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Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee
ATTN: Shannon Carpenter, Assistant Deputy Secretary
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Re: Letter of Interest: for the Design, Construction, and Operation of a SRCCCY

Dear Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee,

The Brown County Department of Health and Human Services, in accordance with 2017 Act 185, is submitting the following Letter of Interest (LOI) pursuant to 2017 Act 185, along with the scope of the approved Emergency Rules creating Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DOC 347. Brown County would like to continue to explore the design, construction, repair, maintenance and operation of a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) within the county of jurisdiction. Brown County is committed in exploring the design, development and operation of a SRCCCY facility under the administrative rules governing services and programming.

Brown County stakeholders have met and reviewed the adopted promulgated rules and guidelines of DOC 347. In light of meeting these standards of operation, we would consider a *new construction, stand-alone facility* within the proximity of the current juvenile secure detention facility. We would consider a *24-32 bed single story facility that would house both female and male residents*. The beds would be split in to 3-4 houses with no more than 8 resident beds per house.

The projected estimated square footage calculated by Venture Architects places the Brown County SRCCCY facility at a total building gross of 41,921 SQ. Ft. The gross estimated square footage includes spaces for: Administration, Admissions, Programs, Recreation, Healing, Secure Housing Units, Visitation, Kitchen, Receiving, Health Care, and Building Support.



Brown County has assessed an organizational plan to support the required programming along with set guidelines within DOC 347. The following is a tentative personnel and staff/position listing that is being considered:

Deputy Superintendent, Supervisor, Administrative Assistant, *Shift Personnel*/Youth Development Officers, Day Time and On Call Mental Therapist(s) (MSW +), Contracted Green Bay Schools Teaching Instructors, Vocational specialist(s) Recreational Staff, Family Engagement/ Family Support Staff/Visitation, 3(Youth Justice/ case managers (BSW+), Admission and Discharge Planner/ Care Coordinator, Facilities Positions 24/7, TS Supportive Services Personnel, Contracted Psychiatrist, Dental and Optometry, License Nurse Practitioner, Food Service Assistant(s), and Quality Assurance Representative (contracted)

An estimated annual projected cost for personnel has not been clearly determined due to a number of overarching considerations, including but not limited to size, co-location, fiscal impact, and surrounding counties interest.

Brown County would have a *projected capacity* of serving 13 youth from surrounding counties. We are still weighing all options as to the consideration of co-locating our juvenile detention, which would directly impact the extensiveness of such build.

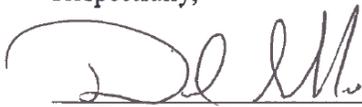
At this time, the Letter of Interest would reflect *a single county consideration*.

Brown County continues to operate an alternative to long-term corrections program called LAUNCH (Life Achievements UNlocking Change and Healing); offering extensive group, family and individualized programming. This is an approved and offered program that has local county and judicial *stakeholder support*. Brown County would reserve the right to continue offering this local alternative option for youth and their families within a secure detention facility.

Brown County's approach to Youth Justice is to serve youth within the family system. Proximity is important to properly address not only the individual needs of the youth, but the systemic familial contributions to success. It is predicted that children placed closer to their family in a SRCCCY will have shorter stays, family buy-in and engagement, and closer access to step-down services, thus expediting the reunification process.

Brown County (*Northeastern region*) looks forward to the continued collaboration and partnership with the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee. Thank you for your time and your anticipated response. If there are questions, please do not hesitate to email me at; Skalecki_dd@co.brown.wi.us or call at (920) 448-6131.

Respectfully,



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