

Specialty Drug Court Programs Solicitation

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting competitive applications for projects that support eligible specialty court programs during the state fiscal year 2012 grant cycle.

Purpose: The purpose of the Specialty 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: This solicitation may be funded from the following state and federal funding sources:

- (1) 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.
- (2) State funds are authorized under §102.056 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and, Section 772.006 of the Texas Government Code designates CJD as the administering agency. The source of funding is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees. All awards are subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature for the 2012-2013 biennium.
- (3) Federal funds are authorized under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)). JAG funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Justice. Congress has not finalized federal appropriations for federal fiscal year 2011 and all awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

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 state and federal funding sources.

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, remodeling or renovation;
- (12) medical services; and
- (13) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training.

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Eligible Applicants: Counties

Requirements:

- (1) The court must be registered with CJD as required in the Texas Health and Safety Code, §469.003, and must maintain a current registration throughout the grant period.
- (2) The court must also be registered with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services database. Information about registration procedures may be accessed at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cmbhs/default.shtm>.
- (3) The presiding judge of a drug court funded under this RFA must be an active judge holding elective office, master or magistrate.
- (4) Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §469.006, counties with populations of more than 200,000 are required to establish a drug court.
- (5) Any portion of fees collected from program participants and retained by the grantee are considered generated program income and must be applied to the grant through a grant adjustment.
- (6) Applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency, to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>;
- (7) Applicants funded under the JAG program must be registered in the federal Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database located at <http://www.ccr.gov> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period; and
- (8) Applicants funded under the JAG program must ensure that their law enforcement agency is current on reporting Part 1 violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and that the agency has been current for the three previous years.

Project Period: Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2011, and expire on or before August 31, 2012.

Application Process: Applicants can access CJD's eGrants website at <https://eGrants.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, §469.006.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be submitted via CJD's eGrants website on or before March 31, 2011.

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 Information: If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants Help Desk at eGrants@governor.state.tx.us or (512) 463-1919.