



Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement: ***Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program, FY2023***

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. PSO expects to make \$2.8M available for FY2023.

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 *eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application*, available [here](#).

Key Dates

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/13/2021
Online System Opening Date	12/13/2021
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/10/2022 at 5:00pm CST
Earliest Project Start Date	10/01/2022

Project Period

Projects must begin on or after 10/01/2022 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 Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [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 (to include Medication Assisted 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. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.
2. Entities receiving funds from PSO 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 66. 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.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

3. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. 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 by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.
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, 2023 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 (except Medication Assisted Treatment);
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: The Office of the Governor will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement.

Peer/Merit Review: The Office of the Governor will review applications to understand the overall demand for the program and for significant variations in costs per item. After this review, the Office of the Governor will determine if all eligible applications can be funded based on funds available, if there are cost-effectiveness benefits to normalizing or setting limits on the range of costs, and if other fair-share cuts may allow for broader distribution and a higher number of projects while still remaining effective.

Final Decisions: The Office of the Governor will consider rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, or state

government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

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

Contact Information

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