

**The Juvenile Court of Lowndes County will partner with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) to provide Functional Family Therapy to serve 64 youth and their families from Lowndes as a diversionary services for youth at-risk of commitment to DJJ custody with the goal of reducing felony, STP, and total commitments to DJJ as well as reducing new instances of secure detention admissions. FFT continues to be selected as it has delivered excellent results, does not exist in the county otherwise, matches to the families and the need to improving family functioning to reduce delinquency behavior.**

e. Brief description of the activities requiring CJCC funds.

**The Lowndes County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to serve 80 youth and families in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program. FFT helps troubled youth and their families to overcome delinquency, substance abuse and violence. It is a treatment strategy that is built on a foundation of respect of individuals, families and cultures that includes effective treatment strategies that pave the way for motivating individuals and families to become more adaptive and successful in their functioning.**

## **2. Administration**

a. Name and brief description of the implementing agency. Name the applicant and fiscal agents, if these agencies are different from the implementing agency. The fiscal agent must be a county commission/board of commissioners.

**The implementing agency is the Lowndes County Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Court is responsible for hearing cases involving juvenile offenders. They focus on not only disciplinary actions but also on the rehabilitation of these youthful offenders. The applicant and fiscal agent is the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners.**

b. List the agency's qualifications and experience with managing grants.

**Lowndes County has been administering funding and programs provided through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Programs each year since being first awarded funding in FY2014, as well as the FY 15 and FY16 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant Program. Prior to that the Juvenile Court also partnered with the local Department of Juvenile Justice office in managing a grant that made counseling and other diversionary programming options available to youth who lacked the resources to otherwise participate. This grant also provided a staff person to provide oversight within the program areas. Lowndes County, as the fiscal agent, has appointed a staff member who has extensive experience in managing numerous state and federal grant awards, to serve as the grant administrator.**

c. List the community partners and their description and contribution, if any, to the proposed program.

**The Lowndes County Juvenile Court currently partners with several community partners to provide programs that will serve to supplement the programs proposed in this application. Among the primary partners are the Department of Juvenile Justice, Legacy Behavioral Health Services, Peaceway Counseling Centers, Pathway to Hope, Southwest Keys Program, Lowndes Drug Action Council and Choices for Life.**