

# SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE COURT FUNDS

## PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS- FY2024

Disbursing Agency:	Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts Juvenile Division 625 Marshall Street, Suite 1100 Little Rock, AR 72201
Funding Opportunity Title:	Supplemental Juvenile Court Funding
Application Period Opening Date:	January 2, 2024
Application Close Date:	All applications <b>must</b> be submitted by March 31, 2024. The AOC will begin processing applications in April.
Award Amount:	The distributed amount will be determined based on need and proposal.
Submission process:	Paper and email applications will <u>not</u> be accepted. Applications shall be submitted via the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/usNUHYAHe8">https://forms.office.com/g/usNUHYAHe8</a> Supporting documentation should be emailed to <a href="mailto:juvenileofficers@arcourts.gov">juvenileofficers@arcourts.gov</a> .

### **Overview**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) plans to distribute \$306,808.47 to juvenile courts across the state of Arkansas. Each county requesting funding under this RFP must submit an application at <https://forms.office.com/g/usNUHYAHe8>. Applicants should be prepared with the following information to complete the online application. Any supporting documentation should be sent to [juvenileofficers@arcourts.gov](mailto:juvenileofficers@arcourts.gov).

1. Contact information: the county name, judicial circuit, juvenile judge's name that is submitting the application, email address where confirmation of the application will be sent, and the mailing address/to whom the check should be sent if selected for supplemental funding.
2. Briefly describe the financial need of the county.
3. Briefly describe the juvenile crime rate of the county.
4. Briefly describe the county's use of risk assessment and behavioral screenings.
5. Briefly describe recent trends in juvenile commitment to DYS for the county (i.e. reduction in commitments, increase in commitments, and reasons for trends).
6. Briefly describe recent trends in juvenile diversions, preventive in-home treatment services, and other alternatives to commitment for the county.

7. Briefly describe the county's resources for services for juveniles in the community and the greatest needs for additional services for juveniles in the community.
8. Please state the amount of funding the county is requesting under this grant.
9. Briefly describe how the county would use the requested funding for the provision of juvenile officer services.

As mentioned above, a separate application for each county is necessary.

Proposals will be evaluated, and funds distributed, based on the totality of a county's circumstances and no single factor or absence of a factor will guarantee or prohibit funding. The funds are available for use for a wide array of purposes including, but not limited to, work-stations, equipment, technology, incentives, salaries, and benefits.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 16-13-331, the AOC will consider: (1) The use or inability of a county to use risk assessment and behavioral health screenings; (2) The financial need of the county; (3) The juvenile crime rate of the county; (4) The juvenile division of circuit court reduction in commitments and the need for community service in the county; and, (5) The plan of the juvenile division of circuit court or the county for the use of funds for the provision of juvenile officer services.