

OCA-DGCP-055 NYS Multi-County Firearm Youth Intervention Services

Questions and Responses

The New York State Unified Court System (UCS) thanks the vendors that submitted the questions below concerning OCA-DGCP-055 NYS Multi-County Firearm Youth Intervention Services, issued on August 19, 2025.

Below are responses to the questions UCS received in connection with this RFP.

Vendor # 1

Question:

How many young people does UCS expect a single program to serve in one year?

UCS Response:

The number of persons served by a single program in a given year will vary based on several factors, including the needs of the individual court, the volume of eligible participants, and the scope and intensity of services required. Some courts may require more intensive, individualized interventions for a smaller group of participants, while others may seek broader services for a larger number of participants. Applicants should propose a service model that is responsive to the varying needs and capacities of the courts they intend to serve.

Question:

Is there an expectation that the staff delivering CBT be clinically trained/licensed, or can the expectation be met by non-clinical staff trained in the curriculum/modality?

UCS Response:

While clinical licensure is not a requirement for staff delivering Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) under this program, staff must have appropriate training in the specific CBT curriculum or modality being used. Proposals that include licensed clinical professionals may be viewed more favorably, particularly when working with participants who have higher levels of clinical need.

Question:

Given that this is funding for just one year, and the youth may have 1+ year mandates, would UCS consider additional funding for successful pilots?

UCS Response:

Yes, UCS would consider additional funding for successful pilots; however, proposals should assume that funding is limited to the current grant period. Any potential continuation of funding would depend on the outcomes of the pilot and the availability of future resources.

Question:

Is it possible to provide data on the types and number of gun-related offenses/charges for this population, broken out by county?

UCS Response:

The selected counties were chosen because they had the highest volume of cases involving youth with gun-related charges, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of Penal Law Sections 265, 160.15, 160.10. Below is a table of the grand total of arraignments for fire-arm related offenses broken out by county.

Top Charge at Arraignment

County	Year Filed					Grand Total
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Bronx	62	112	117	110	105	506
Erie	28	45	40	39	28	180
Kings	114	147	104	141	150	656
Monroe	23	32	46	44	41	186
Nassau	9	13	19	16	12	69
Onondaga	28	32	21	29	25	135
Suffolk	8	8	17	5	6	44

Vendor # 2

Question:

How many youth are expected to be served in each jurisdiction? (Either monthly or throughout the grant duration)

UCS Response:

The number of persons served by each jurisdiction will vary based on several factors, including the needs of the individual court, the volume of eligible participants, and the scope and intensity of services required. Some courts may require more intensive, individualized interventions for a smaller group of participants, while others may seek broader services for a larger number of participants. Applicants should propose a service

model that is responsive to the varying needs and capacities of the courts they intend to serve.

Question:

How long are youth expected to remain involved in programming and on the Case Manager's caseload? Are there any milestones that need to be achieved in order to discharge eligible youth?

UCS Response:

The length of time youth remain in programming and on a case manager's case load will vary based on individual needs and progress. There is no predetermined program duration. Discharge is generally considered once the youth has met program goals. While there are no rigid milestones required for discharge, case managers are expected to document progress and ensure that youth have achieved the objectives outlined in their individualized service plan before case closure. Final discharge decisions will be determined in collaboration with the court.

Question:

Is there a staffing structure that is required or suggested?

UCS Response:

There is no required staffing structure for this project. Applicants may propose a staffing structure that best supports the goals and deliverables of the services requested. However, staffing plans should clearly demonstrate the capacity to carry out all required activities and ensure effective project management.

Question:

With an eye towards sustainability, is there any chance of future funding? What is the reason for the one-year grant term?

UCS Response:

Yes, UCS would consider additional funding for successful pilots; however, proposals should assume that funding is limited to the current grant period. Any potential continuation of funding would depend on the outcomes of the pilot and the availability of future resources.