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FINANCIALS
TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AREA

FY 2020

- **Behavioral Health**: $7,807,457
- **Community Justice**: $14,784,337
- **Family Support**: $18,764,469
- **Other**: $642,203
- **Total**: $41,998,466

**How We Use the Dollars**

- **88%** Direct Services to clients and communities, including counseling, evaluations, community service work, food, housing, care, guidance, supervision and monitoring.

- **12%** Indirect General leadership and management services including planning, program and fund development, accounting, audits, legal and personnel support, board support and community relations.
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