

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Division of Criminal Justice Services

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Poverty Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Programs

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services' (DCJS) Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 200% of Poverty Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) programs to work with individuals in communities who are under criminal justice supervision or recently released from correctional facilities, including county and local facilities. Program participants are to be the custodial or non-custodial parents or adult relative primary caretakers of minor children with family incomes that do not exceed 200% of the annual federal poverty levels. Up to approximately \$1,150,000 will be available to support contracts with a maximum one year value of \$200,000 to not-for-profit organizations or units of local government in New York State.

The funding is to support ATI programs that promote job readiness, job placement and job retention, measured at 90 and 180 days. The program also targets child support compliance to promote job retention and family ties through assumption of familial responsibilities. The engagement of the offender and re-establishment of familial responsibility and support can result in significant cost savings through foster care avoidance, as well as return of dependent children from foster care. Utilization of the NYCOMPAS risk and needs assessment is required as is the provision of cognitive behavioral programming to address criminogenic needs. Offender employment, treatment, and cognitive behavioral therapy with the goal of re-establishing responsibility and support of children and families can lead to positive attitude change, respect for others and the community, and law abiding behavior. Contracts will be awarded for a 12 month period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 with two 1-year renewal options.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Please submit proposals on the DCJS electronic Grants Management System (GMS) per instructions in the RFP. Applicants who are not registered on GMS should treat registration as a priority. The RFP is available on the DCJS's website at: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/opca/index.htm> and <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/newrfp.htm>

For assistance in accessing the RFP, contact: Bernard Wilson, Supervisor, Contract Admin., Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Four Tower Place - 2nd Fl., Albany, NY 12203-3764, (518) 485-5137

