



Valencia County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION No 2016-30

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING VALENCIA COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUVENILE ADJUDICATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Section 34-16-1 NMSA 1978 establishing a juvenile adjudication fund grant program to fund programs providing alternative procedures of adjudication for juveniles charged with traffic offenses and other misdemeanors.; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Section 66-8-116.3 NMSA 1978 as amended, creating the juvenile adjudication fund by assessing fees levied and collected; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County along with Youth Development Inc., is making application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for supplemental program funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Valencia County, State of New Mexico hereby authorizes the submission of the FY17 application for the Juvenile Adjudication Fund under the regulations established by the Local Government Division.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the governing body at its meeting of **April 6, 2016.**



Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk (SEAL)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Eaton", written over a horizontal line.

Charles D. Eaton
Chairman, District IV

Juvenile Adjudication Fund Grant Program
Local Government Division
Valencia County Teen Court Program
FY 16-17

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Program Summary

The Valencia County –YDI Teen Court Program was established in 2012 to provide alternatives to traditional court procedures for the resolution of misdemeanor charges. Valencia County teens appear before a jury of their peers that recommends a sentence that may include classes related to the crime, community services, or other activities intended to reduce the chances that a juvenile will commit additional crimes. Teen Court is a way for eligible teens to keep their record clean. If a teen successfully completes his/her sentence the charges and fines are dismissed. All teen court cases are heard at the Thirteenth Judicial District Court house two days a month from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Eligibility

Teen Court is voluntary for teens, ages 12-17, charged with traffic violations, shoplifting, possession of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, and other misdemeanors. Teen Court is for misdemeanor offenses that are referred by Magistrate/Municipal Court and Juvenile Probation. Teens can go to Teen Court if they have not committed an offense within the past two years. No one can go through Teen Court more than twice.

Responsibilities of Teen Defendants

- Teen must admit to the charges.
- Teen must appear at the sentencing hearing with his/her parent, guardian, or custodian.
- Teen must complete his/her sentence within the time frame given.
- Teen must follow the court Rules of Conduct.
- Teen must not commit any other offense during their association with Teen Court

Population served:

Youth 12-17

Geographic area served:

Valencia County

Total Amount Requested from DFA:

\$25,000.00

Dollar amount requested for YDI:

\$23,750.00

Dollar amount requested for Valencia County administrative fee:

\$ 1,250.00

YDI Match (cash and/or in-kind):

\$2,500.00

Total project budget:

\$27,500.00

Alternative Juvenile Adjudication Program “Teen Court”

INTRODUCTION: Youth Development Inc., (YDI) is a community based social service organization that was established in 1971 in Albuquerque with services added in Valencia County in 1984. YDI is submitting a competitive proposal for the provision of the Teen Court Juvenile Adjudication Fund for fiscal year 2017 in the amount of \$25,000.00. YDI's Mission is *“To help children, youth and families achieve their full potential.”* The Teen Court program is currently housed at the YDI Valencia site located on 428 Los Lentes SE, Los Lunas New Mexico 87031. The teen court program is administered by YDI, fiscal management is provided by Valencia County. YDI has a 44-year track record for providing comprehensive and cost effective services.

YDI has received numerous local, regional and national awards due to its philosophy and approach to working with children, youth and their families. This philosophy is based on shared responsibilities between families and public agencies in promoting open communication and collective decision making that will reinforce the family's culture and religion, acknowledgement of the rights and abilities of the family group to make sound decisions for and with their children and the active engagement of the community as a vital support for families.

YDI-VALENCIA Teen Court Description: The YDI-Valencia Teen Court program is considered an alternative to detention and adjudication program that provides community support and informal disposition for young people who have committed a delinquent act or have been charged with a misdemeanor, and are otherwise eligible for diversion. YDI is a not for profit agency that has been contracted to operate the Valencia County Teen Court program as part of Valencia County's strategic plans through the Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board made up of local county officials, judges, law enforcement, business community, community providers and community members.

YDI has operated and managed the Teen Court program since 2012 in Valencia County. Teen Court was one of the programs selected that will help youth at risk and also fit Valencia County's mission of establishing programs that would assist youth in re-integrating to their community, cost effective, reduce costs and resolving misdemeanor offenses that would otherwise be resolved in a traditional juvenile justice system. The primary funding for the program is through the established Juvenile Adjudication Fund (JAF) from the New Mexico Legislature and administered by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).