

NEW FUNDING ALERT

Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts

FUNDER: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

[Link to Funding Opportunity](#)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. These awards provide a continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services, for individuals with SUD involved with the courts. Harm reduction services funded under this award must adhere to federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and other requirements related to such programs or services. Award recipients will be expected to screen and assess clients for the presence of SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, screen for infectious diseases for which those with SUDs are at high risk and provide evidence-based and population appropriate harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve abstinence from substance use, housing stability, employment status, social connectedness, health/behavioral/social consequences, and reduce criminal justice involvement.

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ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants are:

- State governments (The District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply)
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and consortia of tribes or tribal organizations
- Public or private universities and colleges
- Community- and faith-based organizations

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EXCLUSIONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS FUNDING

- Recipients who received funding in FY 2019 under Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (TI-19-002),
- Recipients who received funding in FY 2019 under Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Family Treatment Drug Courts (TI-19-001)
- Recipients who received funding in FY 2020, FY 2021, or FY 2022 under Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts (TI-20-003 and TI-22-010)

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FUNDING LEVEL

- **Estimated Number of Awards:** 81 (At least 5 awards will be made to tribes/tribal organizations and at least 16 awards will be made to Family Treatment Drug Courts, pending sufficient application volume from these groups)
- **Award Amount:** \$400K per year
- **Length of Project Period:** 5 years
- **No Match or Cost Sharing Required**

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ELIGIBLE ADULT TREATMENT DRUG COURT MODELS

- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Courts,
- Co-Occurring Drug and Mental Health Courts,
- Veterans Treatment Courts,
- Municipal Courts using the problem-solving model. Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (ATHWC) and
- Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDC)

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

SAMHSA expects drug court recipients to serve a minimum of 40 clients per year (a minimum of 35 clients per year for FTDCs). Required activities for this grant are:

- Screen and assess clients for the presence of SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and use the information obtained from the screening and assessment to develop appropriate harm reduction, treatment, and/or recovery interventions and treatment plans. Ensure screening and assessments provide equitable access to drug courts for racial, ethnic, sexual and gender minority groups.
- Screen for infectious diseases for which those with SUDs are at high risk, including HIV and viral hepatitis (hepatitis A, B, and C), with appropriate referral and follow-up to assure treatment if screening tests indicate infection, and vaccination for those infectious diseases for which a vaccine is available.

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- Provide evidence-based and population appropriate treatment services to meet the unique needs of diverse populations at risk. Treatment services must include the use of FDA-approved medications in the treatment of opioid use disorder and medication management, outpatient, day treatment (including outreach-based services), intensive outpatient, or residential programs.
- Provide recovery support services (e.g., recovery housing, peer support services, childcare, supported employment, skills training and development, and transportation services) that provide emotional and practical support to maintain client/participant remission.

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Award recipients must use SAMHSA's funds to support direct services primarily. This includes the following activities:

- FDTTC recipients must provide specific services and supports related to the preservation of the family including, but not limited to, family counseling and family recovery support services.
- FDTTC recipients must collaborate with community partners that are trained and can serve diverse populations to provide comprehensive services (e.g., child welfare agencies as referral sources and other agencies that can address the needs of children).
- Provide comprehensive case management plans that directly address risks for recidivism, as determined by validated risk assessments, and include delivery or facilitation of services to appropriate clients, including substance use and cognitive behavioral interventions, to address needs and reduce those risks.

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- Implement the key components of the drug court model and affirms commitment to the implementation of the evidence-based program principles included in the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) key components and drug court best practice standards.
- Provide language access services (to include interpretation, translation, disability accommodations, and accessibility) to support required activities as applicable.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If peer support services are provided, they should be designed with, and, delivered by individuals who have experience with the criminal justice system, have experienced a SUD, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, and are in recovery. (Note: Funds may be used to purchase such services from another provider.)
- If an applicant is not a drug court, or the government entity applying on behalf of the drug court (e.g., state, county, or local government), you must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the drug court(s), signed by the applicant and the Drug Court Administrator and judge(s)
- Applicants must demonstrate that the drug court(s) has/have sufficient referral sources for participants for the drug court(s) that meet the outlined client requirements so the applicant can meet the identified client target numbers.

STRATEGY

Based on our experience, these are our recommendations.

- We suggest that you carefully review the funding announcement and solidify MOUs with the courts and judges or government entities, including the roles and responsibilities the program.
- Review current drug court participant data to determine if disparities exist among adults with respect to access or outcomes and ability to meet participant numbers required for this program.
- Review your drug court model implementation for effectiveness with the population of focus, including racial and cultural considerations.

NEXT STEPS

Helping you build toward your tomorrow.

SAE is available to collaborate with you to write the proposal, provide a review of your proposal, or to provide technical assistance in developing your program plan.

- Immediately validate that you have accounts in the System for Awards Management (SAM), Grants.gov, and era Commons.
- Create a table to assess your current level of implementation for each of the required activities and what you plan to expand or enhance with grant funding for each year of the funding period.
- Use this table to begin developing your staffing plan and program budget.
- Contact SAE for a free consultation to discuss this funding opportunity and your ideas for your proposal.

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