

Thank you for submitting the preliminary application for your Adult Drug Court. The Specialty Court Grant Review Committee met on May 31st and carefully reviewed all submitted applications. The next step in the Specialty Court Grant application process is the completion of the Final Application, which is due on June 30th.

To assist you in the development of your Final Application, the Specialty Court Grant Review Committee is providing the following items of feedback:

Standard(s) not met (please refer to specifics in attached score card):

- Key Component #2: Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights. (2-7)
- Key Component #5: Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing. (5-1)
- Key Component #6: A coordinated strategy governs drug court response to participants' compliance. (6-20)
- Key Component #8: Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
- Key Component #9: Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning, implementation and operations. (9-2, 9-4)

Standard(s) where improvement is recommended:

- Key Component #3: Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program. (3-3)

Recommended use of funding:

- Increase level of training among specialty court team members
- Develop an onboarding process for new hires
- Obtain weekend drug testing services
- Increase average number of required drug tests per week

General Feedback:

- Review eligibility disqualifiers

- Focus on engagement with participants and increasing completion rate
- Require housing upon graduation
- Increase the use of SCMS
- Make an appropriate request for treatment funds that align with the rate of the provider
- Make an appropriate FTE funding request for coordinators to support the continued operationalization of Standards

Please use this feedback to strengthen your Final Application, which includes your budget projection sheet and any changes to your submitted narrative responses and/or documentation (a resubmitted Preliminary Application is not needed).

The Grant Review Committee appreciates the effort that you and others in your county have put forward into the Preliminary Application and look forward to reviewing the Final Application in July. If you have questions or would like to discuss this feedback please reach out to me, Rachel McArthur, the assigned CJC staff to the Grant Review Committee.