

## Request for Applications – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for Offenders

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting grant applications for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for Offenders (RSAT) for projects that provide substance abuse treatment for offenders.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to provide residential substance abuse treatment within state and local correctional facilities and jails during the federal fiscal year 2016 grant cycle.

**Available Funding:** Federal funding for these projects is authorized under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. No.103-322, §1901). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

**Funding Levels:**

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: 25% cash

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source 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) rent or building leases (except for lease of space for the delivery of treatment services such as offices for counselors, group meeting rooms, etc.);
- 2) utilities;
- 3) building and lawn maintenance;
- 4) insurance;
- 5) medical and dental care;
- 6) vehicle expenses unless used for treatment purposes;
- 7) uniforms for personnel;
- 8) training for continuing education and licensing requirements, unless the grantee pays these costs for all non-RSAT funded personnel;
- 9) administrative costs;
- 10) construction, land acquisition, renovation or remodeling;
- 11) services in a private treatment facility;
- 12) indirect costs;
- 13) aftercare services provided after release from the facility;
- 14) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 15) fundraising;
- 16) lobbying;
- 17) membership dues for individuals;
- 18) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 19) overtime pay;
- 20) promotional gifts;
- 21) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 22) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation, for an elected or appointed government official;
- 23) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
- 24) non-law enforcement vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 25) twelve-step program costs and related materials;
- 26) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by federal, state, or local funds (i.e. supplanting);
- 27) legal services for adult offenders; and

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28) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- 1) State agencies operating secure correctional facilities;
- 2) Counties operating secure correctional facilities; and
- 3) Community supervision and corrections departments operating secure correctional facilities.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) RSAT funds must be used for the treatment component only.
- 2) Applicant is responsible for all costs related to housing, meals, snacks, clothing, transportation, dental care and medical treatment for offenders in the program.
- 3) Programs must include urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing, including periodic and random testing, for program participants and former participants while they remain in the custody of the state or local government.
- 4) Projects must focus on the substance abuse problems of the offender using cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to resolve the substance abuse and related problems.
- 5) Individualized treatment plans must be developed for each offender when the offender enters the program.
- 6) Programs must be science based and proven effective.
- 7) Juvenile projects must comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-273, 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq., as amended).
- 8) Projects must work with social service and rehabilitation programs to place offenders in appropriate aftercare programs upon completion of the treatment program. Aftercare services include the coordination of services between the correctional treatment program and other human service and rehabilitation programs such as education and job training, parole supervision, halfway houses, and self-help and peer groups that support the continued rehabilitation of the offender.
- 9) Programs should be designed to give priority to offenders who have six to twelve months remaining in their term of confinement so that they may be released from jail or prison instead of returning to the general jail or prison population after completing the treatment program.
- 10) No more than ten percent of the award may be used for treatment of parolees for a period not to exceed one year after release from a state correctional facility.
- 11) Programs operated in local, secure correctional or detention facilities must last a minimum of six months and a maximum of twelve months and must provide treatment in a completely separate facility or a dedicated housing unit within a facility for the exclusive use by participating offenders.
- 12) Programs offered in jails must last at least three months and make every effort to separate the participants from the general correctional population.
- 13) Applicants must provide quarterly performance data to the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A & M University.
- 14) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have reported 90% of adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2009 through 2013. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2015.
- 15) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the three previous years.
- 16) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to their agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
- 17) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

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**Project Period:** Grant-funded projects must begin on or after October 1, 2015, and expire on or before September 30, 2016.

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

**Preferences:** Preference will be given to continuation projects.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be certified via CJD's grant management website on or before April 17, 2015.

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

**Contact Person:** If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants Help Desk at [egrants@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:egrants@governor.state.tx.us) or at (512) 463-1919.