

**THE NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION,  
NEBRASKA COALITION FOR JUVENILE  
JUSTICE (NCJJ) AND  
THE NCJJ DMC SUBCOMMITTEE**

Announce the...

**FY 2008 TITLE V Delinquency Prevention  
Grant Program**

Funds are available for entities to assist Nebraska's efforts to provide programmatic and procedural responses to impact Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in Nebraska.

**Grant Applications Are Due  
In The Crime Commission Office on  
April 3, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. CST  
No Exceptions**

**Email or faxed applications will NOT be accepted**

Please read the attached information thoroughly.

If you have questions, contact:  
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# TITLE V PREVENTION GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC)

## Introduction

The Nebraska Crime Commission in conjunction with the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice and DMC Subcommittee announce the availability of the following federal funding opportunity: **FY2008 Title V Delinquency Prevention Grant**.

The federal Title V funds have been volatile funds over the past several years. Due to congressional earmarks within the program, funds for states have fluctuated from year to year since 2002. The goal of Title V prevention grants is to prevent juvenile delinquency by supporting community collaboration, planning, and finding local solutions for local problems.

Because the future of Title V funds is still unclear, the DMC subcommittee of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is narrowing the focus for Title V funds to help communities address specific problems and needs around disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in local juvenile justice systems.

## Background

What is DMC? Disproportionate Minority Contact refers to the over representation of minority youth at each point in the juvenile justice system, from arrest, to detention, to probation to YRTC's. DMC is the fourth core requirement in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act that states must comply with in order to receive federal funding from OJJDP. In the 1988 amendments to the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(JJDP\) Act of 1974 \(Pub. L. 93-415, 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.\)](#), Congress required that States address disproportionate minority confinement (DMC) in their State plans. The JJDP Act requires States to "address efforts to reduce the proportion of juveniles detained or confined in secure detention facilities, secure correctional facilities, jails, and lockups who are members of minority groups if such proportion exceeds the proportion such groups represent in the general population" (see Section 223(a)(23)).

A key strategy in OJJDP's comprehensive approach to juvenile crime reduction has been the Title V Delinquency Prevention Grants Program. This program provides communities with the resources needed to identify and respond to root causes of local juvenile delinquency problems through comprehensive, collaborative prevention planning. It is through the planning process that communities are empowered to initiate delinquency prevention programs geared to both their unique needs and circumstances –and reducing DMC.

## Funds Available and Match Requirement

### **Amount Available:** \$48,360

The project period for the grant will be July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010. Applicants who received funds last year must re-apply to continue funding. Continuation funding will be contingent on meeting the goals and objectives of the grant and proper grant management.

### **Match:**

Title V awards require a 50% match of the federal funds, for example, if you request \$20,000 in federal funds, match required is \$10,000. Match can be cash, in-kind (volunteer hours, donations, etc) or a combination of both. If awarded Title V funds, the match is required and is part of the grant contract. The match amount must be spent and cannot be reduced below the 50% requirement.

## Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for Title V funds, an applicant must:

- A. Be a unit of local government or a combination thereof. A unit of general local government means any city, county, town borough, parish, village or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, and any Indian Tribe which performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of Interior.
- B. The unit of local government can contract with a private non-profit agency for the purpose of program implementation. The unit of local government can NOT require the private non-profit agency to put forward the match.
- C. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention require states to collect data for at least three jurisdictions with the highest minority concentrations. Those eligible to apply for the 2008 Title V funds are counties/units of local government within the counties in which Nebraska collects DMC information and have the highest minority concentrations. **The following counties/localities within the following counties are eligible to apply for 2008 Title V funds: Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Hall, Dakota, Madison, Saunders, Dawson, Scottsbluff, Platte, Cherry, Colfax, and Dawes.**
- D. The applicant must have a Community Coalition/Prevention Policy Board for juvenile services in place. (It is highly recommended to use/coordinate with existing juvenile services coalitions) A community must also have or be willing to start a DMC subcommittee within the community coalition. It will be a condition of funding that a community will start a DMC subcommittee and provide documentation of regular meetings. The Crime Commission will provide technical assistance if needed.

E. The applicant must have a documented Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan on file with the Crime Commission. If you are not sure if your county has a plan, go to [www.ncc.ne.gov](http://www.ncc.ne.gov)

F. All Title V applicants must be in compliance with the Federal JJDP Act. Nebraska is in full compliance, and all counties show compliance with the Act. Should a county fall out of compliance, Title V funds could be jeopardized.

## **Funding Limitations and Requirements**

1. Title V funds may not be used for construction, land acquisition, or supplanting of federal, state, or local funds supporting existing programs or activities.
2. Federal funds can not be used to match federal funds.
3. The Crime Commission does not allow for indirect costs.
4. Applicants must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding. Receipts, expenditures, and disbursements must be separately accounted for from each source of funding.
5. Awarded applicants must implement and maintain an accounting system which accurately reflects income received expenditures, and documentation of expenditures. Records are to be available for monitors and audits.
6. Awarded applicants will be required to attend grant management training with the Crime Commission.

## **Three Year Funding Policy**

Federal grants received by the Nebraska Crime Commission are on an annual basis and the amounts received each year vary. Therefore, no project is guaranteed continuation funding. Specifically, as per federal guidelines, Title V projects are based on the communities Three Year Plan and funding is therefore intended to continue for three years as long as required guidelines are met. Once a community has been funded for the same project for three years, they are no longer eligible for funding for the same project.

## **Title V Programmatic Requirements and Model Program Guide**

Title V funds must be used for the development of program(s) to impact DMC. The project or initiative must be consistent with the State DMC plan and the State DMC Committee goals which include: increasing awareness of DMC issues across the state; increase efforts to

enhance and expand diversity training for criminal and juvenile justice professionals; and increase efforts to prevent minority youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

Programs or services should have a clear impact on specific system points where over-representation is found. Training and other low/no cost strategies may be included as part of the proposal, but funds can not strictly be used for training or other environmental strategies. OJJDP has an excellent resource list of research based model programs around prevention that can also impact DMC. To search the list go to:

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/mpg.html>.

The review committee will be looking for communities using model programs/initiatives in their community.

## Grant Approval/Funding Timeline

February 2, 2009	Grant Announced
<b>April 3, 2009</b>	<b>Grant is due in the Crime Commission office by 5:00 p.m. CST</b>
May 2009	Initial Review by staff and DMC Subcommittee members. Recommendations made to the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)
June 2009	NCJJ makes recommendation
July 2009	Crime Commission makes final approval

## Application Format Requirements

- Applications are to be typewritten. **The original copy should be stapled and 2 hole-punched at the top.** The remaining copies should be stapled in the upper left hand corner (no 2 hole-punch required).
- The application format and layout is to be exactly (word for word and design) as the Crime Commission's official application. Please note that changes in the Crime Commission application can change from year to year.
- Include all letters of commitment and support with the submitted application. **Letters received separately will not be considered.**
- Do not include cover letters or cover pages
- Do not put applications in folders
- Charts and/or graphs should be in black and white

- Do not copy grant instructions into the submitted application
- Application should be single spaced, 1” margins, 12pt. Font, and narrative pages numbered
- Additional information in the form of Appendixes will not be accepted
- Do not complete a narrative for the Budget Summary Page. Provide budget narratives for each detailed budget section completed
- Include ALL required forms with appropriate signatures. The following are appropriate authorized signatures: County-County Board Chair; City-Mayor
- Signatures of authorized official are required on the: Budget Summary page, Certified Assurances, Drug Free Workplace form, Debarment form, Lobbying form, EEOP form
- Budget figures are to be provided in round numbers, no cents
- Adhere to the page limits listed for each section of the grant application
- Sources of data and/or statistics must be cited immediately following the information or under the graph/chart etc
- Continuation Section: If this is a new program, simply state “Not Applicable-New Program” in this section
- Sources of matching funds must be identified in the budget narratives

**FORMATING SUGGESTIONS:**

- Budget pages that are not relevant to the project do not need to be submitted with the grant application
- The grant may be copied double sided
- Letters of support may be reduced to fit two on a page, as long as they are legible

**ORDER OF ASSEMBLY CHECKLIST:** Submit grant application in the following order:

Applicant Information	Pages as provided
Budget Summary	1 page as provided
Detailed Budget Information	Pages as provided. Budget narratives should follow the corresponding Detailed Budget page
Juvenile Justice Description Page	1 page as provided
Problem Identification (A-B)	3 pages maximum
Proposed Solution	2 pages maximum

Federal Performance Measures	1 page maximum
Activities and Timetables	2 pages maximum
Evaluation Section	2 pages maximum
Continuation Section	2 pages maximum
Letter of Support and Commitment	Reasonable
Required Forms	Pages as provided

## **Submission of Application**

Submit 1 original and 15 copies of the grant application to:

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
301 Centennial Mall South, 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
P.O. Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946

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**NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**