



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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March 10, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program Funding Opportunity

In accordance with chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989 regarding collaboration with Indian Tribes in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affect Indian Tribes and the Tribal Consultation and Communication Policy of The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA), hereby seeks to inform you of a funding opportunity under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program Grant.

Purpose

HCA was awarded a three-year, \$7 million dollar, BJA Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program (COSSUP) grant for the award period of October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2027. The project aims to develop and implement a comprehensive initiative to address the needs of individuals who use drugs across the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM): [The Sequential Intercept Model \(SIM\) | SAMHSA](#). The SIM was designed for communities to use when considering the interface between the criminal legal system and mental health systems and details how individuals with mental health and substance use disorders move through the criminal court system. Proposed project initiatives focus on programs and technical assistance to bolster and support substance use treatment and response efforts in the community as well as through interaction with law enforcement, courts, carceral facilities, and in reentry.

HCA has set aside a total of \$700,000 from the budget across the 3-year grant period to support Tribal partners in implementing programming along any of the SIM intercepts to implement grant approved activities. These funds may be utilized by Tribes to implement any grant-allowable activities and provide services to their community members involved in, or at risk of involvement with the criminal legal system as a result of opioid or stimulant use.

HCA is requesting Tribes that are interested in funding, send an email indicating interest by April 11, 2025 to Rachel Brandhorst, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Department of Justice Grants Administrator, via email at rachel.brandhorst@hca.wa.gov. HCA will then set up meetings with those who indicated interest to discuss specific project plans and budget.

Background

To improve cross system statewide collaborations and support the national framework for diversion and reentry, grant funds will be used to bolster substance use treatment and response efforts to areas along the sequential intercept map. This project will prioritize areas that have a disproportionately high overdose rate and/or are historically underserved to address the complex

issue of providing accessible and effective systems of care for individuals involved in the criminal legal system and have behavioral health needs.

Proposed interventions along each intercept will align with the main goal of COSSUP to reduce the impact of illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities through reduction of overdose deaths, lessening the impacts of crime, and supporting comprehensive, collaborative initiatives.

Comments and Questions

For questions regarding the COSSUP funding opportunity, please contact Rachel Brandhorst, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Department of Justice Grants Administrator, via email rachel.brandhorst@hca.wa.gov.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Aren Sparck, Office of Tribal Affairs Administrator, via email aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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By email

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