

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

**Tracking Number:** 9.

**Date of Request:** April 22, 2008

**Date Request Received:** April 25, 2008

**Board Meeting Date Requested:** May 5, 2008

**Board Meeting Date Assigned:** May 5, 2008

**Short Title:** Resolution Approving The Annual Plan And Funding Recommendations Of The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council For Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**Request Status:**  
 Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners  
 More information is needed – see attached  
 Request on hold – no further information needed  
 Other:

**Background:** The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is a state mandated county board tasked with overseeing the distribution of state funds for programs serving youth who are currently in the juvenile justice system or are at-risk of entering it. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has projected that the Pender County JCPC will receive \$115,855 in funding for fiscal year 2008-2009. To receive these funds, the JCPC must complete an Annual Plan. The major component of this plan is doing an assessment summary of the risks, needs and available resources for the youth of Pender County. As a result of these assessment summaries, funding priorities were established for needed programs and a request for proposals was advertised for programs that could meet those identified needs. Based on proposals received, the Pender County JCPC recommends that the following programs receive funding:

Skills for Success	\$10,140
Juvenile Restitution/Community Service	\$20,200
Teen Court	\$13,000
JCPC Administration	\$15,500
Unallocated (will be used to contract services for psychological assessments and/or treatment)	\$57,015

**Specific Action Requested:** Approval of the Annual Plan and Funding Recommendations of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for FY 2008-2009.

Requested by: Dee Turner  
 Department: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
 Title: Chairperson  
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*(Administrative Use Only)*

**CONTRACT TYPE**

- Renewal
- For Service(s)
- Intergovernmental – County as Grantee
  - Federal Grantor
  - State Grantor
  - Grant or
- County as Grantor
  - County Funds
  - Other Funds:
- Revision
- For Equipment

**PURCHASING** Budgeted Item:  Yes  No  
 Date Rec'd: \$17,322 Reviewed and Approved  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTORNEY**  Reviewed and Approved  
 Date Rec'd:  Legal Problem(s)  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCE** Sufficient Funds  Available  
 Date Rec'd  Not Available  
 Budget Amendment Necessary  
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK** Signature(s) Required:  
 Board Chairman/County Manager  
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board:  Yes  No  
 At meeting on

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Respectfully recommend approval.

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Initials

**RESOLUTION: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the Board approves the Annual Plan and funding allocations to stated programs for FY 2008-2009, as recommended by the Pender County JCPC based on the projected amount of \$115,855, to be received by the County from the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Chairman and/or County Manager are authorized to execute any/all agreements necessary to implement the resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

**YEA VOTES:**

Williams \_\_\_\_\_ Tate \_\_\_\_\_ Blanchard \_\_\_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_\_\_

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J. David Williams, Chairman

05/05/08  
Date

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ATTEST

05/05/08  
Date

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
Pender COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

- I. Risk Assessment Summary**
- II. Needs Assessment Summary**
- III. Resource Assessment Summary**
- IV. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Community Continuum**
- V. Proposed Priority Services for Funding**

**Part I Risk**

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Risk Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after juveniles are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquent act has occurred and prior to adjudication of the juvenile. The Juvenile Risk Assessment is an instrument used to predict the likelihood of the juvenile being involved in future delinquent behavior. For some youth, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent upon information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages which with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence.

**County Risk Factor Observations: FY 200X-200Y**

- 89% of youth are considered low or medium risk for future delinquency. This is an increase over the previous year
- There was a decrease in the number of adjudicated youth who were under age 12 at the time of their first alleged delinquent offense
- 27% of adjudicated youth have a prior history of running away from home or a placement. This is above the state average.
- 42% of adjudicated youth have some level of substance use/abuse
- 73% of adjudicated youth have moderate to serious behavioral problems at school
- 74% of adjudicated youth have problems with peer associations or associates with other delinquent youth

**Part II. Needs**

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee also reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Needs Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors prior to court disposition of a

juvenile. The Juvenile Needs Assessment is an instrument used to examine a youth's needs in the various domains of his life: The Individual Domain, The School Domain, The Peer Domain, and the Community Domain. This instrument was designed to detect service intervention needs as an aid in service planning. As with the Juvenile Risk Assessment, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent upon information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages which with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence.

### **County Elevated Needs Observations: FY 200X-200Y**

- 50% of adjudicated youth have medium to high needs
- 81% of adjudicated youth have problems with peer associations or associates with other delinquent youth.
- 19% of adjudicated youth were identified as having gang associations. This is higher than the previous year and higher than the state rate.
- 73% of adjudicated you have moderate to serious school behavior problems
- 23% of adjudicated youth are reported as functioning below grade level
- 39% of adjudicated youth have some level of substance use/abuse. This is an increase over the previous year
- 21% of adjudicated youth have some history of having been abused/neglected
- 19% of adjudicated you have engaged in sexually deviant behavior
- 69% of adjudicated youth have mental health issues.
- 54% of adjudicated youth need additional mental health assessment. This is higher than the state rate.

### **Part III. Summary of the Existing Community Resources**

- Juvenile Psychological Services (JCPC funded)
- Community Service & Restitution program (JCPC funded)
- Skills for Success (JCPC funded)
- Teen Court (JCPC funded)
- MAJORS Program
- Gang Task Force
- Pender Success Academy
- Adolescent parent pregnancy class
- Pregnancy Prevention program
- After-school programming in all elementary schools

- o Organized youth athletic organizations (i.e. soccer, baseball, basketball, cheerleading)

#### **Part IV Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services**

- o Transportation
- o Employment Opportunities
- o Community Center
- o Recreation Center/facility (i.e. Bowling center, movie theater, arcade)

#### **Part V. Proposed Priority Services for Funding**

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

**The Committee proposes that the following services in ranked order be approved as the funding priorities for FY 2008-2009.**

- 1 Psychological Services
- 2 Interpersonal Skill Building
- 3 Community Service / Restitution
- 4 Teen Court
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