

Juvenile Services Education Program, Maryland State Department of Education

\$1.0 Million (R00A01.15)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Juvenile Services Education Program, Maryland State Department of Education, shall enhance the educational services provided to children in the Juvenile Services System.

Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance

- The Maryland State Department of Education is purchasing additional laptops for teachers, headphones for students and teachers, and updating student computers to complement the existing classroom technology and facilitate more personalized learning.
- JSES students are not permitted to transfer books from the school facility to DJS units; however, students can use a provided e-book for personal reading. JSES is building a new statewide virtual library in order to encourage reading for students and provide them with additional materials for success. This will include purchasing fiction and non-fiction e-books for electronic readers that span the interests and needs of our student population.
- Updating the physical, in-school libraries with books, book carts, large print books for visually impaired students, and other library supplies in order to operate efficiently for student learning.

Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Current disruptions in the supply chain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic could delay delivery of the product. Additionally, implementation could be delayed as currently staff are only allowed in the buildings two days a week and outside staff is prohibited.