

the implementation of programs and activities proposed in their proposed plans and approved by FYSB.

Federal Share of Project Costs:

Applicants may apply for support in accordance with the schedule outlined above for a total of \$1,120,000 over the 5-year demonstration period (\$120,000 in year 1; and \$1,000,000 over the four years—2 through 5).

Applicant Share of Project Costs: The applicant must provide a non-Federal share or match of at least ten percent (10%) of the Federal funds awarded. (There may be certain exceptions for Tribes with “638” funding pursuant to Public Law 93–638, under which certain Federal grants may qualify as matching funds for other Federal grant programs, e.g., those which contribute to the purposes for which grants under section 638 were made.) The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. For example, an applicant requesting \$120,000 must match the federal funds with a non-Federal share of at least \$12,000. It is expected that these matching resources will be budgeted for and made available in the same 12-month program period in which federal resources are provided. Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of required non-Federal funds. Failure to provide the required match will result in a disallowance of Federal funds.

Duration of Project: This announcement solicits applications for Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects of up to five years (60-month project period) beginning September 30, 2003 through September 29, 2008. Grant awards will be for a one-year (12-month) budget period. Applications for continuation grants beyond the one-year budget period, but within the longer term project period, will be entertained in subsequent years on a noncompetitive or competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee and determination that continued funding would be in the interest of the government.

Summary of Evaluation Criteria for Competitive Areas A, B, C and D (BCP, TLP, SOP and SLCDP)

Criterion 1: Objectives and Need for Assistance (15 points)

Applications will be judged on how clearly they identify the physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, and/or other problem(s)

requiring a solution. The need for assistance must be demonstrated and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly stated. Applications will need to specify the goals and objectives of the project and how implementation will fulfill the purposes of the program. Applications should describe the conditions of youth and families in the area to be served; the incidence and characteristics of runaway, homeless or street youth and their families; the existing support systems for at-risk youth and families in the area, including other agencies providing services to runaway and homeless youth in the area.

Applicants must refer to the specific evaluation criteria for each competitive area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

Criterion 2: Results or Benefits Expected (20 points)

Applications will be judged on how clearly they identify the results and benefits to be derived, specify services to be provided, who will receive services, where and how these services will be provided, and how the services will benefit the youth families and the community to be served.

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Criterion 3: Approach (35 points)

Applications will be judged on how clearly they outline a plan of action which: Describes the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished; accounts for all functions or activities identified in the application; cites factors which might accelerate or decelerate the work and reasons for taking the proposed approach rather than others. Applications are encouraged to describe any unusual features of the project such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary social and community involvement.

Applications will be judged on the extent to which they describe the program's youth development approach or philosophy and indicate how it underlies and integrates all proposed activities. Applicants will be expected to list organizations, cooperating entities, consultants, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution; describe formal service linkages and plans for coordination with other

agencies; describe plans for conducting outreach and encouraging awareness of and sensitivity to the diverse needs of runaway and homeless youth who represent particular ethnic, religious and racial backgrounds and sexual orientations. Applicants are encouraged to describe the type, capacity and staff supervision of the shelter that will be available for youth.

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Criterion 4: Staff and Position Data (10 points)

Applicants will be judged on whether they provide a resume and biographical sketch for each key person appointed and a job description for each vacant key position. A biographical sketch will also be required for new key staff as appointed. Applicants will be expected to list organizations and consultants who will work on the program along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

Applicants will be expected to provide information on plans for training project staff as well as staff of cooperating organizations and individuals and State the expected or estimated ratio of staff to youth.

Applicants must refer to the specific evaluation criteria for each competitive area contained in the full Program Announcement in order to adequately prepare their applications.

Criterion 5: Organizational Profile (10 points)

Applicants will be expected to provide information on the applicant organization(s) and cooperating partners such as organizational charts, financial Statements, audit reports or Statements from CPAs/Licensed Public Accountants. Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status in its application at the time of submission.

Applicants will be expected to provide a plan for project continuance beyond grant support, including a plan for securing resources and continuing project activities after Federal assistance has ceased and an annotated listing of applicant's funding sources. Such plans should include written agreements, if applicable, between grantees and subgrantees or subcontractors or other cooperating entities and letters of support and statements from community, public and commercial leaders that support the project proposed for funding.