

Drug Court Programs Solicitation

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting competitive applications for projects that support eligible drug court programs during the state fiscal year 2011 grant cycle.

Purpose: The purpose of the Drug Court Program is to support drug courts as defined in Chapter 469 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, which incorporate the following ten essential characteristics:

- (1) The integration of alcohol and other drug treatment services in the processing of cases in the judicial system;
- (2) The use of a non-adversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants;
- (3) Early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program;
- (4) Access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitative services;
- (5) Monitoring of abstinence through weekly alcohol and other drug testing;
- (6) A coordinated strategy to govern program responses to participants' compliance;
- (7) Ongoing judicial interaction with program participants;
- (8) Monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness;
- (9) Continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; and
- (10) Development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations.

Available Funding: Article 102.0178 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure establishes state funding for this purpose and designates CJD as the administering agency. Funds received under this article are deposited to the credit of the drug court account in the general revenue fund.

Standards: Grantees must comply with the standards cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Prohibitions: Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- (1) proselytizing or sectarian worship;
- (2) lobbying;
- (3) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- (4) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- (5) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- (6) promotional gifts;
- (7) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments unless the expense is for a working event where full participation by participants mandates the provision of food and beverages and the event is not related to amusement and/or social activities in any way;
- (8) membership dues for individuals;
- (9) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state or local funds (e.g., supplanting);
- (10) fundraising;
- (11) construction;
- (12) medical services; and
- (13) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, who attend training developed or coordinated using grant funds.

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Eligible Applicants: Counties and Municipalities.

Requirements:

- (1) The presiding judge of a drug court funded under this RFA must be an active judge holding elective office, master or magistrate.
- (2) Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §469.006, counties with populations of more than 200,000 are required to establish a drug court.

Project Period: Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2010, and expire on or before August 31, 2011.

Application Process: Applicants can access CJD's eGrants website at <https://cjdonline.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

Preferences: Preference will be given to mandated drug courts under Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 469.006.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be submitted via CJD's eGrants website on or before April 9, 2010.

Selection Process: Applications will be competitive and reviewed by CJD staff members or a group selected by the executive director of CJD. CJD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness of the project, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact Scott Hutchinson at scott.hutchinson@governor.state.tx.us or at (512) 463-1919.

DWI Court

The DWI Court will handle approximately 100 offenders every 6 months for a total population served of 200 offenders per year. Even though this is a small percentage of pending DWI's, the idea behind the program is to stop the revolving door that DWI's perpetuate.

Offenders who met the criteria;
been charged with a misdemeanor DWI and,
have a previous DWI arrest in their past and,
have no felony convictions and,
been assessed for chemical dependency issues,
will be accepted into the program.

The program will consist of several phases(these are still in the planning stage);

- 1) orientation and detailed criminogenic assessment (looking for issues that might inhibit success that are not substance abuse) (2 weeks)
- 2) treatment phase, substance abuse plus other cognitive treatment as needed (12-16 weeks)
- 3) discharge phase (10-12 weeks)

All participants will attend the court every other week during the orientation phase and transition to once a month court appearances in phase three.

All participants will have weekly office visits during phase 1, twice a month in phase 2 and monthly office visits in phase 3.

In addition numerous home and field visits will be conducted.