

Adult drug court and veterans treatment court discretionary grant program

Overview

Adult drug courts and Veterans treatment courts are one of the most widely supported mechanisms which identify and support individuals with undiagnosed and untreated behavioral health disorders in the criminal legal system.

Through discretionary grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Health Care Authority (HCA) has partnered with the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) to develop and implement a comprehensive initiative called the *Washington State Treatment Court Opioid and Overdose Response Plan*. This project offers a unique opportunity to meaningfully respond to Washington's challenges around adherence to best practices, equity and inclusion, overdose, and access to evidence-based treatment.

Project design and implementation

The Washington State Treatment Court Opioid and Overdose Response Plan focuses on providing Washington's treatment courts with training and resources needed to improve adherence to the national best practice standards and address overdose risk among its target population.

The plan addresses several of BJA's stated priorities, including the development of the following:

- Statewide training that expands state based training and technical assistance (TTA) capacity and remote training opportunities
- Protocols to ensure Washington's treatment courts are serving high-risk/high-need populations and providing swift program entry

- Targeted strategies to address equity and inclusion challenges in Washington's treatment courts
- Enhancements to improve access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), particularly in high poverty, rural jurisdictions

HCA will also build on its existing relationships with treatment courts in tribal communities and neighboring areas to create robust and tailored programmatic responses to any identified service gaps.

Authority

Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
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Key partners

- [Center for Justice Innovation](#)
- [Administrative Office of the Courts](#)
- [Washington Technology Services](#)
- [Department of Social Health and Services, Research and Data Analysis division](#)
- [Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals](#)

Oversight

Internal

Program initiatives will be managed by the Department of Justice Grants Administrator in the Health Care Authority's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

External

Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Programs

Budget

\$1,650,000 Discretionary Grant Funds

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For more information

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