

TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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What problem are you trying to solve?
The current approach for funding decisions is disparate across treatment court systems and often overlooks essential operations in some jurisdictions.
Title of proposal (25 words or less):
Funding Methodology
Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):
Funding
<u>Detailed</u> description of proposal (50 words or more):



We advocate that the State of Oregon explore alternative approaches for granting or contracting with treatment courts including:

- Leveraging a 4-year rolling "block grant" or other funding formula type of methodology that considers factors that impact operations such as the number of participants served, the intensity of services required, geographic location, baseline funding needs for all courts, etc.
- Transitioning CJC from the centralized role of grant and/or contract administration, which would support CJC in focusing on other essential functions
- Specifically directing funding to support court liaisons for each court (similar to how court coordinators are funded) based on numbers of treatment court participants (i.e. for every xx clients on a docket, xx FTE of a court liaison is funded)





Enforcement:

How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed, if applicable?

TBD, but we envision that it would replicate similar protocols to the administration of M110 funding as well as the current direct allocation for court coordinators. TBD for the proposed transition of grant funding responsibility concept.

Reporting mechanisms:

What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working as intended?

Court partner report out on outcomes such as increased focus on treatment court operations (vs. grant-writing, contracting, etc.), perceived funding stability, continuity of court services over a meaningful period of time

Agency responsible for implementation:

TBD

