

Dear Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Subgrantees:

Legislative session has begun and I want to provide you with some imperative information. Please view page 102 of LB294, introduced by Senator Scheer at the request of Governor Ricketts regarding a bill for an act relating to appropriations: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB294.pdf>. See the following language: There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2019-2020 \$5,720,264 General Funds for state aid.

In September of 2018, when I released the 2019-2020 announcement, there was a predicted 4% budget reduction and, therefore, the dollars were apportioned among counties and tribes in the amount of \$6,048,000. If the budget bill passes as proposed, then there will be an additional 5.42% reduction in the amount of \$327,736. With this proposal, not only will EB be completely eliminated for 2019-2020, but there will be an additional reduction apportioned among CB applicants in the amount of \$41,617.

The following information includes resources and documents to include quantifiable information that demonstrates the need for these dollars and how they have been utilized:

- The Juvenile Justice Institute and the Nebraska Crime Commission collaborated to create the attached 2 page handout for an overview of Fiscal Year 2017-2018, labeled "CBA Program." This handout includes outcome measures, number of programs, number of youth served, and the overall purpose of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.
- Also attached is a presentation on the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice by Lindsey Wylie with the Juvenile Justice Institute and myself.
- Here is a link to my annual report: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/FY2016.2017-Annual-Report.pdf>
- Here is a link to all my previous reports: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/annual-reports-0>
- Here is a link to the Juvenile Justice Institute's annual reports and publications: <https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/juvenile-justice-institute/reports-and-publications/index.php>

The purpose of this email is to provide counties and tribes insight into the upcoming fiscal year and how this proposal will affect the 2019 grant applications. I welcome you to call me with any questions or concerns so I can answer any questions you may have regarding the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

Sincerely,

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