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Yvonne Johnson, Executive Director
One Step Further- Guilford Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Program
623 Eugene Court
Greensboro, NC 27401

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We recognize and appreciate the progress of the Guilford Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Program during the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the non-profit's willing to continue to offer this pilot program in Guilford County. This pilot endeavor has produced some positive outcomes during this current fiscal year and the section wishes to continue the pilot project through the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year as we continue to assess the impact of the teen traffic diversion model.

Clearly, the model offers learning opportunities for 16 and 17-year olds to encourage youth to make better decisions that may prevent harm to themselves and others while exercising the privilege to operate a motor vehicle. Youth with motor vehicle offenses, unfortunately sometimes later on realize that they possess adult misdemeanor charges on their records through traffic offenses. Furthermore, in most cases, youth (or their parents) pay court cost for the offense with no further learning. The Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot promotes not only accountability but also an opportunity to learn the impacts of reckless and impulsive behavior while behind the wheel. Thank you for continuing this project in Guilford County.

Based upon your request for fiscal year 2024-2025, your agency has been awarded DPS funds in the amount of **\$37,838** for the upcoming year for this project . A *Program Agreement* must be submitted in NC ALLIES in order to align your 24-25 traffic diversion program budget with these awarded DJJ funds. Please be sure to include the source for in-kind match offered by the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, including access to a free annual membership to the SHC of NC, a \$500 value, access to the *Alive at 25* curriculum and training offered by the SHC of NC, supportive use of the Council's database, and free access to the participant *Alive at 25* student workbooks, valued at \$10 each. These generous in-kind calculations should be reflected as match within your budgets. As a reminder, *please ensure that you have indicated adequate match to support funds awarded.*

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Based on a recent monitoring by the consultant, it is important to address the findings and recommendations to ensure that the pilot is in good standing with best practices and minimum standards. Outcomes for this target population and pilot project will continue to be stringently tracked and monitored. Please know that we wish to offer continued assistance to you to support this unique and effective model. Your DPS Area Consultant (see below) can assist you should you have any questions.

Area Consultant: Sherri S. Hill
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It is our desire to study the success of this pilot project so as to inform possible statewide expansion to other interested teen court or interpersonal skill-building programs. We commend your efforts to continue this partnership with us to provide effective services to youth and families through the Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Project. Thank you for your commitment to serving North Carolina's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Porterfield".

Cindy Porterfield, Director
Juvenile Community Programs

cc: JCPC Chair, Chief Court Counselor, Area Consultant, Area Administrator, County Finance