

National Drug Court Institute

Drug Court Training

The 2015 BJA Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

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Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

Grant Program Goal

- The overall goal of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to equip courts and court systems with the necessary tools and resources to intervene with substance abusing offenders while preparing citizens for successful community reintegration.

Who May Apply ?

- Adult Drug Courts
- DWI/DUI Courts
- Co-Occurring Courts
- Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
- **Veteran's Treatment Courts Servicing Violent (Type A) and Non-Violent offenders (Type B)**



Veterans Treatment Court –Type A

- An exception to the violent offenders restriction has been made for Veterans Treatment Courts
- Utilization of a valid risk assessment
- Availability of anger management and domestic violence treatment



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Medication Assisted Treatment

- Applicants must demonstrate they will not deny admission into Drug Court because of the use of medication assisted treatment
- Applicants must demonstrate they will not mandate that a client discontinue medication assisted treatment as a condition of Drug Court



Funding Category 1, Implementation

Implementation

- Maximum amount \$350,000
- 36 month project



Eligible

- Programs ready to begin operations
- States
- Local courts
- Counties
- Units of local government
- Indian tribal nations

Funding Category 2, Enhancement

Enhancement

- Maximum amount \$200,000
- 24 month project



Eligible

- Operational for at least one year as of Sept. 30, 2015
- Expand capacity and/or enhance operations and services
- States
- Local courts
- Counties
- Units of local government
- Indian tribal nations

Funding Category 3, Statewide

Statewide

- Sub-category A maximum amount \$200,000
- Sub-category B maximum amount \$1.3 million
- 36 month project period



STATEWIDE

Eligible

- States that are looking to improve, expand or enhance drug court services statewide and/or financially support drug courts in local jurisdictions
- Open to state agencies
- All funds must be passed through to local drug courts

Deadline

- All applications and supporting materials must be uploaded into Grants.gov before 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time on **Thursday, April 16, 2015.**



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BJA Priority

- Jurisdictions that do not have an active BJA drug court award
- Consideration will be given to implementation applicants that have completed the BJA Drug Court Planning Initiative (DCPI)



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3 Key Focus Areas



- Incorporate Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other evidence/research into all programming, training and technical assistance efforts.
- Increase services to unique populations (i.e. tribal, veterans, DWI and rural consumers)
- Capacity building



Evidence Based Practices & Programs

- To be considered evidence based, a practice or program's effectiveness must be demonstrated by evidence obtained through one or more outcome evaluations.



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Evidence Based Practices Resources

- NDCI Monograph
“Quality Improvement
For Drug Courts:
Evidence Based
Practices”
- Office of Justice
Programs – Crime
Solutions Website
- “R2P” Translating Drug
Court Research into
Practice Website
- SAMHSA’s Guide to
Evidence Based Practices
- SAMHSA’s National Registry
of Evidence-Based Practice
- National Institute of
Corrections Publication
“Cognitive-Behavioral
Treatment: A Review and
Discussion for Corrections
Professionals”

Adult, Tribal, Veterans and DWI Courts

- All program designs must function in accordance with the corresponding Key Components or Guiding Principles.



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Evidence Based Program Principles

1. Screening and Assessment
2. Target Population
3. Procedural and Distributive Justice
4. Judicial Interaction
5. Monitoring
6. Treatment and Other Services
7. Relapse Prevention, Aftercare & Community Integration



Grants.gov

- Does my organization have a DUNS number?
- Has my organization registered with the System for Award Management (SAM)?
- Have the Authorized Organization Representatives (AOR) who will submit the application registered to obtain a user name and password?



Grants.gov

- Have the AORs who will submit the application registered with Grants.gov for an account?
- Has the E-Business Point of Contact (POC) approved AORs to submit applications on behalf of your organization?



Grants.gov Organization Registration Process

- <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>



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Project Abstract

- Funding category
- Size and exact location of jurisdiction
- Urban, suburban or rural
- Type of drug court
- Pre or post adjudication
- Date Drug Court Operations Began
- Amount of funding requested
- Current capacity & increased capacity if funded





Abstract Continued

- Total number of consumers to receive services
- Description of target population
- Affirm 10 Key Components are/will be met. Indicate page numbers where discussed in the application.
- Data collection mechanisms



Abstract Continued

- Empowerment Zone or Renewal Community
- Utilization of other federal funds to support the drug court
- Prior recipient of federal funds
- Drug Court Planning Initiative participant



Program Narrative

- Statement of the Problem
- Project Design and Implementation
- Capabilities and Competencies
- Evaluation, Aftercare and Healthcare Integration Strategy, Sustainment and Plan for Collecting Performance Measures Data



Budget & Budget Narrative

- Itemized budget for each year of the grant
- 25% match is required; match can be a combination of cash and in-kind. There is no minimum required amount for cash match.
- Do not report any “over-match” in the budget; however you may discuss the “over-match” in the narrative.



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Budget Continued

- Allocate funding for attendance to the NADCP Annual Training conference, Vet Court Con or another BJA approved training.



- Approved trainings can be found at:
<http://www.ndci.org/training>



Time Task Plan

- Major activities
- Responsible agencies
- Expected Completion Dates



Memorandum of Understanding & Letters of Support

- Key Drug Court Members
- State Substance Abuse Agency Director (SSA)
- Chief Justice or State Court Administrator



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Additional Attachments

- If Applicable:
 - Indirect Cost Agreement
 - Tribal Authorizing Resolution
 - Disclosure of Pending Applications
 - Policy & Procedures Manual



Project Proposals

- Double spaced
- Standard 12-point font (Times New Roman)
- 1 inch margins
- Numbered (1 of 20, 2 of 20, etc.)
- Separate attachments with section as part of file name



BJA Grant Resources

The National Drug Court Resource Center

- <http://www.ndcrc.org/content/grant-solicitation-references>



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For Assistance



- For assistance, contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center: at 1-800-851-3420;
via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only); email responsecenter@ncjrs.gov;
fax to 301-240-5830; or web chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>.
- The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST on the solicitation close date.



The National Drug Court Resource Center

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