

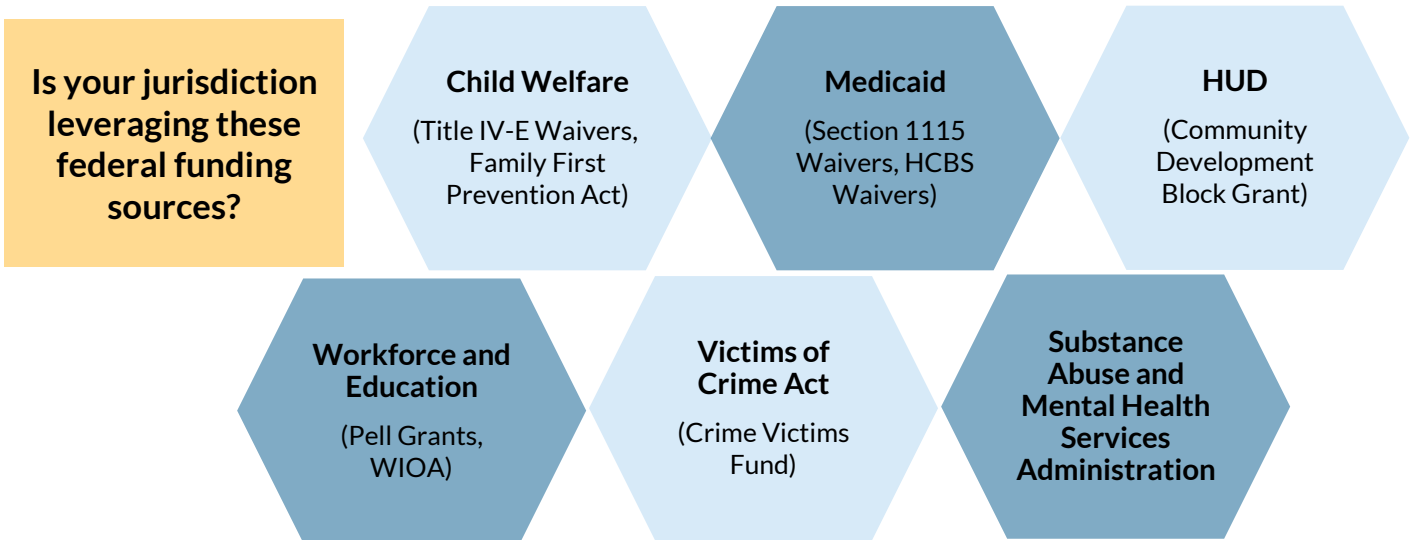
How Can We Fund a Continuum of Care and Opportunity?

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This tool can help jurisdictions identify strategies for investing in community-based solutions. Questions for consideration cover the following four areas: (1) maximizing existing state and federal funding opportunities, (2) capturing and redirecting savings from reduced incarceration and facility closure, (3) repurposing youth facilities and leveraging land value, and (4) implementing innovative strategies to fund community investment. For more information and examples of how other jurisdictions have leveraged these strategies, see [Promoting a New Direction for Youth Justice: Strategies to Fund a Community-Based Continuum of Care and Opportunity](#).

How can your jurisdiction maximize state and federal funding opportunities?

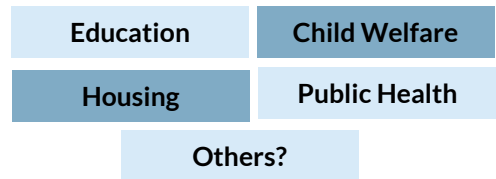
While many look to the juvenile justice system first, other state- and federally funded programs can be tapped to fund community-based services and supports for youth and their families.



Does your state/jurisdiction...

- terminate **Medicaid** if a youth is incarcerated?
- use justice system contact to screen youth for **Medicaid** eligibility?
- spend **WIOA** funding on out-of-school youth? How much?
- have a **WIOA** one-stop career center? Does it employ a reentry person to assist justice-involved people?
- fund programming for youth and families through the **Community Development Block Grant**?
- use **VOCA** resources to support services for children exposed to violence?

How can you bolster other systems outside the justice system to support youth and families?



Is there potential for closer integration between systems?

Can your jurisdiction capture savings from reduced incarceration and facility closure? Can your jurisdiction repurpose youth facilities or leverage facility land value?

Reduced youth incarceration and resulting facility closures can present opportunities for capturing and reinvesting savings, repurposing closed facilities, and leveraging land value to generate new funding streams.

Has your jurisdiction...

- substantially decreased the number of youths incarcerated?
- closed a youth facility?

Can your jurisdiction capture the resulting savings? Consider the following:

- legislation, including a lockbox mechanism
- budget allocations

Is your jurisdiction...

- closing a facility?
- operating an empty or near-empty facility?

Can your jurisdiction repurpose the facility into something that meets community needs?

Can your jurisdiction demolish the building and utilize the vacant land?

How can you involve the community in conversations about closure and repurposing?

Does your jurisdiction...

- own vacant land?

What are the property's assets?

- Valuable location?
- Natural resources?
- Near a military base?

Can your jurisdiction utilize the land to generate revenue? Consider:

- selling or leasing property
- oil/gas/other royalties
- selling forest products
- selling agriculture and grazing rights
- selling development rights

What other innovative strategies can your jurisdiction implement?

Some jurisdictions have used the following approaches to fund community investment. Have you considered these strategies? Are there any other creative opportunities to capture savings or generate new dollars in your jurisdiction?

Opportunity Zones

Does your community overlap with an Opportunity Zone? Can you utilize the tax incentives to attract private investment?

Anchor Institutions

What anchor institutions (hospitals, universities, etc.) are present in your community? Are there opportunities to partner with them?

Cannabis Legalization

Is cannabis legal? If so, how are savings and revenue being used? If not, is there an interest in legalization?

Participatory Budgeting

Who allocates resources? Are there opportunities to introduce youth and family voices into that process?

Pay for Success Models

Are there potential partners in the private sector dedicated to juvenile justice reform willing to help implement evidence-based social programs?

Leveraging a New Tax

Is there significant public support for juvenile justice reform or investment in violence prevention?