ATTACHMENT 1

Action Area Eligible Activities Ensure Safety and Justice: A) Providing intervention and alternatives to crime; and B) Strengthen prevention efforts to deter entry into the delinquency system

Evidence-based or promising practice programs and services in this category should address **<u>outcomes and</u> <u>performance measures</u>** that result in:

- (1) Increase in the number of youth who receive the opportunity for juvenile first offender programs; decrease number of youth who fail to appear.
- (2) Increase number of youth receiving prevention and intervention services as part of diversion.
- (3) Increase prevention services targeting youth with enhanced risk for juvenile justice involvement.
- (4) Decrease number of new arrest and/or recidivism.
- (5) Decrease in Disproportionate Minority Contact (Birth to 22 Equity Agenda)*.

Evidence-based or promising practice programs and services in this category should address the following goals and objectives:

- (1) Providing safe environments through prevention of youth violence and/or delinquent behaviors by targeting youth who are at enhanced risk for violence/delinquent behaviors;
- (2) Changing the life-trajectory for those youth who have already demonstrated violent or serious delinquent behaviors by addressing a set of risk factors and providing comprehensive, multi-component intensive support and interventions aimed at reducing the impact of their current status;
- (3) Providing safe, accessible and engaging place to go during out-of-school time to prevent risky behaviors and promote health and wellness;
- (4) Development of youth leadership groups and linkage to Birth to 22 Future Leaders United for Change, focused on promoting equity, inclusion, violence prevention, anti-bullying and social justice efforts;
- (5) Positive family support to foster a sense of belonging and trust; and
- (6) Compliance with Court orders; Reduction of recidivism through program alignment with Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Supervised Release Continuum of Care**.

Rationale:

Issues involving safety and justice continue to be an area of concern for youth throughout Palm Beach County. Many of the youth who are involved in the child welfare system have lower academic achievement and higher involvement with the criminal justice system as teenagers and adults. Below is a compilation of the many recommendations for services:

Suggested Uses of Available Funds (based on recommendations included in the Youth Master Plan):

- Programs proposing to provide services aligned to DJJ's Supervised Release Continuum of Care** for Alternative to Secure Detention Programming aka supervised release. Program must maintain minimum contact requirement and supervision as determined by Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) score/supervised release requirement from DJJ or per court-order.
- Address family violence issues, including domestic violence, as well as gang education/awareness training and community intervention.

- Provide highly structured out-of-school pro-social activities for middle and high school students with a strong focus on crime prevention, youth violence prevention and intervention with youth involved or with an enhanced risk of being involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Increase quality mentoring programs, including peer mentoring and promote opportunities for mentors and coaches to support social emotional learning for court involved youth (delinquency and dependency), and enable mentors and coaches to support and build relationships with law enforcement.
- Provide opportunities for young people to get involved in their community and assume leadership roles.
 Development of youth leadership groups and linkage to Birth to 22 Future Leaders United for Change, focused on promoting youth voice, equity, inclusion, violence prevention, anti-bullying and social justice efforts.
- Deploy prevention programs, which provide early identification and prevention activities that educate parents and youth and provide alternatives to violent behaviors such as pro-social activities, tutoring, community service and other healthy options.
- Provide support and services to meet the mental health and behavioral health needs of youth and families for court-involved youth or youth at risk of becoming court-involved.
- Navigation services/community liaison connecting youth and families to all justice/DJJ resources; utilizing a system of care model.
- Job training and internships for court-involved youth or youth at risk of court involvement.
- Programs that incorporate innovative opportunities to access transportation.
- Community-wide initiatives addressing crime and gang prevention.
- Increase training and professional learning opportunities for all frontline professionals working with youth to promote equitable practices, including:
 - [°] Cultural competency training with a focus on understanding homelessness, depression, and gender identity among LGBTQ youth
 - ° Racial and gender equity training
 - ° Special needs awareness and inclusivity training
 - ° DJJ Circuit Training and communication plan for any program working with juvenile justice population

Please review:

Birth to 22 Appendix, Section 3, subsection 3.3.2 (<u>www.pbcbirthto22.com/pdf/APPENDIX%20YMP%20SECTION%203%20ONLINE.pdf</u>), for a list of Evidence-Based and emerging programs.

Annie E. Casey Foundation Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision For Getting it Right, (<u>https://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-transformingjuvenileprobation-2018.pdf</u>) for programmatic framework on juvenile justice reform practices.

*Research has demonstrated that minority youth are disproportionately involved with the Juvenile Justice System. To learn more about the disproportionate involvement of minority youth with the juvenile justice system, visit http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports-and-data/interactive-data-reports/disproportionate-minority-contact-reports.

**Supervised Release Continuum of Care (<u>http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/latest-initiatives/detention-risk-assessment-instrument</u>); (<u>http://www.djj.state.fl.us</u>).