and examples of work performed found in Buffalo County's grant application.

Page four of the Buffalo County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid grant application states that the Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator will be tasked with, "preparing and presenting information for court testimony and maintaining necessary case records." The application goes on to state that examples of work the Buffalo County Juvenile Justice Coordinator will complete includes, "prepare and present information for court."

Each grant review committee measures Community-based Juvenile Services Aid application requests against current Nebraska Statute and the Juvenile Services Act. Specifically Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.02 states:

The coalition shall make award recommendations to the commission, at least annually, in accordance with the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act for grants made under the Commission Grant Program. Such grants shall be used to assist in the implementation and operation of programs or services identified in the applicable comprehensive juvenile services plan, to include: Programs for local planning and service coordination; screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to detention; family support services; treatment services; reentry services; truancy prevention and intervention programs; and other services documented by data that will positively impact juveniles and families in the juvenile justice system.

Based on the Juvenile Services Act, the Nebraska Revised Statute §43-2404.02, and the information listed above, it is the recommendation of the Crime Commission Funding Panel that funding direct services to prosecute youth should not be considered a permissible use of community-based juvenile services aid dollars at this time.

Respectfully,



Cynthia Kennedy  
Chief, Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Division  
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

# **Attachment #12**



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\*The grant was closed to new applicants, so all applicants remained the same.  
 \* Individual Applications will be available on the committee review date.



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# **Attachment**

## **#13**

**2016 Juvenile Services  
\$ 587,812 Available**

Number	Agency—City	Program Title	2015 Award	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended Staff Review	Amount Recommended NCJJ	Amount Recommended NCC
16-JS-400	African Aid Initiative - Lincoln	Refugee Youth Mentorship & Parental Engagement	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	
16-JS-401	Revive Ministries - Hastings	Life-Skills		\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
16-JS-402	Revive Ministries - Hastings	Juvenile Intensive Outpatient	\$ 52,407.00	\$ 52,407.00	\$ 52,407.00	\$ 52,407.00	
16-JS-403	Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention (ASAAP) - Hastings	Youth Leadership (peer to peer) Mentoring	\$ 31,313.00	\$ 28,147.00	\$ 22,063.00	\$ 22,063.00	
16-JS-404	Banister's Leadership Academy - Omaha	Youth Advocacy Leadership Boards	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	
16-JS-405	City of Omaha	Village Zone Mentoring Project	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
16-JS-406	City of Omaha	Noble Youth Program Expansion	\$ 44,119.00	\$ 44,119.00	\$ 44,119.00	\$ 44,119.00	
16-JS-407	City of Omaha	Hope Employment & Learning Academy	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 19,350.00	\$ 19,350.00	\$ 19,350.00	
16-JS-408	City of Omaha	Boys Town of South Omaha Care Coordination Program	\$ -	\$ 37,185.00	\$ 37,185.00	\$ 37,185.00	
16-JS-409	City of Omaha	Greater Omaha Attendance & Learning Services Center	\$ 34,720.00	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 25,250.00	
16-JS-410	City of Omaha	Completely KIDS Liberty Project Family Strengthening Program	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
16-JS-411	Urban League of Nebraska-Omaha	Truancy Reduction Program	\$ -	\$ 42,077.00	\$ -	\$ -	
16-JS-412	GLW Childrens Council, Inc-Burwell	Expanding GLW Prevention Messages		\$ 49,157.00	\$ -	\$ -	
16-JS-413	Girls Inc.-Omaha	Girls with Futures	\$ 33,572.00	\$ 33,572.00	\$ 33,572.00	\$ 33,572.00	
16-JS-414	Sherman County-Loup City	Sherman County Cares	\$ 31,873.00	\$ 23,905.00	\$ -	\$ 23,905.00	
16-JS-415	Madison County-Madison	Bilingual JAO	\$ 13,445.00	\$ 15,059.00	\$ 15,059.00	\$ 15,059.00	
16-JS-416	Madison County-Madison	Alternatives for Diversion	\$ 2,678.00	\$ 3,168.00	\$ -	\$ -	
16-JS-417	West NE Juvenile Services-Gering	Equine Assisted Learning/Psychotherapy Program	\$ -	\$ 15,582.00	\$ 15,582.00	\$ 15,582.00	
16-JS-418	Lancaster County-Lincoln	POWER HOUR	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	
16-JS-419	Lancaster County-Lincoln	The Artist Inside	\$ 7,492.00	\$ 7,492.00	\$ 5,619.00	\$ 5,619.00	
16-JS-420	Girl Scouts Spirit of NE-Lincoln	Lincoln Refugee Outreach Journey Program	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	
16-JS-421	Board of Regents UNO	Validation of the YLS/CMI		\$ 94,769.00	\$ -	\$ 94,769.00	
16-JS-422	Lancaster County-Lincoln	Brick by Brick	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
16-JS-423	UNO Evaluations	Evidence Based Evaluations and Consultation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,932.00	
16-JS-424							
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Available  
Recommended  
Remaining

\$ 587,812.00	\$ 587,812.00	\$ 587,812.00	\$ 587,812.00
\$ 665,470.00	\$ 317,706.00	\$ 587,812.00	\$ -
\$ (77,658.00)	\$ 270,106.00	\$ -	\$ 587,812.00

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** African Aid Initiative

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0400

**Title:** Refugee Youth Mentorship & Parental Engagement

**Amount Requested:** \$120,000

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Submit revised budget</li><li>➤ Please address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good Problem Statement
- Targeting a high risk population
- Good stories demonstrating success and highlighting some of the unique needs of the targeted population.

**Areas for improvement:**

- Miscalculations- Pg. 19- please correct
- Would recommend focusing on a specific program
- Inconsistencies in application- listed -agency from Des Moines, but address in Lincoln and serving youth in Douglas County.
- Signatures not valid- please correct
- Would encourage applicant to work with City of Omaha in the future for potential funding opportunities through the County
- Must work with Dr. Wiener and UNO team to determine effectiveness of strategy to implement program, and follow recommendations made by these meetings in the form of consultation as recommended by the Crime Commission and UNO.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Revive Ministries Inc.

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0401

**Title:** Life-Skills

**Amount Requested:** \$36,000

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI # 10:</li><li>➤ 007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Working on ways to expand services to youth in the area

**Areas for improvement:**

- Evaluation piece not approved, missing information regarding how it was administered and used.
- Different phone number and address needs to be provided for authorized official other than agency information
- Unclear on what the total rent is and how it is pro-rated
- More information would have been helpful regarding online testing
- Grant review was unclear if this was an existing service, and how it has been funded in the past.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Revive Ministries Inc.

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0402

**Title:** Juvenile Intensive Outpatient

**Amount Requested:** \$52,407

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 52,407	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- No program like this in the area
- Serving at risk youth
- Good Program currently in second year of JS funding
- Good letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

- More information regarding #'s- why the decrease? Please explain
- Please list all funding sources received last year
- More explanation needed on why only 21 youth served?
- Explanation needed regarding probation referrals. What is the current relationship with Medicaid and probation vouchers
- Project period not listed- please provide
- Miscalculations on page 58- please correct

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Area Substance & Alcohol Abuse Prevention

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0403

**Title:** Youth Leadership Mentoring

**Amount Requested:** \$28,147

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 22,063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Provide revised budget</li><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Applicant is following the step down process
- Unique program to that part of Nebraska
- Good letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

- Information under sustainability- no justification provided for new funding
- Reduce match to a manageable amount
- Executive Director is asking more in salary than time is devoted- please revise
- Who are the peer to peer presenters? Please explain
- If we're paying project director and other people why are we paying the consults? Explanation needed
- 40% of rent. Explanation needed. Is rent being pro-rated among all funding sources?
- Move money in personnel and travel to simplify application
- Mileage rate needs to be changed to .54
- Rent match and amount requested do not add up to total monthly rent- please revise entire section
- Is telephone rate \$1200 a month or a year- please specify
- Bookkeeping match exceeds annual documented cost- please correct
- Please provide project period

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Banister's Leadership Academy

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0404

**Title:** Youth Leadership Mentoring

**Amount Requested:** \$11,250

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 11,250	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

- Following the step down process
- Good success stories

***Areas for improvement:***

- More information on Leadership Board functions, work, responsibilities
- Data has not been provided under demographics- please provide
- Please list all funding sources received by applicant
- How often does the Board meet? Please provide most recent Board minutes.
- Why are there four staff members at youth meetings? Explanation needed.
- More information needed under sustainability plan -must show sustainability
- Letters of support are generic and from parents only- does not show community involvement with letters. Please provide at least three letters of support from community partners.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha

Grant #: 16-JS-0405

Title: Village Zone Mentoring Project

Amount Requested: \$44,000

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI # 10:</li><li>➤ 007.02E: Other resources available to address the problem including an explanation of how the grant applicant's proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources.</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good School component
- The focus on prevention is appreciated
- Good Letters of Support
- Culturally and gender specific programming

**Areas for improvement:**

- Application does not clearly indicate if this program is new or existing.
- Would have liked to see the procurement procedure in relation to the services provided by Gallup.
- Would have liked to see explanation of applicant's referral process
- What other programs are offering this service? This program appears to be a duplication of current efforts in the Omaha area focusing on truancy

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** City of Omaha

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0406

**Title:** Noble Youth Program Expansion

**Amount Requested:** \$44,119

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 44,119	➤ <b>1. Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</b>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

- Culturally Specific Program
- Unique to South Omaha targeting Hispanic Youth

***Areas for improvement:***

- Would like to see letter of support from Omaha Public Schools
- No statistics or data- please provide
- Please provide City of Omaha community plan

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** City of Omaha

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0407

**Title:** Hope Employment & Learning Academy

**Amount Requested:** \$19,350

*The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.*

<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 19,350	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Following the step down process
- Staff review likes the concept of providing employment information

**Areas for improvement:**

- Please provide more information for field trips and program curriculum
- Are exit interviews with drop outs a possibility? Please explain
- Do mock interviews exist? Is the applicant currently conducting mock interviews?

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha

Grant #: 16-JS-0408

Title: Boys Town

Amount Requested: \$37,185

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 37,185	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good to see applicant targeting DMC in high risk areas
- Utilizing alternatives to detention strategies
- Targeting at risk youth

**Areas for improvement:**

- Fringe needs to be corrected- We can only pay employers portion of fringe
- Does City of Omaha have current Community Plan? Please submit.
- Please provide data for current Care Coordinators to justify additional staff request
- How are the other two Care Coordinators positions funded?
- Does applicant receive vouchers for the youth on probation? Please provide explanation.
- More explanation is needed regarding the specific youth population as indicated in the application
- Letter of support from Boys Town not provided- please submit.
- What is the current case load of Care Coordinators?
- Does the program have a wait list? Please clarify

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha

Grant #: 16-IS-0409

Title: GOALS

Amount Requested: \$25,250

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 25,250	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Following the step down
- Good Program
- Good grant management

**Areas for improvement:**

- Please provide letter of support from Omaha Public Schools
- How does applicant plan to ensure no duplication of services between Boys Town and the Goals Center?
- Why were 40 kids not accepted into the program? What is the process of program eligibility and acceptance? Please explain
- What is currently being done to reduce decline in participation? Please explain

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha

Grant #: 16-JS-0410

Title: Completely KIDS

Amount Requested: \$25,000

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 25,000	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Requesting step down
- Good Letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

- 189 of 270- Only serving 81 kids 10 to 17- please provide explanation
- Applicant requests \$1400 for food to be provided to families during class. Food cost can only be for juveniles and must be nutritious. More explanation is needed.
- Please provide updated community plan

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Urban League of Nebraska

Grant #: 16-JS-0411

Title: Truancy Reduction Program

Amount Requested: \$42,077

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI #10:</li><li>➤ 007.02D: Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified program.</li><li>➤ 007.02H: If previously funded, the performance and ability of the applicant to manage a grant program, including the timely submission of required reports to the Crime Commission.</li><li>➤ 007.02F: Cost effectiveness of proposed project</li></ul>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Targeting ages 10-17 at risk youth

**Areas for improvement:**

- Proposed project appears to be duplication of current efforts in targeted area. Duplicate efforts in Omaha already existing
- Applicant has demonstrated lack of grant management skills in the past. Improvement in this area needs to be made.
- This appears to be a request for a new staff member for an existing grant through Title II- not new application- more information is needed
- No letters of support provided
- Match should be 10%
- Mileage rate should be .54
- Project period is not listed

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** GLW Children's Council

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0412

**Title:** Expanding GLW Prevention Messages

**Amount Requested:** \$49,157

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI #10:</li><li>➤ 007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project.</li><li>➤ 007.02D: Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem.</li></ul>

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**Strengths of the Application:**

- Proposed service area is a high need area

**Areas for improvement:**

- Duplicate grant that was denied last year- how was program funded the last couple of years
- Applicant is not clear on the age group being served
- Positions are existing- how are they able to sustain program without Juvenile Services funding?
- Phone number for authorized official should be a direct line and not the agency number.
- Project period should fall within July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017
- DMC should be addressed even if population is only 3.5% minority/Hispanic. Approximately 194 minority youth in population area.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Girls Inc. of Omaha

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0413

**Title:** Girls with Futures

**Amount Requested:** \$33,572

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 33,572	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good Program
- Centered around gender specific

**Areas for improvement:**

- Insurance maintenance and fuel is not approved- please revise
- Please correct mileage to .54
- Laptops can't be given as gifts- must follow procurement process if purchasing for programmatic needs
- Gifts are not allowed, but incentives are such as stipends

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Sherman County Prevention Coalition

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0414

**Title:** Sherman County Cares

**Amount Requested:** \$23,905

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 23,905	➤ Please address and provide documentation for all areas of improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Applicant is targeting a rural area that is lacking services

**Areas for improvement:**

- Only one letter of support provided- please provide 1 more
- Applicant did not provide any data- please provide
- Duns number not valid- must be corrected in order to receive funding
- Applicant has demonstrated difficulty with communication and grant management in the past- Please work with administrator to develop a plan to address these issues

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Madison County

Grant #: 16-JS-0415

Title: Bilingual JAO

Amount Requested: \$15,059

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 15,059	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- There is a need for culturally specific programming in this area due to large Hispanic population.

**Areas for improvement:**

- What are the Bilingual JAO full time allocations? Requesting to fund 80% of her position, is she working with bilingual youth 80% of the time?
- Applicant needs to explain low program completion rate of only 18 out of 90 participants completing the program.
- Please provide a detailed job description
- Why are so few Hispanic Youth being served by bilingual JAO? Is the issue in the referral process? What is the plan to increase the number served? Please explain

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Madison County

Grant #: 16-JS-0416

Title: Alternatives for Diversion

Amount Requested: \$3,168

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI#10</li><li>➤ 007.02E: Other resources available</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

- Poor communication with Crime Commission
- Who is the person providing the program? Job Title?
- Why are numbers so low on completion?
- Have not followed the step down

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** West Nebraska Juvenile Services

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0417

**Title:** Equine Assisted Learning

**Amount Requested:** \$15,582

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 15,582	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Services are needed within geographic area
- Good Program

**Areas for improvement:**

- Applicant over- matched- please reduce over match
- No letters of support- please provide 2
- Applicant indicates that only 10% of the population is Hispanic, is this correct? Review members questioned why project is not serving Hispanic youth? Please provide explanation
- Hay and feed should not be used as match as it will have to be documented- please correct
- Applicant does not indicate how program was previously funded- please revise

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0418

**Title:** POWER HOUR

**Amount Requested:** \$11,250

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 11,250	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

- Good Program
- Following the step down process

**Areas for improvement:**

- Grant Management is slow and cash reports are sent with no documentation- work with Crime Commission staff to develop plan.
- What is the current process for volunteers? Are background checks completed prior to working with children?

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0419

**Title:** The Artist Inside

**Amount Requested:** \$7,492

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 5,619	➤ Please address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

- Good program
- Unique strategy for youth involving the arts

***Areas for improvement:***

- What other sources of funding are available for this program?
- This is applicants last year of funding, encouraged to seek other funding sources for program continuation.

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** Girl Scouts Spirit of NE

**Grant #:** 16-JS-0420

**Title:** Lincoln Refugee Outreach Journey Program

**Amount Requested:** \$21,500

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 21,500	➤ <b>Please address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</b>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

- Good Concept
- Targeting refugee youth

***Areas for improvement:***

- What population is being served?
- How will referrals be made? It sounds like a significant amount of outreach will be occurring what is the timeframe for this service to begin?
- Project period needs to fall within July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017
- Must work with Dr. Wiener and UNO team to determine effectiveness of strategy to implement program, and follow recommendations made by these meetings in the form of consultation as recommended by the Crime Commission and UNO.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 16-JS-422

**Title:** Brick by Brick

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 15,000	➤ <b>1. Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</b>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

- Working with youth in detention
- Targeting DMC
- Cooperating with DMC evaluation through UNO

***Areas for improvement:***

- Why are more hours used for preparation than presentation? Please explain
- Travel time to go to work isn't cost effective and not approved- please adjust
- Budget should be revised in personnel category.
- In the revised budget explain how it is a direct service

# **Attachment**

# **#14**

**2015 Title II  
 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Act Formula Grants  
 \$ 385,867 Available**

Number	Agency—City (Program Title)	2014 Award	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended Staff Review	Amount Recommended NCJJ	Amount Recommended NCC
15-JJ-01	African Aid Initiative-Lincoln (Refugee Youth Mentorship & Parental Engagement)	\$ -	\$ 79,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	
15-JJ-02	Indian Center, Inc.-Lincoln (Native Connections for Life)	\$ -	\$ 104,549.00	\$ 95,649.00	\$ 95,649.00	
15-JJ-03	Sherman County Coalition-Loup City (Sherman Co. Diversion)	\$ 8,910.00	\$ 4,455.00	\$ -	\$ -	
15-JJ-04	City of Omaha (Omaha Fire Dept.- Youth Firesetter Program)	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 9,900.00	\$ -	\$ 9,900.00	
15-JJ-05	Lancaster County-Lincoln (Brick by Brick)	moved to Juvenile Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	
15-JJ-06	Lancaster County-Lincoln (Preventing the School to Prison Pipeline)	\$ -	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	
15-JJ-07	Seward County (Truancy Program)	\$ 11,830.00	\$ 5,916.00	\$ 5,916.00	\$ 5,916.00	
15-JJ-08	Seward County (Butler Co Truancy Program)	\$ 24,036.00	\$ 18,027.00	\$ 18,027.00	\$ 18,027.00	
15-JJ-09	Seward County (Seward & Butler Co. Pretrial Divrsion)	\$ -	\$ 19,559.00	\$ -	\$ -	
15-JJ-10	Banister's Leadership Academy-Omaha (Levels of Leadership Support Advisory Program)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 18,750.00	
15-JJ-11	Urban League of NE-Omaha (Truancy Reduction Program)	\$ 48,073.00	\$ 32,049.00	\$ 32,049.00	\$ -	
15-JJ-12	Lancaster Co.-Lincoln (Back on Track)	\$ -	\$ 27,150.00	\$ 27,150.00	\$ 27,150.00	
15-JJ-13	Lancaster Co.-Lincoln (School Engagement)	\$ -	\$ 49,809.00	\$ 49,809.00	\$ 49,809.00	
15-JJ-14	DMC Coordinator		\$ 72,517.00	\$ 72,517.00	\$ 72,517.00	
	UNO program Consultations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,149.00	
<b>Available</b>			\$ 385,867.00	\$ 385,867.00	\$ 385,867.00	\$ 385,867.00
<b>Recomm</b>			\$ 508,481.00	\$ 385,867.00	\$ 385,867.00	\$ -
<b>Remain</b>			\$ (122,614.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385,867.00

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice**

**SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET**

**Applicant:** African Aid Initiative

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0001

**Title:** Refugee Youth Mentorship & Parental Engagement

**Amount Requested:** \$79,800

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI #10:</li> <li>➤ 007.02C- Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application.</li> <li>➤ 007.02D- Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified program</li> <li>➤ 007.02F- Cost effectiveness of the proposed project</li> </ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good Problem Statement
2. Targeting a high risk population
3. Good stories demonstrating success and highlighting some of the unique needs of the targeted population.

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Duns # lists program in Iowa
2. Miscalculations- Pg. 19
3. Justification needed for 23-25 computers
4. Start-up costs not recommended for funding due to amount of funds available
5. Would recommend focusing on a specific program or project
6. Inconsistencies in application- listed out of agency from Des Moines, but address from Lincoln and serving youth in Douglas County.
7. Signatures not valid
8. Would encourage applicant to work with City of Omaha in the future and the Juvenile Services Administrator with the Crime Commission
9. Unclear if program incorporates both male and female youth
10. Unclear of what comingling of youth means

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Indian Center, Inc.

Grant #: 15-JJ-0002

Title: Native Connections for Life

Amount Requested: \$104,549

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 95,649	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Submit revised budget</li><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good incentives
2. Culturally Specific
3. Unique to Lincoln
4. Good Grant Management
5. Good at documentation
6. Considered new applicant- not through the County
7. New Program targeting youth 10-17

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Did not provide anything for sections B, C, or D- we request that it is completed
2. Please follow recommendations made in DMC Evaluation conducted by Dr. Wiener with UNO
3. Did not provide information of previous funding- please provide
4. Miscalculations made on personnel budget- please revise
5. Need more information regarding travel- vehicle maintenance must be prorated- entire amount is not allowable- please correct
6. Mileage needs to be corrected to .54
7. Rent can be used for match only- please correct
8. High indirect cost rate- remove rent and telephone from this amount
9. Please provide at least 2 letters of support
10. Are both positions new? Is Rose no longer going to be paid through application- please clarify
11. Must differentiate program/curriculum from Dare. Please provide more information about curriculum.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Sherman County

Grant #: 15-JJ-0003

Title: Sherman Co. Diversion

Amount Requested: \$4,455

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI #10</li><li>➤ 007.02E Other resources available</li><li>➤ 997.02F Cost effectiveness of the proposed project</li></ul>

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good to see that new information was provided in application
2. Targeted area is rural and has fewer options for programs

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Fiscal Officer and Program Coordinator are the same person would have liked to see different people for each position
2. Grant review would have liked more information regarding the low number of youth served
3. Applicant has had poor grant management. Applicant does not respond to e-mails or other correspondence from the Crime Commission in a timely manner.
4. Applicant provided over- match
5. Duns # invalid

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha

Grant #: 15-JJ-0004

Title: Omaha Fire Dept-Youth Firesetter Program

Amount Requested: \$9,900

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 9,900	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Unique program
2. Program educates siblings of at risk youth as well

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Would like to see community support demonstrated through letters of support
2. Match amount not provided- please provide
3. Grant review recommended this for funding as a final year while the county or fire department incorporates program into budget
4. Please provide verification that this is not supplanting of funds- contact administrator with questions

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0005

**Title:** Brick by Brick

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 15,000	➤ 1. Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Working with youth in detention
2. Targeting DMC
3. Cooperating with DMC evaluation through UNO

**Areas for improvement:**

4. Why are more hours used for preparation than presentation? Please explain
5. Travel time to go to work isn't cost effective and not approved- please adjust
6. Budget should be revised in personnel category.
7. In the revised budget explain how it is a direct service

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lancaster County

Grant #: 15-JJ-0006

Title: Project SUCCESS

Amount Requested: \$51,000

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 46,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Provide revised budget</li><li>➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good to see program gaining momentum
2. School based diversion program
3. Good to see the evaluation piece at this stage of the program
4. Good letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Miscalculation on page 21
2. Project period should be within July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017
3. Low number of youth referred and accepted last year would like to get more information. Why are referrals not coming in as expected? Please provide explanation.
4. Is this an arrest based program?
5. Is program only for 14 and 15 year olds?

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Seward County

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0007

**Title:** Seward Co. Truancy Program

**Amount Requested:** \$5,916

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 5,916	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good Program
2. Good Letters of Support
3. Following the Step Down Process
4. Coloring books-new technique
5. #'s have increased since last year
6. Appreciate the communication efforts with parents

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Miscalculation on Pg. 5- please correct
2. Please reduce match
3. Coloring books will have to go through procurement process
4. Would recommend full amount for personnel rather than other expenses

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Seward County

Grant #: 15-JJ-0008

Title: Butler Co Truancy Program

Amount Requested: \$18,027

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 18,027	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good success story
2. Following the step down process
3. Increase in successful completions

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Update mileage to correct amount on Pg. 24
2. Take \$2.00 of match out of travel and put full amount in personnel to simplify match

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Seward County

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0009

**Title:** Seward & Butler Co Pretrial Diversion

**Amount Requested:** \$19,559

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<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:</b>
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Recommended for denial based on OI #10</li><li>➤ 007.002E. Other resources available</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Good letters of support

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Mileage should be .54
2. Procurement process for laptop
3. How was this previously funded? All positions have been existing
4. Staff review had supplanting concerns
5. There are currently two programs in the area providing similar services
6. Requesting increase to add hours for tracker and case management system not cost effective at this time

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Banister's Leadership Academy

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0010

**Title:** Levels of Leadership Support Advisory Program

**Amount Requested:** \$18,750

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 18,750	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

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**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Following the step down process
2. Targeting DMC and at risk youth in Omaha

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Pg. 5 no total listed- please correct
2. Do not use real names for youth in application
3. Letters of support need to show community involvement- Letters are duplicate format of previous year
4. All amounts should be in salary to simplify reimbursement process

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Urban League of Nebraska, Inc.

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0011

**Title:** Truancy Reduction Program

**Amount Requested:** \$32,049

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 1.Recommended for denial based on OI #10</li><li>➤ 007.02D- Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified program</li><li>➤ 007.02F- Cost effectiveness of the proposed project</li><li>➤ 007.02H- Ability of the applicant to manage a grant program</li></ul>

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

**Strengths of the Application:**

1. Targeting DMC in Omaha
2. Good to see program working in the schools

**Areas for improvement:**

1. Poor grant management- Communication with the Crime Commission is not timely.
2. No Data on youth served
3. No letters of support
4. Submitted the grant award for FY14 Title II after the deadline and de-obligated funds from FY13 Title II
5. Detail fringe benefits
6. Would recommend that the program moves towards an evidence based model as recommended by evaluation.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0012

**Title:** Back on Track

**Amount Requested:** \$27,150

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 27,150	➤ Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Helping youth become re-engaged with high school through the HUB
2. Good letters of support
3. Good to see increase in number of youth served

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Please fill out a statement of disclosure
2. Need to reduce match to a manageable documented amount

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

**Applicant:** Lancaster County

**Grant #:** 15-JJ-0013

**Title:** School Engagement & Parent Support

**Amount Requested:** \$49,809

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Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$ 49,809	1. Address and provide documentation for all areas for improvement

*The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.*

***Strengths of the Application:***

1. Good Letters of support
2. Offers wrap around services
3. Second year of funding

***Areas for improvement:***

1. Please contact Dr. Wiener to complete Evaluation
2. Why is probation not referring youth to this program? How is this being addressed?
3. Please provide more information under continuation
4. Application unclear -please provide clarification on the parent engagement training, classroom facilities, and wrap around principles.
5. Why is probation not paying the fee for service now?

# **Attachment**

## **#15**



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March 2, 2016

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RE: Addition of Eyewitness Identification Procedure to May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Dear Director Fisher,

I write to request that the agenda for the May 6, 2016 Commission meeting include discussion of LB846. As you know, LB846 was introduced this session by Senator Pansing-Brooks and requires the adoption of written policies regarding eyewitness identification of suspects. As of February 22, 2016 my office has agreed to the attached amendment to LB846 proffered by Senator Pansing-Brooks. This amendment requires the Commission to set forth standards that (a) describe the administration of a lineup (b) govern instructions to witnesses and (c) record the witnesses' level of certainty. The amendment also requires the Commission to distribute a standard model written policy. It is my intent and request that the Commission take up this matter at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting regardless of whether or not LB846 is enacted this legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Peterson  
Attorney General

**LB 846 Possible Amendment**  
**2/19/2016**

(1) On or before January 1, 2017, the Nebraska State Patrol, the county sheriffs, all city and village police departments, and any other law enforcement agency of this state or of any political subdivision of this state shall adopt a written policy on suspect identification by eyewitnesses and provide a copy of such policy to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The policy shall include the minimum standards set forth by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice relating to the following: (a) Standards which describe the administration of a lineup (b) Procedures governing the instructions given by peace officers to witnesses (c) Procedures for documentation of the witnesses level of certainty of identification.

(2) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall distribute a standard model written policy on suspect identification by eye witnesses. Any law enforcement agency which fails to create its own policy under subsection (1) of this section shall after January 1, 2017 shall be deemed to have adopted the standard written policy of the commission.