

1 SENATE BILL 339

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO JUVENILE SERVICES; RENAMING THE JUVENILE CONTINUUM  
12 GRANT FUND AS THE JUVENILE EQUITY COMMUNITY GRANT FUND;  
13 REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM SERVICES  
14 TO BE EQUITABLE.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. Section 9-2A-14.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
18 Chapter 351, Section 1) is amended to read:

19 "9-2A-14.1. JUVENILE [~~CONTINUUM~~] EQUITY COMMUNITY GRANT  
20 FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--ADMINISTRATION--GRANT APPLICATIONS.--

21 A. The "juvenile [~~continuum~~] equity community grant  
22 fund" is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury.  
23 The fund shall be administered by the [~~children, youth and~~  
24 ~~families~~] department and shall consist of appropriations,  
25 gifts, grants, donations and bequests made to the fund.

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1           B. Money in the juvenile [~~continuum~~] equity  
2 community grant fund is subject to appropriation by the  
3 legislature to the [~~children, youth and families~~] department  
4 for awarding grants to juvenile justice continuums for the  
5 provision of [~~cost-effective~~] individualized services, juvenile  
6 diversion programs, system improvement and temporary, nonsecure  
7 alternatives to detention for juveniles arrested or referred to  
8 juvenile probation and [~~parole~~] supervised release or at a risk  
9 of such referral.

10           C. A local or tribal government may apply for a  
11 grant from the juvenile [~~continuum~~] equity community grant fund  
12 for a juvenile justice continuum within its jurisdiction. The  
13 amount of the grant application shall not exceed sixty percent  
14 of the annual cost of the continuum. A local match of forty  
15 percent may consist of money, land, equipment or in-kind  
16 services.

17           D. The [~~children, youth and families~~] department,  
18 in conjunction with the juvenile justice advisory committee,  
19 shall adopt rules on qualifications for grants and specify the  
20 format, procedure and deadlines for grant applications. The  
21 juvenile justice advisory committee shall review all grant  
22 applications and submit those applications recommended for  
23 final approval to the secretary [~~of children, youth and~~  
24 ~~families~~].

25           E. Disbursements from the juvenile [~~continuum~~]

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1 equity community grant fund shall be made upon vouchers issued  
2 and signed by the secretary of children, youth and families or  
3 the secretary's designee upon warrants drawn by the secretary  
4 of finance and administration.

5 F. As used in this section, a "juvenile justice  
6 continuum" is a system of services [~~and sanctions~~] for  
7 juveniles arrested or referred to juvenile probation and  
8 [~~parole~~] supervised release or at risk of such referral. [~~and~~  
9 ~~consists of a~~] Juvenile justice continuums are formed through  
10 formal partnership among one or more units of local or tribal  
11 governments, the children's court, the district attorney, the  
12 public defender, local law enforcement agencies, the public  
13 schools and other entities such as private nonprofit  
14 organizations, the business community, community organizations,  
15 community members and religious organizations. Juvenile  
16 justice continuums shall provide services that are inclusive of  
17 all eligible juveniles. A juvenile justice continuum shall be  
18 established through a memorandum of understanding and a  
19 continuum board composed of representatives that reflect the  
20 diverse population of juveniles being served by juvenile  
21 justice continuums."