
Step 1: Review the Opportunity

Basic Information

Key Facts

Opportunity Name: Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts

Short Title: Treatment Drug Courts

Opportunity Number: TI-26-015

Announcement Version: Original

Federal Assistance Listing: 93.490

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are States, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes or tribal organizations (as such terms are defined in [section 5304 of title 25](#)), health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or nonprofit private entities, including faith-based organizations.

See [Eligibility](#) for complete eligibility information.

Key Dates

Application deadline: **July 16, 2026**

IMPORTANT NOTE: SAMHSA will accept and review only the first 50 complete, successfully submitted, and high-quality applications received via eRA. Once this threshold is met, the submission portal will close, and no further applications will be considered.

Expected Award Date: 09/01/2026

Expected Start Date: 09/30/2026

Response to Executive Order 12372: See [Intergovernmental Review](#) and [Section J](#) in the *Application Guide*.

Important Resources

Applicants are expected to follow guidance provided in the [FY 2026 Application Guide](#) (the *Application Guide*). This document provides information about the application process,

including registration, required attachments, budget, and federal policies and regulations. In addition, see the [SAMHSA Grants Glossary](#) for definitions of terms used in this NOFO.

Authorizing Statute

Section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 290bb-2).

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Summary

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. Grant recipients will be required to implement a coordinated, multisystem approach that combines the legal authority of treatment drug courts with evidence-based SUD treatment services. Key stakeholders include the judiciary, prosecution, defense attorneys, probation services, law enforcement, mental health and SUD professionals, social service agencies, and health care treatment providers. The objective is to disrupt the recurring pattern of criminal behavior, substance use, and incarceration or other legal consequences.

Your organization is expected to work across systems to combine the authority of drug courts with evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

With this program, SAMHSA aims to:

- reduce recidivism,
- prevent overdose, and
- increase access to treatment and recovery support services.

This program is designed to advance [SAMHSA’s Strategic Priorities](#) and the [Make America Healthy Again agenda](#). This program also addresses the [Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets](#) and [Great American Recovery Initiative](#) Executive Orders (EOs).

Funding Details

Funding Type: Grant

Estimated Total Available Funding: \$7,600,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 19 awards (At least 1 award will be made to Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, and at least 3 awards will be made to Family Treatment Drug Courts, pending sufficient application volume.)

Estimated Award Amount: Up to \$400,000 per year per award

Length of Project Period: Up to 5 Years

Your annual budget cannot be more than \$400,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the project. Annual continuation awards are contingent on the availability of funds, progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, compliance with all terms and conditions of award, and alignment with SAMHSA, HHS, and Trump Administration priorities.

Program Description

Purpose

This program aims to expand SUD treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. All funding for drug treatment activities must be allocated to serve people diagnosed with a SUD as their primary condition. This program supports three specialized court models: Adult Treatment Drug Courts, Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDCs), and/or Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts.

These specialized drug court models include several variations, including Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Courts, Co-Occurring Drug, and Mental Health Courts, Reentry Courts, and Veterans Treatment Courts.

Mental health and substance use conditions constitute a significant component of the chronic disease crisis affecting the United States. According to the [2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#):

- In 2024, 48.4 million people aged 12 or older (or 16.8 percent of the population) had an SUD in the past year.
- Among people aged 12 or older in 2024 who were classified as needing substance use treatment in the past year, about 1 in 5 (19.3 percent or 10.2 million people) received substance use treatment in the past year.

Unlike traditional approaches to criminal justice, drug courts integrate treatment, supervision, and recovery support services to facilitate meaningful, sustainable behavioral change.

Specifically, recipients must:

- **Screen and assess** clients for SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders
- **Provide evidence-based services** including prevention, treatment, and recovery support services tailored to the population's specific needs
- **Coordinate with your Single State Agency** in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the grant.

Family drug court applicants have additional program requirements. These courts must maintain a dual focus on family preservation efforts and promoting the overall wellness and stability of the entire family unit. This family-centered approach recognizes that SUDs affect not only the individual but also their children and other family members, requiring comprehensive interventions that address the needs of the whole family system.

All activities proposed in your application and budget narrative must align with applicable law, including but not limited to statutes, executive orders, federal regulations and applicable judicial holdings. Accordingly, discretionary awards shall not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate; racial preferences or other forms of racial discrimination by the recipient, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; denial by the recipient of the sex binary in humans, or the belief that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic; illegal immigration; or any other initiatives that compromise public safety. If an application does not align, the application will not receive funding to the extent permitted by law and applicable court orders.

In addition, applications must also align with [SAMHSA Strategic Priorities](#) and the application and budget narrative must not support harm reduction as outlined in [SAMHSA's Dear Colleague Letter](#) on harm reduction.