

Grant Proposal Summary

Grant Solicitation: Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program

Application Deadline: March 10, 2015

Award Period: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Solicitation Overview: This solicitation provides funding for a 12-month strategic planning process that targets recidivism reduction for a high risk adult population. Upon the completion of the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Strategic Plan, BJA will invite states to submit applications for implementation grants of up to \$1 million with the potential for two subsequent supplemental awards of \$1 million each.

Proposal: Currently there are several Colorado efforts to address the growing number of individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system. This grant will facilitate a comprehensive planning process to unite these efforts into a coordinated statewide recidivism reduction plan. Specifically, the planning process will:

- Define the grant target population of high risk offenders with mental illness. The majority of these individuals will have co-occurring substance use disorders.
- Conduct a gaps analysis using the Sequential Intercept Model
- Integrate the Behavioral Health Transformation Council's work to develop a statewide psychotropic medication formulary for criminal justice agencies and the public mental health system to facilitate continuity of care and decrease medication disruptions as individuals move between systems.
- Explore combined purchasing options to ensure statewide medication formulary availability and cost effectiveness
- Integrate MICJS's work to explore justice to health information sharing systems to improve triage, assessment, treatment and continuity of care for individuals with mental illness whether they are in the criminal justice system, newly established mental health crisis system or community reentry.
- Explore how OBH's new crisis services will coordinate with justice agencies
- Identify evidence based practices to reduce recidivism and the percentage of individuals with mental illness in jails and prisons as discussed at the April 11, 2014 CCJJ meeting.
- Develop standardized data collection for policy and outcome evaluations

Collaborating Agencies: Governor's Office, Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety, CICJIS, County Sheriffs of Colorado, Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, NAMI, Mental Health America, SAMHSA Federal Consultant.

Agencies to be contacted: Department of Corrections, Judicial Branch, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Requesting support from the following policy planning groups: CCJJ, MICJS, BHTC

Grant Amount: up to \$100,000 (including in-kind)

Grant Match Requirements: 100% match

Intended Use of Funds

The funds will be used to obtain the following consultation to facilitate the statewide planning process:

- **Daniel Abreu or Jacque Massaro, Gains Center**, to facilitate a Sequential Intercept Model gaps analysis
- **Community Oriented Correctional Health Services (COCHS)** consultation to facilitate the policy component of the statewide planning effort. COCHS is a nonprofit organization, which receives some funding from SAMHSA and provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions that are working to:
 - Change how people involved with the criminal justice system receive health care, particularly with regard to treatment for mental illness and addictions
 - Improve their health care delivery systems to save costs and reduce recidivism.
- **Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) Institute** consultation to develop a business requirements document for the data exchange component of the statewide planning process. IJIS Institute is a nonprofit organization that assists criminal justice agencies achieve cross-agency, cross-jurisdictional, and cross-sector information sharing and safeguarding. The IJIS Institute and its subcontractors, the National Center for State Courts and the Georgia Tech Research Institute, are developing an interoperable framework to translate between technology systems used by criminal justice and health practitioners.