



# Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division

## Funding Announcement: ***County Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program, FY2020***

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for a pilot project with the purpose of providing inmates in a county jail facility access to Federal Drug Administration (FDA) - approved, evidence-based medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for alcohol and opioid dependence. Treatment may be administered while the inmate is confined in a county jail and when participating in outpatient care upon release.

### **Available Funding**

State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 34 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. CJD expects to make available a one-time appropriation of \$1M for FY2020.

CJD intends to select pilot projects that offer comprehensive Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) while providing evidence-based services through a continuum of care model supported by formally-identified community partners. CJD encourages applicants to provide an equitable distribution of services between participants diagnosed with Alcohol Use Disorder and Opioid Use Disorder.

### **Eligible Organizations**

Applications may be submitted by county governments that operate a secure correctional or detention facility. Community supervision and corrections departments (CSCD) must apply under an affiliated county but the authorizing resolution may name CSCD personnel as grant officials.

### **Application Process**

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding. For more instructions and information, see *Developing a Good Project Narrative Guide*, available [here](#).

### **Key Dates**

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	10/01/2019
Online System Opening Date	10/01/2019
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	12/02/2019 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	03/01/2020

## Project Period

Mandatory 18 month project period. Projects must begin on 03/01/2020 and must end on 08/31/2021.

## Funding Levels

Minimum: None

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

## Standards

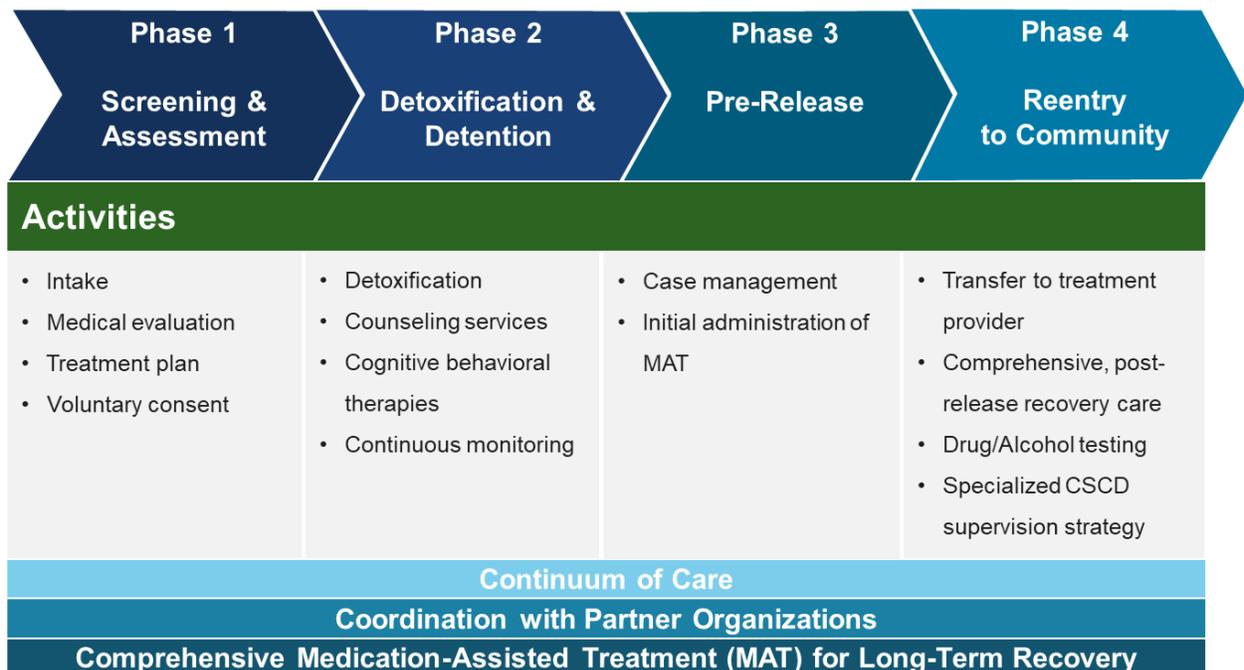
Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards ([UGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

## Eligible Activities and Costs

Grant funding may only be used for medical evaluations, the purchase of FDA-approved medication to treat opioid or alcohol dependency, individual and group counseling services, cognitive behavioral therapies, and necessary medical and behavioral health staff needed to implement the program.

## Program-Specific Requirements

Applications must provide a comprehensive evidence-based MAT treatment program for opioid and alcohol dependence that, at a minimum, provides the services and activities listed below. The below chart is provided for illustrative purposes only. Phases and activities may be modified based on local needs and the applicant's ability and demonstrable use of evidence-based treatment programming in their application narrative.



Applications selected for funding must employ the following general project approach and specifically address each of the below program aspects in the “Project Approach & Activities” section of the application narrative. If space is not available, applicants are encouraged to upload an addendum on the Upload.Files tab.

### **Screening & Assessment**

- **Intake.** Applicants should develop a formalized intake process to include participant flow that clearly delineates services throughout the continuum of care.
- **Medical Evaluation.** Eligible participants must have a diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) and undergo a complete physical evaluation by a qualified medical practitioner. Detention facilities may partner with a community organization to assist and/or conduct the medical evaluation.
- **Treatment Plan.** Participants shall receive a treatment plan that includes short-term and long-term treatment goals and the tasks required to complete these goals; requirements for education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment; and the medical, psychosocial, economic, legal, or other supportive services that a participant may need. The treatment plan also must identify the frequency with which these services are to be provided. The plan must be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect changes in participants’ current needs. The treatment plan shall be developed in consultation with one or more community partners.
- **Voluntary Consent.** All participants must voluntarily choose to participate and that all relevant facts concerning the use of MAT are clearly and adequately explained to the participant, and that each participant provides informed written consent to treatment.

### **Detoxification & Detention**

- **Detoxification.** Applicants must be able to provide medically-supervised detoxification treatment performed by qualified personnel who have determined that such treatment is appropriate for the specific participant by applying established diagnostic criteria.
- **Counseling Services & Cognitive Behavioral Therapies.** Applicants must provide adequate individual and/or group substance abuse counseling, cognitive behavioral therapies (CBT), and case management to each participant as clinically necessary. All counseling and CBT shall be provided by a licensed professional counselor or medical professional with experience in addiction medicine, as necessary.
- **Continuous Monitoring.** Each patient shall be assessed throughout their detention by qualified personnel to determine the most appropriate combination of services and treatment.

### **Pre-Release**

- **Case Management.** Community partners shall be promptly notified of participants expected release date in order to begin responsibilities of case management duties and relationship-building activities with participants.
- **Initial Administration of MAT.** The initial dose and follow-up doses as necessary of MAT shall be administered to participants while in the custody of the county detention facility and when it is clinically appropriate. In addition, a full reassessment and examination shall be

performed on the participant to ensure the post-release community partners have as much information on the participant as possible. In certain circumstances, the initial dose of MAT may be provided by a community partner e.g. If a patient's release date unexpectedly comes earlier than originally scheduled.

### **Reentry to Community**

- **Notification of Release.** Upon release, all participants shall be directly transported/transferred to a community partner from the county jail facility.
- **Post-Release Recovery Care.** Post-release, participants shall be provided comprehensive on-going substance abuse treatment and other direct services (CBT, counseling, psychosocial, employment assistance, supportive services) as prescribed in their treatment plan. Applicant must have formal agreements with all community partners that describes each member's responsibilities as well as services they will provide. Linkage to services and coordination of care shall be conducted through a case manager or discharge planner.
- **Specialized CSCD Supervision Strategy.** If the participant is released from county jail custody to the supervision of a county's Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD), supervision strategies shall be tailored to participant's treatment plans as well as based on an effective assessment of the participant's criminogenic risk, need, and strengths. Strategies should focus on all substance abuse, social, economic, health, and behavioral health challenges that participants must overcome in order to successfully complete their term of supervision and live a drug/alcohol-free life.
- **Drug/Alcohol Testing.** Participants shall be subject to frequent, randomized drug testing as well as continuous alcohol monitoring as applicable.
- **Data Collection.** Applicants will be required to submit quarterly progress reports.

### **Participant Selection**

CJD encourages, but does not require, participants to serve a term of community supervision or deferred adjudication as defined in Chapter 42A of the Code of Criminal Procedure. CJD will allow programs to select participants they deem as the best fit but applicants should address in their application narrative how they intend to track and hold participants accountable whom are not on community supervision.

### **Partners**

All projects must have a written formal agreement between governmental and non-governmental community organizations to include:

- **County Jail Facility.** Provide access to inmates for medical evaluations, assessments, pre-release meetings, and other coordination of care activities.
- **Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD).** Develop individualized supervision plans based on participant treatment plans, collaborate with community partners, and perform duties listed in Chapter 42A of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
- **MAT Provider.** MAT providers must be one or more of the following:

- Licensed Narcotic Treatment Clinic (i.e. an OTP or NTP) as defined in Title 25, Chapter 229 of the Texas Administrative Code and 42 C.F.R. Part 8;
  - Licensed Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility (CDTF) as defined in Chapter 464 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
  - Local Mental Health or Behavioral Health Authority as defined in Title 25, Part 1 of the Texas Administrative Code that provides substance use disorder treatment and services;
  - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) as defined in 42 U.S.C. §254b; and
  - Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) provider with a current federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) waiver training and experience in addiction medicine.
- **Other Community-based Organizations.** Provide counseling and other behavioral health support, case management, reentry services including transportation, employment assistance, housing, as well as any other related support services. Project should include in their model and identified funding sources/streams.

Applicants are not required to provide the formal agreement at time of application submission but, at a minimum, identify perspective partners in the application and provide the formal agreement upon award.

## Progress Reports

Successful applicants will be required to track and provide comprehensive, individual-level, progress reporting data in a manner prescribed by CJD to include participant relapse and recidivism rates.

**Recidivism.** For purposes of this program, CJD has adopted the Texas Legislative Budget Board’s definition of recidivism as rearrest for an offense of a Class A or B misdemeanor or any type of felony within three years of the start of supervision. Applicants will be required to provide participant data (i.e. SID #'s) to enable the review recidivism trends over time.

**Participant Relapse.** Applicants will also be required to track participant relapse metrics e.g. urinalysis failures, revocations of community supervision, reason for leaving program (i.e. drop-out, absconded).

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving funds from CJD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.
2. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.

3. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).
4. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

5. Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
6. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://sam.gov/>.

Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

## Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue;
3. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training; and
4. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

## Selection Process

**Application Screening:** The Office of the Governor will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement.

**Peer/Merit Review:** The Office of the Governor will review applications to understand the overall demand for the program and for significant variations in costs per item. After this review, the Office of the Governor will determine if all eligible applications can be funded based on funds available, if there are cost-effectiveness benefits to normalizing or setting limits on the range of costs, and if other fair-share cuts may allow for broader distribution and a higher number of projects while still remaining effective.

**Final Decisions:** The Office of the Governor will consider rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, or state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

The Office of the Governor may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. In the event that funding requests exceed available funds, CJD may revise projects to address a more limited focus.

## Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov) or (512) 463-1919.