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The FY 2018 BJA Adult Drug Court Grant: Funding Opportunity for Tribes

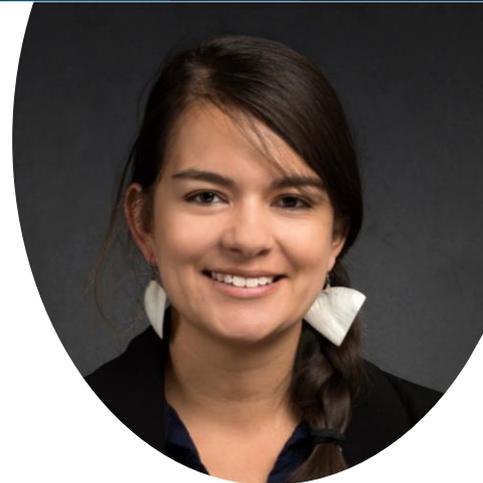


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BJA Adult Drug Court Grant Overview

Grant Components

- Noteworthy Considerations
- Abstract
- Problem Statement
- Program Design
- Capabilities and Competencies
- Data and Performance Measures

Grant Writing Tips

Finding the BJA Drug Court RFP

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- Navigation:** My BJA, Topics, Programs, Funding, Training & Technical Assistance, Events, Publications, A-Z Index
- Section:** DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM
- Overview:** The Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance to state courts, local courts, units of local government, and tribal state governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders. Programs funded by [BIA-08-0001](#).
- Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program:** BJA has received the FY 2018 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program solicitation. Through the program, BJA is seeking applications to establish or enhance drug court services, to include coordination, management of drug court participants, and necessary support services, ready for June 5, 2018.
- See New Website: Adult Drug Courts Accredited:** The National Association of Drug Court Professionals, National Drug Court Institute in collaboration with BJA, announced 10 new Member Adult Drug Courts. AGC Member Courts are members of the Drug Court Institute and serve as models for others interested in opening the best Adult Drug Courts possible. AGC Member Courts can share an evidence-based practice plan for courts at the state as well as for the development, certification, and testing of promising practices. Justice professionals and community leaders interested in establishing an adult Drug Court can request a visit to one of these programs. Visit the AGC website for more information.
- Search AG Addresses MOJCE Conference:** On July 10, Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole delivered remarks at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference. "This participation is a necessary part of the strategy for ensuring public safety, we believe it is not the only government agency ever responsible for the low-level drug offender. If any of us hope to change the landscape of our criminal population and make our communities safer, we must make the investment in trial individuals with substance use disorders and others in need of help as a part of the criminal justice system." [EJ201807](#)
- A Nationwide Evaluation of New State Adult Drug Courts:** This evaluation by the Center for Court Innovation, the Urban Institute, and the New York State Unified Court System—and

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- Navigation:** Home | About Us | Wellness Court Resources | Publications | Federal Funding Agencies
- Search by State:** Search by State: [Submit](#) [View Grant Details](#)

BJA Adult Drug Court Grant

- Implementation
- Enhancement

Purpose – Develop drug courts that effectively integrate

- evidenced-based substance abuse treatment,
- mandatory drug testing,
- sanctions and incentives, and
- transitional services
- in a judicially supervised court setting
- with jurisdiction over offenders

to reduce recidivism and substance abuse *and* prevent overdoses.

Due: June 5, 2018

What is a Drug Court?

Court program,

managed by a multidisciplinary team

that responds to the offenses and treatment needs

of participants who are diagnosed with substance abuse.

Explicit exclusion against

- Violent drug offenders who sold drugs for profit
- Those who have committed acts of violence against law enforcement officers

Effective Drug Courts

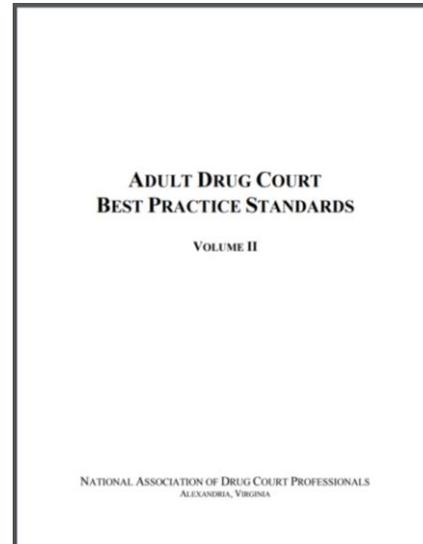
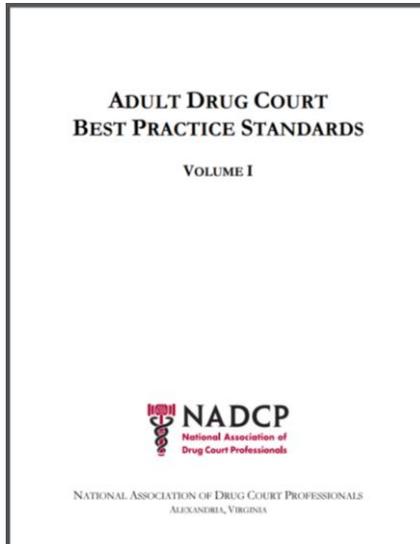
- Referral based on validated risk and need assessment
- Early, continuous, and intense treatment
- Close judicial supervision and involvement
- Mandatory and random drug testing
- Community supervision
- Appropriate incentives and sanctions
- Community reintegration and recovery support services/continuing care

- **Implementation grant** maximum of **\$500,000** for **48 months**
- **Enhancement grant** maximum of **\$500,000** for **48 months**
operational at least one year
- Expect up to 96 awards (more than double of last year)

- **Tribal Grants:** In recent years, BJA has funded a small number of tribes

Fiscal Year	Number of Tribal Awards
FY 2012	1
FY 2013	3
FY 2014	1
FY 2015	6
FY 2016	2
FY 2017	1

- nadcp.org/standards



- Implementation:
 - Must show ready to implement key components and principles embodied in the NADCP Drug Court Standards
- Enhancement:
 - Describe how NADCP Drug Court Standards will be incorporated
 - Specify which Standards is/are addressed (*Priority Consideration*)

Volume I

- Target Population
- Historically Disadvantaged Groups
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Judge
- Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments
- Substance Abuse Treatment

Volume II

- Complementary Treatment and Social Services
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Multidisciplinary Team
- Census and Caseload
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Webinar: Tribal 10 Key Components and Drug Court Standards

February 3, 2017

www.wellnesscourts.org/webinars.cfm

Key Drug Court Team members

- Judge
- Prosecutor
- Defense Attorney
- Treatment Provider
- Researcher/Evaluator/Management Information Specialist
- Community Supervision Representative
- Drug Court Coordinator

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IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT

- Already substantially planned; ready to implement
- Can use funding for:
 - Court operations and services
 - Participant supervision, management, and services
 - Recovery support services, including
 - Education
 - Civil Legal Assistance
 - Job training and placement
 - Housing placement assistance
 - Primary and behavioral health care
 - Childcare
 - Other support services

- Fully operational (at least 1 year) adult drug court.
- Must establish that Key Components/Standards are implemented
- Can use funding to:
 - **Scale up** capacity
 - Enhance court operations
 - E.g. Training programs, Evaluations, Performance management system implementation, and Automated management information system implementation
 - Expand case management
 - E.g. Drug testing, Case management, and Community supervision
 - Expand services based on needs assessments
 - E.g. Enhance treatment services, Health care coverage, Education, Vocational training, Housing, and Family support
- Must have criminal justice focus

All Applicants

- Must show that eligible candidates promptly enter the drug court
 - No initial period of incarceration
- Must show proposed program will include treatment and services to address opioid abuse reduction
- Must show no one is denied because of MAT

25% Match Requirement

- E.g: 25% of \$400,000 budget = \$133,333 match
For a total budget of \$533,333
- Can be cash, in-kind services, or a combination.
- There is NO specific amount of cash that must be provided.
- Match is restricted to the same uses of funds as allowed by federal funds.
- DO NOT overmatch the 25%; you are obligated to provide the amount that you state in your application.

- Cannot deny any participant b/c they use Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- MAT program must meet certain conditions:
 - The client is receiving those medications as part of treatment for a **diagnosed** substance use disorder
 - A licensed clinician **has examined the client** and determined that medication is appropriate
 - The medication was appropriately authorized through prescription by a **licensed prescriber**
- MAT must be permitted to be continued for as long as the prescriber determines it's clinically beneficial.

Violent Offender Prohibition

- May not use grant funding to serve violent offenders, as defined by 34 U.S.C. § 10613.
 - *Note:* Consider tribal court jurisdiction.
 - Consider CTAS Purpose Area 3
- Exception: Veterans Treatment Courts

THE APPLICATION COMPONENTS

BJA Drug Court Application

1. **Project Abstract – 1 page (800 words)**
2. **Program Narrative – 20 pages**
3. **Time/Task Plan – outline goals and objectives**
4. **Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative**
 - Sample Budget Detail Worksheet:
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/BudgetDetailWorksheet.pdf>

Project Abstract

- 800 words
- Describe Court:
 - Implementation or Enhancement
 - Pre- or Post-adjudication
- Current maximum participant capacity *and* potential increase in capacity
- Total # expected participants to receive services over life of the grant (describe admission protocol)

Project Abstract Cont.

- Target population, and how population mirrors arrestee population (including risk/need and MAT)
- Note *which* NADCP Standards will be addressed (with page numbers)
- Data collection mechanism (including in- and post-program)
- Prior Drug Court grant or Drug Court Planning Initiative training?
- Template:
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/ProjectAbstractTemplate.pdf>

Project Abstract



Part 1: Please identify the applicant point of contact (POC)

OMB No. 1121-0329
Approval Expires 07/31/2016

Applicant POC	
Organization Name	
POC Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Mailing Address	

Part 2: Please identify the application

Application Information	
Solicitation Name	
Project Title	
Proposed Start Date	
Proposed End Date	
Funding Amount Requested	

Part 3: Please identify the project location and applicant type

Project Location and Applicant Type	
Project Location (City, State)	
Applicant Type (Tribal Nation, State, County, City, Nonprofit, Other)	



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Program Narrative

- 1. Statement of the Problem (20% Implementation ~ 25% Enhancement)**
 1. Attach Policies and Procedures Manual
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (40% I & E)**
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies (20% I & E)**
- 4. Data Collection for Performance Measures (15% I ~ 10% E)**
- 5. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (5%)**

Statement of the Problem: Implementation

- Nature and scope of the substance abuse problem (stats)
- Problems with current response
- Target Population
- Capacity Goal

Statement of the Problem: Enhancement: Describe Current Operations

- Referral, screening, and assessment process
- Eligibility requirements
- Target population
- Current capacity
- Length and phases of program
- Case management process
- Community supervision
- Recovery support services
- Judicial supervision
- Process for random drug testing
- Incentives and sanctions
- Graduation requirements
- Restitution costs and fees

Statement of the Problem: Enhancement

- In addition to describing court, include:
 - How court will target high risk/high need
 - Identify treatment
 - How interventions were selected (evidence-based?)
- Describe immediate issues the grant seeks to address

Project Design

- Must demonstrate **prompt entrance** into the drug court program.
 - No initial periods of incarceration (unless statutorily mandated)
- No fees that would prevent graduation
- Must permit access to MAT
- Describe commitment to provide for opioid and/or other substance abuse

Project Design: Implementation: Describe the Drug Court

- Screening, and assessment process
- Eligibility requirements
- Pre- or Post-Plea
- Length and phases of program
- Case management process
- Community supervision
- Evidence-based Treatment
- Recovery support services
- Judicial supervision
- Process for random drug testing
- Incentives and sanctions (relapse is a part of recovery)
- Graduation requirements
- Restitution costs and fees

Project Design: Implementation: Describe:

- What NADCP Standards will be implemented
- How will treatment providers be selected/monitored
- Range of treatment to be used
- High risk/high need assessment tool
- How will the court be “early intervention”
- Community engagement
- How will treatment be funded
- Continued care strategy* (found in Data/Evaluation section)

Project Design: Enhancement Describe:

- Proposed *criminal justice* enhancements
- What, if any, Drug Court Standards will be implemented
- High risk/high need assessment tool
- Target capacity #
- Also describe:
 - Drug testing process
 - Frequency of judicial status hearings
 - Perception of procedural fairness
 - Evidence-base for treatment interventions
 - If applicable, recovery support services
 - Continued care strategy* (found in Data/Evaluation section)

NADCP Standards

- Target Population
- Historically Disadvantaged Groups
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Judge
- Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Adjustments
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Complementary Treatment and Social Services
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Multidisciplinary Team
- Census and Caseloads
- Monitoring and Evaluation

NADCP Standards – Some Thoughts

- Validated eligibility assessments
- Peer support groups
- Sequence and timing of complementary services
- Trauma-informed services
- Evidence-based treatments
- Drug testing at least twice a week
- Data management system
- Clinician case loads

Capabilities and Competencies: Implementation

- BJA Drug Court Planning Initiative?
- Identify each team member and their role
 - Attach MOU
 - Note if law enforcement and probation
- Describe communication and coordination strategies
- Describe treatment

Capabilities and Competencies: Enhancement

- Identify each drug court team member who will have a role in the proposed enhancement
- Identify other critical personnel
- Proposed treatment partners
- MOU signed by each team member

Data Collection

- Ability to collect and analyze client-level data:
 - Demographic
 - Performance
 - Outcome
- Ability to conduct regular program assessments
- Implementation:
 - Steps to develop performance management and evaluation plan
 - Quarterly review of participants served vs. projected number
 - Sustainability plan

Data Collection

- Enhancement
 - How court performance of court operations will be evaluated
 - Quarterly review of participants served vs. projected number
 - Sustainability Plan

Performance Measures

- Awardees required to submit quarterly reports at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/>
- Performance Measure Tools:
 - Implementation:
<https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/ImplementationDrugCourtMeasures.pdf>
 - Enhancement:
<https://bjapmt.ojp.gov/help/ImplementationDrugCourtMeasures.pdf>

Performance Measure Tool

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

1. Was there **grant activity** in the reporting period? *Grant activity is defined as any proposed activity in the BJA-approved grant application that is implemented or executed with BJA program funds.*
 - A. Yes _____
 - B. No *(Please explain below)*

2. Which one of the following type of areas best describes where your Drug Court program is located? (Please select only one area type.)
 - A. Urban (a large city with 50,000 or more people) _____
 - B. Suburban (territory outside of a large city with a population of 2,500 to 50,000 people or more) _____
 - C. Rural (territory that encompasses all people and housing not included within a suburban, urban, or tribal area) _____
 - D. Tribal (territory that contains a concentration of people who identify with a federally recognized American Indian tribe) _____

3. What is the **expected number of participants** the Drug Court program plans to serve with BJA program funds over the life of this award? *The value should correspond to what was reported in the grant application.*
 - A. Enter the expected number of participants _____

4. Is this the last time the grantee is reporting in the PMT before **closing out** this award? *If "yes," the grantee must complete the Court and Criminal Involvement section. This question will appear and go into effect starting with the January to March 2013 reporting period.*
 - A. Yes _____
 - B. No _____

Performance Measure Tool Categories

- General Award Information
- Program Characteristics
- Program-Level Measures
 - Amount of Services Added
 - Amount of Services Delivered
- Participant Level Measures
 - Screening and Program Intake
 - Risk Assessment
 - Number of Drug Court Participants Receiving Services
 - Program Completion and Judicial Interaction
 - Alcohol and Substance Involvement
- Court and Criminal Involvement
- Narrative Questions

Other Attachments

- Time Task Plan
 - Outline Goals and Objectives
 - Summarize major activities, responsible agencies, and expected completion dates
 - MUST include the expected number of participants to be served each quarter
 - Performance Measurement

Other Attachments Cont.

- MOU signed by all team members
 - Judge, Prosecutor, Defense Counselor, Treatment Provider, Data Specialist, Community Supervision, Coordinator
- Policies and Procedures Manual (Enhancement)
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Disclosure of Pending Applications (for same program)

BJA Adult Drug Court RFPs *PROs and CONs*

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug court specific RFP/funding source	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not tribal specific RFP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific reference to Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribes have to compete with state drug courts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer reviewers will have substantial drug court specific knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No guarantee that any Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts will be funded under these RFPs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In recent years, at least 2-3 tribes per year have received funding under the general BJA Adult Drug Court RFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violent Offender Prohibition
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More grant awards under general BJA Adult Drug Court RFP than under any other drug court specific RFP (such as OJJDP and SAHMSA RFPs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25% match requirement



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Additional Evidenced-Based Program Principles

- Quality Improvement for Drug Courts Evidence-Based Practices:
www.ndci.org/sites/default/files/ndci/Mono9.QualityImprovement.pdf
- SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, an online registry of mental health and substance abuse interventions:
www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/LearnLanding.aspx
- NIJ's Multi-site Adult Drug Court Evaluation:
www.nij.gov/topics/courts/drug-courts/Pages/madce.aspx#results

Common Mistakes

- Not responding to all of the requested information
- Failed to draw connection between statement of the problem and the program design
- Not providing the requested information in relevant section where peer reviewers could easily locate it
- Failed to draw the connection between the proposed budget and the programmatic activities
- Inconsistencies within proposal – different writers by section
- Did not provide specific measurable targets for performance measures

TIPS

1. Check all of the resources linked in the RFP
2. Use scoring criteria as a general guide for how many pages to devote to each section
3. Don't wait until the deadline to apply
4. Go back and review the budget after completing the narrative.
5. Focus on attachments (*Time Task Plan!*)
6. PDF everything!

If unsuccessful

- Always ask Agency to provide comments
- Keep prior proposals and comments (*although different review panel each time*)
- Ask Agency what other services can be provided such as:
 - Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)
 - Capacity Building
 - Scholarships for Conferences/Trainings
- Ask Agency for copies of successful applications
- Serve as peer reviewer



Other Funding Opportunities

Office of Justice Programs

- [BJA Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program](#)
 - Due June 7, 2018
 - Webinar: May 11, 2018; 11:00am PDT
- [OJJDP Drug Treatment Courts](#)
 - Juvenile and Family Drug Court funding
 - Due June 21, 2018

Family First Prevention Services Act

- Title IV-E Prevention Services
 - One-year prevention services for mental health/substance abuse and in-home parent skill-based programs for *candidates* for foster care.
 - Child does not have to be eligible for Title IV-E foster care, adoption, or other eligibility requirements.
- Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments for children with parents in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse
 - Child must be eligible for IV-E foster care maintenance
 - Placement specified in the child's case plan
 - Treatment facility provides parenting skills training, parent education, and individual and family counseling
 - Facility's organizational structure and framework are trauma-informed and include trauma-specific interventions

WELLNESS COURT RESOURCES



Wellness Court Trainings

- Tribal Track at **2018 NADCP Conference**
 - May 30 – June 2, 2018 ~ Houston, TX
nadcpconference.org
- **Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training**
 - August 28-30, 2018 ~ Albuquerque, NM
EnhancementTraining.org
- **California Collaborative Courts Conference**
 - September 12-14, 2018 ~ Sacramento, CA
- **Montana Statewide Drug Court Conference**
 - October 22-24, 2018

Find events and past materials at: WellnessCourts.org



Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Series

Treatment Guidelines, 2nd Edition

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- Listing of all Healing to Wellness Courts
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