

Community Crime Prevention Fund

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Mission:

- Ensure community partner accountability and provide excellent customer service.

The Sedgwick County Commission established the Community Crime Prevention Fund around the time the jail was being expanded. As the cost figures for the jail expansion began to grow, the Commission made a commitment to target approximately \$1 million in funds annually to prevent youth from entering the justice system. Through a comprehensive community risk assessment, four priority risk factors were identified: 1) Family Management Problems; 2) Early & Persistent Anti-Social Behavior; 3) Lack of Commitment to School; and 4) Academic Failure in Late Elementary School. Crime prevention funding is targeted at reducing the prevalence of these four risk factors in the community.

Funds are distributed through a competitive bid process and agencies submit proposals for programs that address one or more of the risk factors. The Sedgwick County Grant Award Committee reviews the proposals and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Funded programs are required to establish outcomes and then are monitored regularly to determine their success in achieving the outcomes. To

ensure agencies achieve the desired crime prevention goals, Sedgwick County has begun over the last few years to target more funding to programs considered evidence-based, i.e. tested, effective programs (either Blue Print Models or Communities That Care model programs). These are programs that have been scientifically evaluated and shown to be (or proven) effective.

The Fund is operated in cooperation with the Juvenile Justice Authority prevention grants administered by the Department of Corrections and the Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (Team Justice). A professional evaluator is funded to review and report on the status of community risk factors and crime statistics annually. Team Justice and its subcommittee actively monitor community trends and work to focus grants to best meet the changing needs of the community. For grant fiscal year 2006, the focus on truancy reduction efforts was changed in response to research on best practices in the field.

Budget Summary by Category

	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06
Expenditures					
Personnel	61,924	64,825	64,825	68,619	5.9%
Contractual Services	886,589	845,707	866,457	845,757	-2.4%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	27	50	50	-	-100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	948,540	910,582	931,332	914,376	-1.8%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	13,292	9,606	9,606	-	-100.0%
Total Revenue	13,292	9,606	9,606	-	-100.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2005 Revised	2006 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	931,332	914,376
Total Expenditures	931,332	914,376

The following agencies will receive grants in fiscal year 2006 (July 2005 to June 2006). Included in the agency summary is the amount each agency received in fiscal year 2005 (July 2004 to June 2005). Two programs included in fiscal year 2005 are not included in fiscal year 2006.

- Big Brothers and Big Sisters received \$154,493 for mentoring at-risk youth. Big Brothers and Sisters is an evidence-based program that matches at-risk youth with caring adult mentors. Big Brothers and Sisters has been a prevention grant recipient since 1998. The program serves approximately 250 youth per year.
- Boys and Girls Club received \$85,500 for their Targeted Outreach Program, an educational program for youth who have been suspended or expelled from school. The program primarily targets youth expelled for a full 186 days under school district “no tolerance” policies. Boys and Girls Club has been a prevention grant recipient since 1998. The program serves approximately 55 youth per year.
- Communities in Schools received \$118,841 for their collaborative, school-based services for at-risk youth. The prevention grant serves youth at Cooper and Oaklawn Elementary Schools and Derby Sixth Grade Center. Communities in Schools works to connect students with community services. Communities in Schools has received a prevention grant since 1998 and serves approximately 135 youth per year.
- Episcopal Social Services received \$48,385 for the Teen Intervention Program, a diversion program for youth arrested for the first time for shoplifting and other minor misdemeanors. The Teen Intervention Program has received a prevention grant off and on since 1998 and serves approximately 250 youth per year.
- Higher Ground received \$83,000 for its Learning the Ropes Program. The Learning the Ropes program provides both substance abuse prevention and primary treatment services to adolescents in an unconventional treatment model that includes experiential components. Additionally, the “Parents Who Care” curriculum is utilized for parent groups. Higher Ground has received a prevention grant since 1998 and serves approximately 100 people per year (75 youth and 25 parents).
- Kansas School for Effective Learning (KANSEL) received \$84,037 for its GED Preparation, Training and Placement Program. The KANSEL program serves adolescents that have dropped out of high school; assisting the youth to obtain a GED or diploma and secure employment. KANSEL’s program includes the evidence-based JOBSTART program. KANSEL has received a prevention grant since 1998 and serves approximately 250 youth per year.
- Mental Health Association received \$48,300 for the PATHS for Kids program. PATHS is an evidence-based conflict-resolution skill building program. MHA staff provide the training in seven elementary schools in Wichita. Fiscal year 2005 is the first year of funding for the PATHS for Kids program and it will serve approximately 600 youth during the school year.
- Rainbows United received \$17,765 for the Rainbows Early Intervention Project. The program targets family management and early anti-social behavioral problems by using “The Incredible Years” curriculum for a series of parent training classes. The Rainbows United program began in 2003 and serves approximately 42 families per year.
- Wichita Family Services Institute’s ON-TRAC program received \$53,903 for FY 2005. The ON-TRAC program offers classes and mentoring to enhance opportunities for teens ages 12 to 17 demonstrating problem behaviors. The program has received a prevention grant since in 2000 and serves approximately 85 youth per year.