



Distribution of Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Funds

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6032; Section 213(5)(oo);

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Legislative Reference

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is submitting this report as required by ESSB 6032, Section 213(5)(oo):

“The criminal justice treatment account—state appropriation is provided solely for treatment and treatment support services for offenders with a substance use disorder pursuant to RCW 71.24.580. The authority must offer counties the option to administer their share of the distributions provided for under RCW 71.24.580 (5) (a). If a county is not interested in administering the funds, the authority shall contract with a behavioral health organization or administrative service organization to administer these funds consistent with the plans approved by the local panels pursuant to RCW 71.24.580 (5) (b). The authority must provide a report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature which identifies the distribution of criminal justice treatment account funds by September 30, 2018.”

Summary and Background

The Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) began in 2002 to aid those involved in the criminal justice system gain access to substance use disorder treatment. Specifically, this funding was dedicated to support defendants with a substance use disorder — including those enrolled in a drug court program.

Since the CJTA began, counties oversaw the distribution of these funds. With the integration of behavioral health services in our state in 2016, funding supervision changed to the Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO) or the Administrative Service Organization (ASO), depending on the region and level of managed care integration. Many BHOs and ASOs began to contract with different providers than the counties used when they oversaw the funds. This change, along with administrative barriers, caused difficulties with some regions and providers. For example, some drug court programs could no longer access the funds, which made it challenging to meet their clients’ needs.

The Legislature’s 2018 supplemental operating budget (ESSB 6032) instructed HCA to allow the counties to reinstate their funding oversight. In response, HCA reached out to all county commissioners.

Of the 39 counties:

- 22 reported they would like to leave the funds supervision with the BHO or ASO; and
- 17 — including all of the fully-integrated regions (Chelan, Clark, Douglas, Grant, and Skamania) — would like to reinstate county supervision. HCA is working on contracting updates to make these changes happen.

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County Allotments and Response to CJTA Funds Administration

Table 1 details the breakdown, by county, of allotted CJTA funds for state fiscal year 2019. It also shows each county's response regarding administration of CJTA funds. See the bottom of the table for final totals about who will administer the funds.

Note: The county funding allotment is determined based on a population-based formula used since CJTA began.



Table 1: Fiscal Year 2019 Criminal Justice Treatment Account Allotment and Funding Administration Preference

County	Total	Response
Adams	\$43,461	BHO
Asotin	\$44,018	BHO
Benton	\$111,679	BHO
Chelan	\$68,221	County
Clallam	\$134,115	BHO
Clark	\$270,600	County
Columbia	\$39,840	BHO
Cowlitz	\$220,602	County
Douglas	\$47,677	County
Ferry	\$41,370	Stevens County
Franklin	\$61,132	BHO
Garfield	\$39,801	BHO
Grant	\$90,027	County
Grays Harbor	\$77,610	County
Island	\$50,705	County
Jefferson	\$45,531	BHO
King	\$1,356,277	BHO
Kitsap	\$293,038	BHO
Kittitas	\$48,118	BHO
Klickitat	\$43,979	BHO
Lewis	\$68,814	BHO
Lincoln	\$41,392	County
Mason	\$49,130	County
Okanogan	\$51,222	County
Pacific	\$44,497	BHO
Pend Oreille	\$42,427	BHO
Pierce	\$732,986	BHO
San Juan	\$41,910	BHO
Skagit	\$185,093	County
Skamania	\$41,392	County
Snohomish	\$425,820	BHO
Spokane	\$506,874	BHO
Stevens	\$50,210	County
Thurston	\$239,327	County
Wahkiakum	\$39,840	BHO
Walla Walla	\$51,222	County
Whatcom	\$174,881	County
Whitman	\$50,705	BHO
Yakima	\$251,457	BHO
Total	\$6,217,000	BHO-22/County-17

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