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Re: JJCPA Dollars for HBTS Clinicians Proposal

The Humboldt Bridges to Success (HBTS) program was originally developed through a Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) grant and led to the formation of regionally based crisis-triage teams. These teams, made up of County hired Mental Health Clinicians and school district hired staff, provide crisis response and linkage to services to students throughout the county. Over the past four years the program has served over 1500 students and has been an important resource for schools to have easy and quick access to mental health services.

The grant that funds the HBTS program is coming to an end in November of 2022. Unspent funds from previous years will allow the current staff to continue through the end of the 22-23 school year. Other grant opportunities have come up, and the program has been awarded Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) dollars to continue funding most of the school-district hired positions. At this time, there is no funding for the 6 Mental Health Clinician positions and the Supervising Mental Health Clinician position that are hired through Humboldt County Behavioral Health.

We are writing this as a proposal for the use of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funds to pay for two HBTS Clinician positions for two years. The projected salary and benefit cost for these positions is \$254,315 for FY 2023-24. Having JJCPA funds to support these positions will allow the HBTS program to continue crisis intervention and response to Humboldt County students for the next two years.

Please let me know if you need additional details regarding this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

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