



# Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement: ***Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program, FY2020***

## Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications to provide residential substance abuse treatment within local correctional and detention facilities.

## Available Funding

Federal Funds are authorized under 34 U.S.C. 10421 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT). RSAT funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

## Eligible Organizations

Applications may be submitted by county governments or judicial districts that operate a secure correctional or detention facility. Community supervision and corrections departments (CSCD) must apply under an affiliated county or judicial district but the authorizing resolution may name CSCD personnel as grant officials.

## Application Process

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding. For more instructions and information, see *Developing a Good Project Narrative Guide*, available [here](#).

## Key Dates

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/21/2018
Online System Opening Date	12/21/2018
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/28/2019 at 5:00pm CST
Earliest Project Start Date	10/01/2019

## Project Period

Projects must begin on or after 10/01/2019 and may not exceed a 12 month project period.

## Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: Grantees must provide matching funds equal to 25% of the total project cost. The match requirement can be met through cash or in-kind contributions.

## Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards ([UGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

## Eligible Activities and Costs

The following list of eligible activities apply generally to all projects under this announcement.

1. Counseling or treatment for substance abuse;
2. Counseling, therapy, or other care performed by a licensed professional;
3. Instruction and support for life, social, or emotional skills; and
4. Training, professional development, or technical assistance received.

## Program-Specific Requirements

RSAT funds may be used to implement two types of programs: residential or jail-based.

Residential programs should:

- Engage inmates for a period between 6 and 12 months;
- Provide residential treatment facilities set apart—in a completely separate facility or dedicated housing unit in a facility exclusively for use by RSAT participants—from the general correctional population;
- Focus on the inmate's substance abuse diagnosis and addiction-related needs;
- Develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve the substance abuse and related problems; and
- Require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants, including both periodic and random testing, and for former participants while they remain in the custody of the local government.

Jail-based programs should:

- Engage inmates for at least 3 months;
- Separate the treatment population from the general correctional population;
- Focus on the inmate's substance abuse diagnosis and addiction-related needs;
- Develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve the substance abuse and related problems;

- Require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants, including both periodic and random testing, and for former participants while they remain in the custody of the state or local government; and
- Prepare offenders for successful community reintegration that may include post-release referral to appropriate evidence-based aftercare treatment and/or service providers including those that support the use of medication-assisted treatment.

All applicants are required to provide substance abuse treatment practices and services that have a demonstrated evidence base and that are appropriate for the target population.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving funds from CJD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.
2. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.
3. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).
4. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state

immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

5. Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
6. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://sam.gov/>.

Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

## Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue;
4. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
5. Housing, meals, snacks, clothing, transportation, dental care, and routine medical treatment for offenders in the program;
6. Aftercare; and
7. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

## Selection Process

**Application Screening:** CJD will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement. Applications that meet those requirements will move forward to the merit review phase.

**Peer/Merit Review:** Projects will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the CJD executive director in an effort to prioritize funding. The merit review panel will assess and score each application on a 100-point scale, and then report its findings to the executive director.

**Final Decisions:** The executive director will consider rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, CJD or state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

CJD may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. In the event that funding requests exceed available funds, CJD may revise projects to address a more limited focus.

## Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov) or (512) 463-1919.