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Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee
ATTN: Shannon Carpenter, Assistant Deputy Secretary
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Dear Ms. Carpenter:

This letter will serve as a non-binding letter of interest to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee regarding Fond du Lac County's continued interest for consideration of a grant to establish a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) in Fond du Lac County.

The Fond du Lac County response to the requested information is as follows:

- *Projected capacity (including in-county and out-of-county placements)*
 - Maximum capacity 16

- *Does the county propose a stand-alone facility or attached to a current county detention facility?*
 - The facility would be attached to the county detention facility; however, not at its current location. Fond du Lac County's construction plan would include construction of a new detention facility with a co-located SRCCCY as is specified and allowed under Section 13.48(27m), 13.48(27m)(b), 20.866(2)(uzc), 301.37(1m) and 938.595(4b).

- *Is this new construction or a remodel?*
 - An SRCCCY located in Fond du Lac County would be a new construction.

- *Will the proposed facility serve boys and girls, just girls or just boys?*
 - The proposed facility would serve male clients; however, Fond du Lac County would reserve the right to consider the option of serving females as well as males pending an analysis of correction statistics and a needs determination.

- *Does the county anticipate a multi-county or single county proposal?*
 - Fond du Lac County's proposal would be a single county proposal.

- *Some information about how the proposed SRCCCY fits into the county's approach to youth justice.*
 - Fond du Lac County is committed to providing education and programming to youth that will provide opportunities and direction for personal growth and positive change that will maintain and strengthen family relationships and promote attainment of educational goals while keeping the community safe. We have a strong commitment to keeping youth connected with their family, to providing for seamless mental health and AODA treatment to youth and families, to place emphasis on education and provide a sense of

hope to youth that they can achieve their educational goals and planning for effective transition/continuity of care.

Fond du Lac County currently operates a 180/365 program. The development of an SRCCCY program will be designed to meet all requirements of DOC 347 through modifications of the programs and services of the current 180/365 program and inclusion of other evidence based programs. The Fond du Lac County program is designed to hold the youth accountable for their actions while providing education and programming including, but not limited to:

- Grade level education provided by the local school district
- Anger Management
- Independent Living Skills
- Corrective Thought education
- Victim Empathy education
- Character Building group
- Relaxation and Stress Management
- Psychoeducation

In addition to the educational supports, the Fond du Lac County philosophy includes a therapeutic component including, but not limited to:

- Alcohol and drug assessment
- Alcohol and drug education
- Alcohol and drug counseling
- Psychological assessment
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Family counseling

It is clear that the current Fond du Lac County programming is highly adaptable to the requirements set forth in DOC 347 which aligns well with the Fond du Lac County philosophy regarding care and treatment of youthful offenders.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of interest. We look forward to working with the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee.

Sincerely,



Allen J. Buechel

Fond du Lac County Executive