

SFY2027 Alternatives to Detention Support Subgrant Application

Title II Formula Grant

South Dakota Department of Corrections

APPLICATION DUE: June 18, 2026

Applicants with original signatures must be **submitted and received** by the Department of Corrections by the close of business on **June 18, 2026**. Faxed and emailed applications will not be accepted. Submit complete applications to:

John Stewart
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3200 East Highway 34
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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Funding under this application is non-competitive and not guaranteed to each applicant. The application narrative and budget must be approved by both the SD Department of Corrections and the Council of Juvenile Services. If approved, the application content will be presented to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for their approval of any addition of program purpose areas that may be needed to support the approved plan.

SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire		
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Project Director Name: Kassidi Smith		Title: Chief Operations Officer
Agency: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire	Address: 400 S. Sycamore Ave, Suite # 100	
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Please indicate the name of the service(s) implemented: Diversion Case Manager		
Project Title:	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire Diversion Program	
Requested Project Period:	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	

SECTION 2. PROJECT BUDGET

The Council of Juvenile Services will award or not award funding based the extent to which program design addresses a recognized need and whether the proposal is financially responsible and efficient. Funds will be paid through a reimbursement process for items specifically outlined and approved in the application.

Applicants may apply for up to \$75,000.

Non-supplanting Requirements: Funds or other resources of the applicant normally devoted to programs and activities designed to meet the needs of criminal justice will not be diminished in any way as a result of a grant award of federal funds. The project for which assistance is being requested will be in addition to, and not a substitute for, criminal justice services previously provided without federal assistance.

A. Personnel	TOTAL
1.0 FTE Diversion Case Manager Salary	\$57,844.80
Pension (3%)	\$1,735.34
Employer Liabilities (unemployment insurance, social security, Medicare, workers' comp)	\$4,425.13
<i>Employee Fringe Benefits</i>	\$7,280.67
TOTAL	\$71,285.94
B. Contracted Services	TOTAL
	\$
TOTAL	\$
C. Travel and Per Diem	TOTAL
Two trips to Pierre for the state Diversion/JDAI Training/Meetings	\$ 1,020.40
One trip to Indianapolis for the National JDAI Conference	\$ 1,824.50
One trip to Menasha for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley Trauma-Informed Intensive Conference	\$1,566.00
One trip to New Orleans for the National Conference on Community & Restorative Justice	\$2,116.00
TOTAL	\$6,526.90
D. Equipment	TOTAL
Cell Phone Stipend (\$40/month)	\$480.00
TOTAL	\$480.00
E. Operating Expenses	TOTAL
Indirect Costs/Overhead (10%)	\$7,829.28
Diverted Youth Boys & Girls Club Enrollment Fees (\$30/week) for 6 Youth for 120-Days	\$ 3,060.00
TOTAL	\$10,889.28
TOTAL	\$89,182.12

If there is a change in the above budget, programs will need to request an amendment to their budget. All amendments must be requested in writing **prior to the expenditure of funds.**

SECTION 3. BUDGET NARRATIVE

In the space provided, explain the relationship between budgeted items listed in Section 2 and project activities. Include information (data and criteria) as to how you arrived at budget estimates. Discuss all items by category and in full.		
Personnel Narrative - Explain how the compensation and expenses were calculated, duties of the position, and any other information about personnel of the project. If proposed funding covers more than one position, you must identify the duties and estimated percent of time for duties that directly relate to the successful implementation of the program(s).		
Position #1:	Diversion Case Manager	
Justification for the position :	The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire's Diversion Case Manager will help continue to enhance diversion program services with middle school youth residing within Minnehaha County. Job responsibilities for this position include case management, referrals, enrollment data tracking and analysis, meeting youth and their families face-to-face for weekly check-ins, as well as diversion programming training and self-development opportunities through Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire.	
If the position is existing staff , explain how duties associated with this award are outside the current scope of their position and provide a plan explaining how all duties associated with the position will continue to be provided and funded during this award:	Andrew McCain, was hired to fill the role of Diversion Case Manager on 12/18/25. Andrew has been serving in this role since his onboarding date of 12/18/25 and started enrolling youth in January 2026.	
Personnel Responsibilities & Duties (must directly relate to the implementation of the program)		Estimated % Time
1. Case management, referrals, data tracking & analysis		55%
2. Programming and community/school partnerships		25%
3. Face-to-Face meetings with youth and their families		15%
4. Professional development and training in JDAI and youth justice practices		5%
Wage/Salary:	\$57,844.80	
Benefits:	\$1,735.34 Pension (3%) \$4,425.13 Employer Liabilities (unemployment insurance, social security, Medicare, workers' comp) \$7,280.67 Employee Fringe Benefits	
Position #2:		
Justification for the position:		
If the position is existing staff , explain how duties associated with this award are outside the current scope of their position and provide a plan explaining how all duties associated with the position will continue to be provided and funded during this award:		
Personnel Responsibilities & Duties (must directly relate to the implementation of the program)		Estimated % Time
1.		

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4.	
Wage/Salary:	
Benefits:	

Please attach additional sheets for more than 2 positions
SECTION 3. BUDGET NARRATIVE CONTINUED

Contracted Services Narrative - Explain the consultant fees, consultant expenses, contracted services, the cost per service/per youth being served, how the cost for services was calculated, and the process that would be or has been conducted to select the consultant. Contracted services fees cannot exceed \$650 per day.	
Consultant #1:	
Consultant Fees:	
Contracted Service:	
Selection Process:	
Consultant #2:	
Consultant Fees:	
Contracted Service:	
Selection Process:	
Travel and Per Diem Narrative – Explain the calculation of travel costs for travel outside the home jurisdiction , (travel must be calculated at current state rates (\$0.70 per mile and \$40 per diem)), how the expenses are directly related to the implementation of the project, and if out-of-state travel is anticipated, give particulars (i.e., location, state, dates, purpose, cost).	
Purpose of Travel:	Two trips to Pierre for the state Diversion/JDAI Training/Meetings
<i>Mileage (448 miles x 2 trips x 0.70/mile) = \$627.20</i> <i>Hotel (1 night x 2 trips x \$110/night + tax) = \$233.20</i> <i>Pier Diem \$40/day x 4 days = \$160</i> <i>Total = \$ 1,020.40</i>	
Purpose of Travel:	One trip to Indianapolis for the National JDAI Conference
<i>Conference Registration Fee \$500</i> <i>Airfare from Sioux Falls to Indianapolis = \$600</i> <i>Hotel (3 nights x \$175/night + tax) = \$556.50</i> <i>Pier Diem \$56/day x 3 days = \$168</i> <i>Total = \$ 1,824.50</i>	

Purpose of Travel: One trip to Menasha, WI for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley Trauma-Informed Intensive Conference
<i>Airfare from Sioux Falls to Menasha = \$600</i> <i>Hotel (4 nights x \$175/night + tax) = \$742</i> <i>Pier Diem \$56/day x 4 days = \$224</i> <i>Total = \$ 1,566</i>
Purpose of Travel: One trip to New Orleans for the National Conference on Community & Restorative Justice
<i>Conference Registration Fee \$550</i> <i>Airfare from Sioux Falls to Indianapolis = \$600</i> <i>Hotel (4 nights x \$175/night + tax) = \$742</i> <i>Pier Diem \$56/day x 4 days = \$224</i> <i>Total = \$ 2,116</i>
Equipment and Operating Expenses Narrative – Explain the supplies and equipment costs directly related to the implementation of the program or project. You must be specific regarding the items in which you intend to use federal funding. For example, a budget item of “office expenses” will not be accepted as these items must be detailed. You need to identify what you anticipate for office expenses and list each item and the estimated costs. Items not specifically outlined will not be eligible for reimbursement.
Equipment – List nonexpendable items that are to be purchased and show how you calculated these costs. Nonexpendable equipment is tangible property having a useful life of more than 2 years. Cellphone reimbursement of \$40/month for a total of \$480/year
Operating Expenses – List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and expendable equipment) and show how you calculated these costs. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.
Indirect Costs: 10% overhead for a total of \$7,829.28 Diverted Youth Boys & Girls Club Enrollment Fees (\$30/week) for 6 Youth for 120-Days = \$ 3,060.00

SECTION 4. APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Technical Requirements

Applications will be reviewed initially for compliance with technical requirements. Noncompliance with these requirements may result in the application being deemed non-responsive, and therefore, not acceptable to award.

1. The Alternatives to Detention Support Application is limited to thirty (30) standard 8.5 x 11 pages with one inch margins, excluding attachments.
2. Applications must be typewritten in 12-point Times New Roman font and must be double-spaced.
3. Applications must be bound using a binder clip. Do not staple or submit applications in three-ring binders.
4. Applications must be single sided, not duplexed.
5. Pages must be numbered sequentially.
6. The application must contain original signatures.

A. PROJECT ABSTRACT AND DEMONSTRATION OF NEED

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire (BGCSE) is applying for funding to continue the Diversion Case Manager's role, responsibilities, and diversion program services that began in 2025 thanks to this grant's initial financial support. The goal of this position is to continue offering preteen and teen diverted youth a continuum of wrap-around supports and services through a trauma-informed approach provided by a dedicated FTE Diversion Case Manager. To date, BGCSE has been able to offer diverted youth assessments, case management, referrals, data tracking, and analysis on enrolled youth when and as needed to help care for not only the youth and their well-being but also their families. Our Diversion Case Manager, Andrew McCain, has also strengthened relationships between several community partnerships and school administration personnel since onboarding in December 2025, which has only led to more consistent and clear communication regarding mutually enrolled and caseload diverted youth's wellbeing and program progression.

Andrew has received a total of 54 referrals from Minnehaha County since January 2026, with 46 successfully enrolled into our program. Out of those 46, 7 have successfully completed their 120-day diversion. BGCSE's Teen Program, which serves both middle and high school youth, has been a diversion-approved program since August 2024, before offering this new position in 2025, and continues to be one of four diversion-approved programs in Minnehaha County. Grant funding will continue to support BGCSE's full-time Diversion Case Manager position, which was filled by Andrew McCain on December 18th, 2025. This full-time position's responsibilities are currently categorized as follows:

1. Case Management, referrals, data tracking, and analysis
2. Programming and community/school partnerships
3. Face-to-face meetings with enrolled youth and their families
4. Professional development and training in JDAL and youth justice practices

Having a full-time dedicated Diversion Case Manager on staff has enhanced our working relationships with the State's Attorney's Office, the Sioux Falls School District, and the Sioux Falls Police Department. This diversion program's services have provided youth with a consistent presence of a caring adult both in and out of the classroom, reliable solutions for both youth and their families, and has overall enhanced the juvenile justice current service offerings within Minnehaha County through case management efforts.

The continued need for this Diversion Case Manager position can be drawn from several statistics around juvenile arrests and diversion cases opened in Minnehaha County. According to the State's Attorney's Office for calendar year 2025, Juvenile Diversion had a total of 579 youth diversion cases. 448 were successful, and 131 were unsuccessful, resulting in a program completion rate of 77%. Total juvenile arrests in 2025 were 2,025, and data from the Detention Center also shared the following statistics: 229 Admissions, 179 YOC Admissions, 761 RAIs Completed, 537 YOC RAIs Completed, and Override Up- 22.3%. The Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office has been our largest referral source to date. Together, we are working with the Minnehaha County Juvenile Diversion Coordinator to maintain a goal caseload of 45-55 youth and are on target with 47 enrolled youth at this time. A testament to the important work of the Diversion Case Manager's position is through the lens of one of our enrolled youth's parents, who shared: *"Our son has been on diversion with the Boys & Girls Club for a few months now and is doing well. We were not sure how it was going to go at first because he has a few behavior issues, but so far it has been very good for him. He is learning about consequences from his actions but is engaging in the activities that the club offers at the same time. He has made new friends, and his behavior at home has improved. The Boys & Girls Club has given him structure while offering a safe environment for him."*

Our Diversion Case Manager is based at the Boys & Girls Club site located within George McGovern Middle School. Our rationale behind choosing this location is according to the 2024–2025 South Dakota Department of Education Report Card, more than 70% of McGovern students qualify for free and reduced lunch rate, and a high percentage of both parents in the workforce. These factors can create challenges in securing consistent supervision during critical out-of-school time hours and may limit families' ability to afford extracurricular opportunities. Although the needs are high for youth at George McGovern Middle School, Andrew also serves diverted youth from six other middle schools across the Sioux Falls School District.

As an organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire serves youth and families throughout Minnehaha County by providing a safe, supportive environment and access to essential resources. Specific supports provided to families by our Diversion Case Manager include connections to housing and HUD-related supports, referrals to local mental health and therapy services, evidence-based prevention programming focused on topics such as the effects of THC on the developing brain. We also provide daily transportation home at the conclusion of programming, nutritious meals and snacks, and partnerships with community organizations that offer additional supports. Together, these services help strengthen diverted youth outcomes, support families, and contribute to the overall well-being of the Sioux Empire community.

B. COMMUNITY READINESS

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire's Teen Program has been a diversion–approved program since August 2024 and has also been an active member within the quarterly Juvenile Justice Collaborative predating this initial grant award, along with other service providers, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, school administration, court services, and more. A snapshot of the youth our full-time Diversion Case Manager has been able to serve since January 2026 is as follows: 54 youth have been referred; 7 youth have completed the 120-day program. Of the 46

enrolled youth, demographics breakdown in the following ways: Race: Black/African American-14, Native American-13, White-11, and Hispanic-8. Gender: Male-29 and Female-17. Age: 14 Year Olds-18, 13 Year Olds-12, 12 Year Olds-8, 11 Year Olds-4, and 10 Year Olds-1. Middle Schools Enrolled Youth Attend: George McGovern-14, Whittier-8, Edison-8, Memorial-5, Ben Reifel-5, Patrick Henry-3, Axtell-1, Brandon Valley-1 and Homeschool-1. Single-parent households were 47% of enrolled youth, and 200% or below federal poverty level is 58% of enrolled youth.

Since 1957, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire (BGCSE) has served youth and their families by providing out-of-school-time programming, mentorship opportunities, and supportive services throughout Minnehaha County. In addition to serving youth directly, BGCSE works closely with families to connect them with community resources and support systems that address their unique needs. Through the Diversion Case Manager position, BGCSE has been able to support diverted youth and their families at the time of an incident and throughout the diversion process, regardless of the offense involved. Andrew has played a key role in helping families address challenges such as housing insecurity by connecting them with community resources and conducting regular, often weekly, follow-up visits to ensure their needs are met. When additional support is needed, he works diligently to identify alternative resources and solutions. Prior to joining BGCSE, Andrew worked in adult probation at a nonprofit probation office in Ames, Iowa, where he managed a caseload focused on domestic assault and general assault offenses. He later served as a correctional officer at the local jail. During his time in corrections, Andrew witnessed many young adults becoming trapped in the "revolving door" of the criminal justice system. These firsthand experiences strengthened his commitment to helping young people learn from their mistakes, make positive choices, and avoid further involvement in the justice system.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire is to nurture, educate, and enrich children and youth for lifelong success. In 2025, our organization served 2,944 youth ranging in age

from 4 weeks to 18 years old across 21 locations in Sioux Falls, Brandon, and Harrisburg. At the middle and high school level, we served 801 unique individuals across three teen locations in 2025. The Boys & Girls Club at George McGovern Middle School opened on August 21, 2025, and surpassed 450 unique youth enrolled in just one school year, representing more than half of George McGovern's student population. This club fulfills our mission while encouraging youth to try new things through programming focused on Healthy Lifestyles, Character and Leadership Development, Academics, and Sports & Recreation. BGCSE also utilizes Trauma-Informed Care practices to meet the unique social and emotional development needs of youth. Mentorship and relationship-building occur organically through our programming, with consistent, supportive, and caring adults maintaining a positive presence on-site. Staff demonstrate their belief in youth by encouraging them to try new activities, explore interests such as art and culinary arts, and develop their passions, all of which contribute to positive youth development. Our Diversion Case Manager's office may be based out of the McGovern Club; however, youth on his caseload are also enrolled in six other schools, and one youth is homeschooled.

Andrew has provided support to diverted youth since the program's inception and has been an instrumental part of diverted youth's development. For our truancy-involved youth in particular (21% of his caseload), Andrew regularly checks on their attendance with McGovern's attendance liaison and meets with teachers and parents to share updates on each youth's progress in the program. He also discusses his observations and provides recommendations for helpful next steps, such as increasing the frequency of therapy sessions for a student on his caseload. Andrew also works closely with George McGovern Middle School's School Resource Officer, particularly when concerns arise regarding student safety. For example, Andrew became concerned about one youth on his caseload who was at risk for self-harm. Andrew, the School Resource Officer, and the youth's caregiver jointly made a referral to Avera Behavioral Health. Andrew, the School Resource Officer,

and the youth's guardians worked together to ensure the student's safety and that all necessary precautions were taken. This example alone demonstrates the need for this program and position to continue serving youth in the Minnehaha County area. On Andrew's caseload, 34 youth have been charged with delinquency offenses and 12 youth with status offenses.

The Sioux Falls School District and Community Learning Center have been supportive of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire youth diversion efforts as we mutually serve many of the same youth in our community and recognize the need for additional support. Please see the attached letters of support, which demonstrate the willingness of stakeholders and community partners—including the Sioux Falls School District—to adopt and support additional diversion strategies and services in Minnehaha County.

If funding is awarded, we will continue to participate in quarterly Juvenile Justice Collaborative meetings, work closely with school district administration, School Resource Officers, law enforcement, and assist with Trauma-Informed Care initiatives that support both youth and families.

C. ALIGNMENT WITH SOUTH DAKOTA JDAI IMPLEMENTATION

1. Alignment with JDAI Values

Our Diversion Case Manager directly supports JDAI values and the initiative's eight core strategies by using the RAI assessment with enrolled youth (completing 35 RAIs with enrolled youth to date). We use these results to help guide decisions and to provide support when it is needed the most by families, with guidance from the State's Attorney's Office. Our Diversion Case Manager supports youth who have been diverted from detention, which reinforces the importance of reserving detention for only those who pose a significant risk to the greater public. The youth currently enrolled in our diversion program breaks down into the following reasons for being on diversion:

Possession of Marijuana/THC/Paraphernalia-14, Truancy-10, Disorderly Conduct-10, Theft-3, Runaway-2, Weapon on school grounds-2, Destruction of property-2, Assault-1, Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle-1, and Reckless Burning-1. Andrew also meets youth in their school or on Boys & Girls Clubs property several times a month face-to-face, representing our commitment to serving youth in a safe and less restrictive environment. Our program also aims to continue reducing racial, ethnic, and gender disparities by offering diversion opportunities to youth of color, who have historically been overrepresented within the local detention population in Minnehaha County. Enrolled Boys & Girls Clubs diverted youth race breaks down into the following categories: Black/African American-14, Native American-13, White-11, and Hispanic-8. Meaning 76% of youth are youth of color, which also correlates with what the county has reported for an overrepresentation of colored diverted youth.

Our Diversion Case Manager will continue to work closely with the local JDAI Coordinator and the State Diversion Coordinator. These partnerships have been instrumental in the program's success and have contributed to increased efficiency and effectiveness in case processing, expanded program availability, and stronger communication among community partners. We anticipate that these collaborative relationships will remain a key factor in the program's continued growth and success. The Diversion Case Manager has also utilized data collected from enrolled youth to inform both program development and professional training opportunities. For example, approximately 30% of youth currently enrolled in diversion are participating due to vaping-related offenses. In response to this trend, Andrew identified and incorporated two virtual Stanford University trainings focused on the effects of THC use on the developing brain, helping youth better understand the long-term consequences of substance use. In addition to tailoring educational opportunities for youth, Andrew has actively pursued professional development to strengthen his own knowledge and effectiveness in working with young people. Trainings Andrew has completed during the grant period include *The*

State of Modern Youth: Navigating Screens, Substances, and Pressure and *The Mind-Risk Connection: How Mental Health Can Influence Substance Use*, both offered by Operation Parent!, as well as the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Conference, Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) Levels 1, 2, and 3, and the GAIN-SS training.

If awarded, we will continue to analyze program data and explore additional data collection points that may enhance future decision-making and program development. Enhanced data tracking will support continuous quality improvement, increase operational efficiency, and provide greater transparency and accountability across all aspects of program implementation and service delivery.

2. County Use of the RAI and Override Statistics

As briefly mentioned above, our Diversion Case Manager uses the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) that is also used by Minnehaha County for every youth enrolled in our diversion program. In 2025, the county conducted 761 RAIs and 537 YOC RAIs. The RAI is followed with fidelity in most cases, with an override rate of approximately 20% (this increased in Minnehaha County to 22.3% in 2025). Override decisions are tracked and reviewed to ensure they are justified and not contributing to unnecessary or biased detention practices. All collected program data including detention admissions and use of alternatives is and will continue to be disaggregated by race and ethnicity. This detailed analysis helps identify inequities and informs policy changes. The county's ongoing JDAI system assessment will continue to inform us through the use of the RAI and guide future decisions to ensure youth are treated equally and with dignity at every opportunity and decision.

D. STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The overall goal of this program and for the youth enrolled is to prevent further youth involvement in the juvenile justice system and to eliminate or minimize disproportionate minority youth contact. This program will be proactive with prevention and early intervention for youth who

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are engaging in behaviors that are putting them at risk for system involvement. Our program promotes public safety, youth accountability, family stability, and positive outcomes for participating youth and families through coordinated community partnerships and evidence-based services.

I. The Diversion Case Manager will be trained in the JDAI framework along with other juvenile justice best practices by October 31, 2026.

II. Our Diversion Case Manager will also attend a JDAI model site visit, recommended trainings and conferences by the State's Attorney's Office, and other opportunities throughout the year, including observing court, touring ARISE/JDC by October 1, 2026.

III. Andrew will also attend the National JDAI conference in October 2026, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley Trauma-Informed Intensive Conference on November 17-19, 2026, and finally the National Conference on Community & Restorative Justice in July 2027.

IV. Andrew has attended all offered quarterly Juvenile Justice Collaborative meetings since his onboarding and enrolling clients in January 2026. His attendance at these meetings has helped guide program implementation, identify service gaps, and promote community ownership of alternatives to detention within Minnehaha County.

V. The Diversion Case Manager will continue leveraging existing community resources through formal partnerships and referral agreements with Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Journey of Hope, the State's Attorney's Office, the Sioux Falls School District, and the Sioux Falls Police Department. We will also seek additional support through community partnerships as needs arise.

VI. Beginning June 9, Journey of Hope will provide Therapeutic Art services for enrolled diverted youth at our McGovern Club as part of summer programming. Therapeutic Art sessions will resume in the fall and be offered one to two times per week. Existing Boys & Girls Clubs programs

and youth diversion services will be intentionally coordinated to maximize impact, enhance service delivery, and avoid duplication of efforts.

Through this application, we are seeking continued financial support for both our youth diversion efforts and the critical work of the Diversion Case Manager. Since the position was filled, the coordinator has received more than 50 referrals, demonstrating both the need for and the value of this program within our community. This need is even further exemplified through our attached letters of support from the Sioux Falls School District Superintendent, the Chief of Police, and the Minnehaha County State's Attorney. Andrew will continue to work with our Chief Operations Officer, Kassidi Smith, who is his supervisor and oversees our youth diversion services. Andrew will be responsible for the program's daily operations, which include facilitating communication among partners and attending all applicable meetings, enrolled youth data collection and data entry, case management and referrals, monitoring youth's progress, and ensuring youth accountability. Program data and stakeholder feedback will be reviewed regularly to assess outcomes and make improvements as needed.

To sustain the youth diversion services we will integrate successful practices into partner organizations, maintain the connection we have with the quarterly Juvenile Justice Collaborative, and pursue diversified funding sources through businesses and private donors, several of which have asked for updates on how the diversion program is going on tours or in conversations with our resource & development team members. Program outcomes will be used to demonstrate effectiveness, secure future investments, and support long-term community commitment to alternatives to detention.

E. PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND EVALUATION

BGCSE will continue to work with the State's Attorney's Office, school resource officers, local law enforcement, Minnehaha County, and local detention centers as needed to collect and

report mutually enrolled youth information as outlined in the data collection agreements between the entities. Internally, BGCSE will continue to collect data on enrolled diverted youth to include Boys & Girls Club attendance, behaviors, along with classroom performance through our partnerships with both the Sioux Falls School District and the school district's Community Learning Center to see what trends may be present for enrolled diverted youth in school attendance, truancy, behaviors within the classroom, and academic performance improvement. All current enrolled youth data is kept in an Excel spreadsheet, as Microsoft is a HIPAA-compliant software and is only accessible by internal Boys & Girls Club staff on an as-needed basis for reporting or program implementation. Regarding JDAI-specific data collection, our Diversion Case Manager will receive training on recommended data collection methods and best practices. This training will be provided through the State's Attorney's Office and the county's diversion program coordinator and will include participation in the JDAI site visit and other relevant conferences and training opportunities. Our diversion efforts were slower than initially anticipated due to the need for recruiting, hiring, and onboarding a qualified Diversion Case Manager. Andrew has been serving in this role since January 2026 and has already received 54 referrals. Based on this early success, we are confident the program will continue to grow and move toward the county's established goal of maintaining a total caseload of 55 youth. We look forward to continuing to provide this valuable diversion program to youth and their families while strengthening our partnerships within Minnehaha County and other local and state stakeholders. As data collection practices become more established, we will be better positioned to use reliable, outcome-driven data to inform program decisions, guide future enhancements, and support the development and replication of similar evidence-based programs in other counties and communities.

F. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

In 2025, the population of Minnehaha County was 212,691, which has grown about 7.9% since 2020 when the population was 197,214. The county seat and largest city, Sioux Falls accounts for most of the county's population and growth. Data from 2020-2024 for Minnehaha County show that a total of 84,814 households reside within county limits. Our Diversion Case Manager has and will continue to serve youth, families, and community stakeholders across Minnehaha County. All current diversion enrolled youth reside within Minnehaha County.

G: TARGET POPULATION

Participants who are eligible for participation within the Boys & Girls Club Diversion Program include youth who are under the age of 18 and their families, youth who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, or who are at risk of having contact with the juvenile justice system. Target populations for detention reform may also include youth of color, females, youth with school/truancy offenses, domestic assaults on a family member, warrants, and homeless youth. The overall goal of this program and the youth enrolled is to prevent further or divert youth involvement in the juvenile justice system and to eliminate or minimize disproportionate minority youth contact. This program will be proactive with prevention and early intervention for youth who are engaging in behaviors that are putting them at risk for system involvement.

Our 46 enrolled youth's demographic information can be broken down into the following categories: Race: Black/African American-14, Native American-13, White-11, and Hispanic-8. Offender Type: Possession of Marijuana/THC/Paraphernalia-14, Truancy-10, Disorderly Conduct-10, Theft-3, Runaway-2, Weapon on school grounds-2, Destruction of property-2, Assault-1, Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle-1, and Reckless Burning-1. Overall, our youth's charges can be summarized as Delinquent Charge-34 and Status Charge-12. Gender: Male-29 and Female-17 Age: 14 Year Olds-18, 13 Year Olds-12, 12 Year Olds-8, 11 Year Olds-4, and 10 Year Olds-1. Middle

School: George McGovern-14, Whittier-8, Edison-8, Memorial-5, Ben Reifel-5, Patrick Henry-3, Axtell-1, Brandon Valley-1 and Homeschool-1. Income: Single-parent households make up 47% of enrolled youth, and 200% or below federal poverty level is 58% of enrolled youth. Boys & Girls Clubs 120-day youth diversion services completion: successful: 7 students and unsuccessful: 4 students.

Collaborations between county officials and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire will continue their efforts in creating and expanding fair and efficient youth diversion services that produce positive outcomes for youth, families, and communities while also protecting public safety.

Target Population Details (Place an "X" in the box to the <i>left</i> of all those that apply)					
Race(s):		Offender Type(s):		Geography:	
X	American Indian/Alaskan Native	X	At-Risk Population (no prior offense)	X	Rural
X	Asian	X	First Time Offenders	X	Suburban
X	Black/African American	X	Repeat Offenders	X	Tribal
X	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	X	Sex Offenders	X	Urban
X	Other Race	X	Status Offenders	Age:	
X	White/Caucasian	X	Violent Offenders	X	Under 11
Sex:		Referral Source:		X	12-13
X	Female	X	School	X	Court System
X	Male	X	State's Attorney	X	Other _____
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SECTION 5: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND ASSURANCES

Council of Juvenile Services Conflict of Interest Identification

Please identify which Council of Juvenile Services Members, if any, appear to have a conflict of interest with your application and provide a brief narrative explaining the potential conflict of interest.

A council member derives a direct benefit from the contract if one or more of the following is true of the member, the member's spouse, or a person with whom the member lives with and commingles assets:

- 1) Has a five percent ownership or other interest in an entity that is a party to the contract;
- 2) Derives income, compensation or commission directly from the contract or from the entity that is a party to the contract;
- 3) Acquires property under the contract; or
- 4) Serves on the board of directors of an entity (including a nonprofit) that derives income or commission directly from the contract or acquires property under the contract.

"Direct benefit" does not include gain from a contract based solely on the value of a council member's investment in an entity that is a party to the contract, if that investment represents less than a five percent

ownership in the entity. It also does not apply to contracts or transactions where the council member only benefits from an act of the Council of Juvenile Services that has general application, such as a decision by the Council of Juvenile Services to increase or decrease a fee that many South Dakotans pay.

List Current Members

Beth O'Toole, Chair and Professor at the University of Sioux Falls;

Sara McGregor-Okroi, Vice-Chair and Director of Aliive-Roberts County. Day County Commissioner

Dadra Avery, School Counselor at Sturgis Brown High School;

Judge Tami Bern, First Judicial Circuit Judge;

Eric Anderson, Department of Corrections Juvenile Corrections Supervisor;

Amy Witt, Chief Program Officer, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

Charles Frieberg, Director of Trial Court Services;

Melanie Boetel, Department of Social Services Behavioral Health Services Director;

Daniel Haggar, Minnehaha County States Attorney;

Cindy Heiberger, Former Minnehaha County Commissioner;

Doug Herrmann, Executive Director of The Club for Boys;

Sheriff Brad Howell, Codington County Sheriff;

Angela Lisburg, Avera Saint Mary's Hospital;

Dave McNeil, Former Aberdeen Police Department Chief;

Rebecca Rasmussen, Director, Call to Freedom

Ruth Burns, SWO Tribal Court Prosecutor

Skytir Skipper, Youth Member;

Cassidy Frederick, Youth Member.

Julian Woodward, Youth Member, and

Jamin McGray, Youth Member

Special Conditions and Assurances

The following information contains the general conditions and assurances as necessary for recipients of funding awarded under this application. Please note that final assurances and conditions may be different than those stated below based on the composition of the individual program. Signatures under this section indicate that the applying agency understands that a successful subgrant award under this application you will be subject conditions and awards comparable to those as follows and that failure to adhere to outlined conditions and assurances may result in suspension or termination of the award.

General Award Conditions:

1. The Subgrantee agrees to comply with all Formula Grant program requirements.
2. The Subgrantee agrees to follow the JDAI model and strategies.
3. The Subgrantee agrees to obligate and expend the grant amount within the subgrant award period.
4. The Subgrantee agrees to provide all program reports that are requested by the SD Department of Corrections or the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by their due date as requested.

5. The Subgrantee agrees to provide all Performance Measure Data and Program Specific data to the SD Department of Corrections.
6. The Subgrantee agrees to request reimbursement on a monthly basis and for only those expenditures outlined in the application approved by the SD Department of Corrections. Claims sheet and all supporting documentation must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the month that the services were paid.

Assurances: The Subgrantee hereby assures and certifies compliance with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, including OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-133; Ex. Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs); and 28 C.F. R. pts. 66 or 70 (administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements). The Subgrantee also specifically assures and certifies that:

1. It has the legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain. The subrecipient's conflict of interest policy is to be provided to the SDDOC upon request for review.
3. It will give the awarding agency or the General Accounting Office, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all paper or electronic records related to the financial assistance.
4. It will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits, and requirements applicable to providing services pursuant to this Agreement and will be solely responsible for obtaining current information on such requirements. It will comply with all lawful requirements imposed by the awarding agency, specifically including applicable regulations 28 C.F.R. pts. 18, 22, 23, 30, 35, 38, 42, 46, 61, and 63, and the award term in 2 C.F.R. § 175.15(b).
5. It will assist the awarding agency (if necessary) in assuring compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. § 470), Ex. Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469 a-1 et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321).
6. It will comply (and will require any subgrantees or contractors to comply) with any applicable statutorily-imposed nondiscrimination requirements, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3789d); the Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681, 1683, 1685-86); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations).

If a governmental entity -

- a) it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
 - b) it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-08 and §§7324-28, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.
7. It will provide language services for limited English proficiency (LEP) individuals as needed in order to provide services as covered under this award in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d.

8. Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Acceptance of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 2 CFR Part 2867, "DOJ Implementation of OMB Guidance of Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension," and 28 CFR Part 83, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension," and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)."
9. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," subrecipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
10. Any website that is funded in whole or in part under this award must include the following statement on the home page, on all major entry pages, and on any pages from which the visitor may access or use a web-based services "This web site is funded through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Neither the U.S. Department of Justice nor any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse, the web site."

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP): Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.301-.301, applicant must take one of the following actions: either submit an EEOP to the SDDOC for submission to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for review, maintain an EEOP on file, or submit an EEOP Certification form to the SDDOC for submission to the OCR in order to monitor the subrecipients compliance with the EEOP requirement.

Non-supplanting Requirements: Funds or other resources of the applicant normally devoted to programs and activities designed to meet the needs of criminal justice will not be diminished in any way as a result of a grant award of federal funds. The project for which assistance is being requested will be in addition to, and not a substitute for, criminal justice services previously provided without federal assistance.

Audit Requirement: Acceptance of this grant award requires the subgrantee organization or governmental entity to include this subgrant in the scope of their regularly scheduled annual or biennial audit. The audit must be conducted in accordance with the appropriate OMB Circular (A-128, A-133, A-102/Common Rule). If applicable, the subrecipient is in compliance with the federal Single Audit Act, in compliance with § 4-11-2.1, and audits are displayed on the subrecipient's website

Termination Provision: This Agreement may be terminated by the SDDOC hereto upon thirty-(30) days written notice. In the event the applicant/subgrantee breaches any of the terms or conditions hereof, the SDDOC may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without notice. If termination for such default impacts the SDDOC, any payments due to the applicant/subgrantee at the time of termination may be adjusted to cover any additional costs to the SDDOC because of the applicant/subgrantee's default. Upon termination, the SDDOC may assume the responsibility for the project or may award another party funds to complete the work under this Agreement. If after termination for default by the applicant/subgrantee it is determined that the applicant/subgrantee was not at fault, then the applicant/subgrantee shall be paid for eligible services rendered and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

Insurance Provision: The Subgrantee, at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage of the types and with the limits as follows:

- o **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** The Subgrantee shall maintain occurrence based commercial general liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than **\$1 million** for each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit it shall apply separately to this Agreement or be no less than two times the occurrence limit.
- o **Professional Liability Insurance or Miscellaneous Professional Liability Insurance:** The Subgrantee agrees to procure and maintain professional liability insurance or miscellaneous professional liability insurance with a limit not less than **\$1 million**.

- o **Business Automobile Liability Insurance:** The Subgrantee shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit not less than **\$1 million** for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.
- o **Worker's Compensation Insurance:** The Subgrantee shall procure and maintain workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by South Dakota law.

Before beginning work under this Agreement, the Subgrantee shall furnish the State with properly executed Certificates of Insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required in this Agreement and which provide that such insurance may not be canceled, except on 30 days prior written notice to the State. The Subgrantee shall furnish copies of insurance policies if requested by the State. Such insurance shall contain no special limitations or exclusions as they may relate to this agreement.

Default Provision: This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of federal funds awarded to the SDDOC and appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds rejections, this Agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State. Failing to provide monthly reimbursement and quarterly progress reports may result in termination of the subgrant award.

Amendment Provision: This Agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the State. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be expressly identified as a part hereof and be signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

Venue Clause: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

Subcontractors Provision: The Subgrantee may only use subcontractors to perform the services as outlined in their approved grant proposal. Any additional subcontracts or awards may only be granted with the express prior written consent of the State. The Subgrantee will include provisions in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, to indemnify the State and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the State in a manner consistent with this Agreement. The Subgrantee will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply, with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance.

Subgrantee Agreement: It is understood and agreed by the Subgrantee that any grant received as a result of this application shall be subject to the Special Assurances and Conditions and other policies, regulations, and rules issued by the Department of Justice for the administration of grant projects under (P.L. 100-690) including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Competitive bids must be obtained for all equipment, construction and contracted services applications, as required by applicable local, state, or federal law or regulations.
2. If any agency other than the applicant is to contribute supporting or local funds, the Applicant must document the contribution.
3. Any funds awarded under one subgrant cannot be used in another.
4. Expenses or expenditures for items not listed in the original budget will not be reimbursed. Variances from the approved budget will require a budget amendment approved in advance by SD Department of Corrections.
5. All applicants are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
6. The Subgrantee shall not obligate any funds until the SD Department of Corrections formally awards subgrant.

7. The Subgrantee agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.
8. Reimbursement of expenses is contingent upon submission of monthly financial reports.
9. The Subgrantee understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of SD Department of Corrections and OJP.
10. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, all grantees receiving federal funds shall clearly state: 1) the percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with federal money, and 2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program.
11. In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs and to the SD Department of Corrections.
12. The Subgrantee agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as a result of performing services hereunder. This section does not require the Subgrantee to be responsible for or defend against claims of damages arising solely from acts or omissions of the State, its officers or employees. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity or consent to jurisdiction in any court other than the courts of the Unified Judicial System of the State of South Dakota.

State of South Dakota Grant Subrecipient Attestation:

If awarded, the subgrantee will attest to meeting the following requirements per SDCL 1-56-10:

1. A conflict of interest policy is enforced within the subrecipient's organization;
2. The Internal Revenue Service Form 990 has been filed, if applicable, in compliance with federal law, and is displayed immediately after filing on the subrecipient's website;
3. An effective internal control system is employed by the subrecipient's organization; and
4. If applicable, the subrecipient is in compliance with the federal Single Audit Act, in compliance with § 4-11-2.1, and audits are displayed on the subrecipient's website.

SECTION 6. SIGNATURES

The officials who certify this document agree to adhere to all terms and conditions relating to this application. Duplication of responsibilities by one individual for any position listed below is NOT acceptable.

County Commission Chair		
Name	Title	
Address	City/State/Zip	
E-mail	Phone	Fax
Signature	Date	

B. Project Director			
Name	Kassidi Smith	Title	Chief Operations Officer
Address	400 S. Sycamore Ave Ste 100	City/State/Zip	Sioux Falls, SD 57110
E-mail	ksmith@bgcsioxiempire.org	Phone	605-212-3071
Signature	[Signature]	Date	6/18/2026
C. Financial Officer			
Name		Title	
Address		City/State/Zip	
E-mail		Phone	
Signature		Date	
D. Other Official			
Name	Taneil Landsem	Title	Grant Manager
Address	400 S. Sycamore Ave Ste 100	City/State/Zip	Sioux Falls, SD 57110
E-mail	tlandsem@bgcsioxiempire.org	Phone	605-300-5310
Signature	[Signature]	Date	6/18/2026

SECTION 7. ATTACHMENTS

Description of Attachments – Identify and describe the significance of all additional materials you include as attachments. Please limit additional materials to items such as program effectiveness documentation; pertinent letters of support or commitment; research documentation; resource documentation; and any other materials. Attach all additional documents following this page.

Attachment 1
Letter of Support-Sioux Falls School District/Community Learning Center
Attachment 2

Letter of Support-Sioux Falls Chief of Police
Attachment 3
Letter of Support-Minnehaha County State's Attorney
Attachment 4
Diversion Case Manager Job Description
Attachment 5
Attachment 6

ENCLOSE RELEVANT ATTACHMENTS AFTER THIS PAGE



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Nan Kelly, President
Marc Murren, Vice President
Elizabeth Duffy, Member
Dawn Marie Johnson, Member
Gail Swenson, Member

Dr. James Nold, Superintendent

June 7, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

As Superintendent of the Sioux Falls School District, I am pleased to offer my strong support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire and their request for continued funding of the Diversion Case Manager position through the Department of Corrections.

The Boys & Girls Clubs play an important role in our district's out-of-school-time model by providing safe, structured, and dependable programming opportunities for youth throughout the year. Their efforts are grounded in meaningful relationships with young people and families and align closely with their mission of developing character, life skills, and workforce readiness.

During the past year, more than 50 referrals involving middle school students from our district have been directed to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire. Many of these cases involved truancy and other behaviors that often stem from a lack of supervision, positive role models, and consistent support. These concerns continue to impact middle school students across our community, making it essential that we strengthen programs that help re-engage youth and guide them toward positive outcomes during this critical stage of development.

In addition, the Sioux Falls School District's Assistant Superintendent, Dan Conrad, serves on the Juvenile Justice Collaborative alongside representatives from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire. This partnership continues to identify trends that require proactive intervention and coordinated responses focused on connection, mentorship, and early support services.

I wholeheartedly endorse the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire for this continued funding opportunity. Their work is creating meaningful, lasting change in the lives of young people and helps build a stronger future for our community. Please feel free to contact me at 605-367-7920 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jamie Nold
Superintendent
Sioux Falls School District

Curriculum Services
FAX (605) 367-7906

Special Services
FAX (605) 367-4638

Finance Office
FAX (605) 367-7906

Superintendent/HR
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City of Sioux Falls

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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June 9, 2026

RE: Letter of Support for Boys and Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide my support again for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire as they seek continued funding through the Department of Corrections for their youth diversion efforts.

The Boys & Girls Clubs have long served as a valuable partner and resource for youth and families in our community. Over the past year, this funding has helped strengthen and expand their reach, allowing them to provide additional support to young people who may be at risk of deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system. Their organization remains one of the few diversion-focused resources available in our county and continues to offer early, positive interventions that help youth make better choices and stay connected to supportive adults.

The Boys & Girls Clubs have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to youth development and to creating opportunities that address challenges before they escalate. Continued investment in this program would allow the Diversion Case Manager position to remain focused on coordinating services and strengthening diversion efforts in partnership with the State's Attorney's Office.

Because of their established presence throughout the community, the Boys & Girls Clubs are uniquely positioned to engage youth from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances. Their extensive network and trusted relationships enable them to identify needs, connect families with resources, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of young people. Through their participation in the Juvenile Justice Collaborative, they also contribute valuable insight into emerging trends and the evolving needs of youth in our community.

I encourage continued support of this important work. Sustaining the Boys & Girls Clubs' youth diversion programming will help strengthen community partnerships, expand access to effective interventions, and create positive pathways for youth and families. The impact of these efforts extends far beyond individual participants and contributes to a safer, healthier community for all.

Sincerely,

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Jon Thum
Chief of Police

MINNEHAHA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

Daniel K. Haggar
State's Attorney

Administration Building
415 North Dakota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 17, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

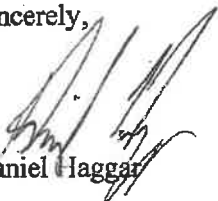
I am writing to express support of the Boys and Girls Club Diversion Program. The Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office recognizes the significant value of the services this program provides to youth and families in our community. Currently, there are 46 diversion youth participating in their diversion program.

The sense of belonging, positive mentorship, and the structured environment provided by the Boys and Girls Club play a vital role in supporting positive outcomes for diversion. The services provided by the Boys and Girls Club are known to reduce recidivism, keeping youth from further involvement in the criminal justice system.

For these reasons, I fully support the Boys and Girls Club renewal application for the ATD grant through the South Dakota Department of Corrections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Daniel Haggar
Minnehaha County State's Attorney

Diversion Case Manager Job Description

Diversion Responsibilities

- Assist in the development of policies and procedures in collaboration with state and county partners.
- Publicize and communicate program activities.
- Collaborate with Minnehaha County State's Attorney's office, law enforcement, schools and other community partners, including attendance at quarterly Juvenile Justice Collaborative meetings.
- Provide regular reports on the success of diversion to key stakeholders.
- Perform public speaking to groups and individuals to explain the program.
- Ensure programmatic quality through definable program outcome measurements and objectives.
- Gather and report statistical information on clients on caseload.
- Complete grant and contract reports per the requirements of the funding sources.
- Complete screening and assessment for youth and families referred to the diversion program.
- Gather information from youth, parents, schools and social service agencies. Explore all likely sources of information regarding home and family life.
- Provide case management services, data tracking, and analysis.
- Meet with family and/or youth in the diversion program as needed for guidance, education, and motivation.
- Complete all forms and reports necessary to maintain accurate case documentation and statistics.
- Maintain an awareness of available community resources.
- Advocate for families and youth when necessary.
- Participate in training and professional development in JDAI, youth justice and trauma-informed best practices.
- Other duties as assigned by Boys & Girls Clubs of Sioux Empire in collaboration with Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office.



George McGovern Middle School

Dr. Jamie Nold, Superintendent

Tim Koehler, Principal
Richie Hutchinson, Assistant Principal
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Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57107
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June 22, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for the Boys & Girls Club

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of funding for the youth diversion services provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire.

As Principal of George McGovern Middle School, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact this partnership has had on our students, families, and school community during its first year on our campus. The Boys & Girls Club provides far more than after-school programming. It offers a safe, structured environment where students receive mentorship, academic support, transportation, meals, and meaningful opportunities to build positive relationships and life skills.

The need for these services is significant. At George McGovern Middle School, approximately 70 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and many face substantial social, emotional, and economic challenges. The Club's youth diversion program provides critical intervention for students who are at risk of becoming further involved in the juvenile justice system. Since January 2026, the program has served 47 diversion-enrolled youth, including 14 students from our school.

What makes this program especially valuable is its proactive approach. Through case management, consistent mentoring, family engagement, and individualized support, the Boys & Girls Club helps students address challenges before they become larger barriers to success. These services keep students connected to school, improve engagement, and create pathways toward positive long-term outcomes.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire has become an essential partner in supporting some of our most vulnerable youth. Their work strengthens our school, benefits families, and contributes to a safer, healthier community. I strongly encourage the continuation of funding for these vital services.

Sincerely,

Tim Koehler
Principal
George McGovern Middle School