

FY24 Family Treatment Court
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Solicitation Webinar FAQ - 4/10/2024

Additional Resources:

[Youth and Family Partnerships](#)
[The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare](#)
[Family Treatment Court Best Practices Standards](#)
[Family Treatment Court Planning Guide](#)
[Practice Academy On Starting An FTC](#)

Question: If this is your first time seeking this grant, where do you go or who can you contact for assistance on preparing the grant?

Response: Please refer to page 5 of the solicitation, here you will find contact information for the respective helpdesks. For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation applicants may contact the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420.

Question: What is the amount of funding available? What is the duration of the award?

Response: Please refer to page 11 of the solicitation, which provides the Federal Award Information. The duration of each award is 48 months. Please note there are category specific award amounts for this solicitation.

Anticipated maximum dollar **amount per award:** Category 1 anticipated maximum amount up to \$750,000; Category 2 anticipated maximum amount up to \$850,000; Category 3 anticipated maximum amount up to \$1,500,000.

Question: Does this program support Family Treatment Center development?

Response: Please refer to page 4 which states Category 1: Establishing New Family Treatment Courts grants are available to jurisdictions that are ready to implement a new family treatment court. These grants are for jurisdictions where either no family treatment court currently exists, or a family treatment court has been operational for less than 1 year.

Question: How to apply? What are the requirements?

Response: Please refer to page 6 of the solicitation which provides the 'Application Submission Information and important information on how to complete submission steps. The solicitation provides all necessary information pertinent to the requirements to receive funding.

Question: What the funding can be spent on specifically?

Response: Funding can focus on administrative costs for the courts, treatment, training, travel and other allowable costs. For more information, please consult the DOJ Financial Guide for general allowable and unallowable costs. Allowable and Unallowable costs are referenced in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#).

Question: What is the difference between Enhancing Existing FTC and Expanding FTC?

Response: Under Category 2 or 3, the difference between “Enhancing” the FTC relates to implementing more evidence-based programs or practices, like aligning the court with the [Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards](#). While “Expanding” the FTC focuses more on adding additional FTC in a jurisdiction or expanding the criteria or services offered to the participants.

Question: How to apply for a maintenance grant for Family Treatment Courts.

Response: There is no maintenance grant. However, it is recommended that programs that have been operational for less than a year to apply under Category 1, greater than a year Category 2, and a county with a population over 1 million residents or other large jurisdictional district with a population over 1 million or the entire state (regardless of the population), should apply under Category 3.

Question: Are nonprofits that work with family treatment court able to apply?

Response: No, please refer to the ‘Eligibility’ information found on page 4 of the solicitation. For purposes of this solicitation the following entities are listed as ‘eligible’:

- State governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Other units of local government, such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments)

OJJDP will consider applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant for the solicitation. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on subawards.

Question: Is this limited to only criminal courts?

Response: No.

Question: Which areas or zip codes in Brooklyn have a need for this service?

Response: This is up to the applicant to determine if their community has a need. OJJDP expects applicants to provide evidence to support a need for the implementation of a Family Treatment Court.

Question: I would like to discuss dual diagnosis (mental health and physical disorders) & how Family Court does not believe that recovery is possible.

Response: The applicant has to determine if their community has a need. OJJDP expects applicants to provide evidence to support a need for the implementation of a Family Treatment Court.

Question: For category 1 funding, can the funds be used to hire an FTC Coordinator?

Response: Yes, for more information please refer to the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide, Allowable Costs section 3.9](#), Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits.

Question: What kinds of services and/or items can be used with the OJJDP funds for a newly established court?

Response: In addition to the Allowable, and Unallowable costs referenced in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#).

Question: What are the reporting requirements?

Response: In addition to the deliverables described in the "Program Description" section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data. Required reports: Award recipients must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent (in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports).

Question: Which category would our court fall into, I have a court interested that will be fully operational as of October.

Response: Page 4 states "Category 1: Establishing a New Treatment Court: These grants are for jurisdictions where either no family treatment court currently exist, or a family treatment court has been operational for less than 1 year." Applicants applying for applying for Category 2: Enhancing Family Treatment Court grants are for jurisdictions with a fully operational family treatment court at the time of application, fully operational for at least 1 year.

Question: What are the priorities for this solicitation?

Response: Please refer to page 7 as well as page 10-11 for the specific priority areas under this solicitation.

Question: What are the grantors looking for as far as expansion of a program?

Response: Aligning the program with the [Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards](#) or creating new courts within the jurisdiction that are aligned with the standards.

Question: What is the minimum amount of money a program can ask for?

Response: The solicitation does not stipulate a minimum amount of award, only an anticipated maximum amount per award. Applicants are encouraged to use the maximum amount when creating a budget for this program.

Question: What advice do you have on getting family court started?

Response: Applicants should align their program with the [Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards](#) and have strong multidisciplinary and multisystemic collaborative partnerships in place.

Question: Is it possible to have multiple alternative sentencing courts at the same time?

Response: Please refer to page 4 within the 'Eligibility' information, which states: "Jurisdictions may already have other types of drug or treatment courts (such as adult drug or mental health courts)."

Question: What are some of the ancillary services associated with grants that have shown the greatest success in enhancing treatment court programs?

Response: Some of the programs have worked diligently to work with local non-profits to offer services to clients. Services are catered to the needs of the family.

Question: What are new changes to this year's solicitation?

Response: The return and inclusion of Category 3, which centers around Statewide initiatives.

Question: Are there family law benches which have created family treatment courts for parents struggling with addiction/parenting time?

Response: Yes.

Question: Can Family Treatment Court be an extension of Adult Treatment Court? If possible, what are some tips to make this work?

Response: There are some instances where this has occurred in past programming. If the Adult Treatment Court is funded by a federal grant, the recipient must ensure that the program is distinct and unique to avoid any duplication of funds and the FTC should be aligned with the [Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards](#).

Question: What are the Goals and initiatives for this grant cycle?

Response: Please refer to page 10 of the solicitation which provides the 'Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables'.

Question: Are you anticipating restrictions in the law about compelling family involvement in the juvenile's court case?

Response: No.

Question: Can you please differentiate between "timeline" as it relates to "Program Objectives and Timeline" versus "Deliverables and Timeline".

Response: The timeline should be consistent with the "Program Objectives and Timeline" set in your application.

Question: Is there a Match requirement and conditions?

Response: Yes, there is a 25% match requirement.

Question: How is performance measured?

Response: Grantees must submit semi-annual progress reports that details activities and helps OJJDP understand more about the population being services.

Question: If opioids aren't the top drug of choice for youth in a jurisdiction, is it allowable to focus on other drugs under this solicitation?

Response: Under the FTC, all substances are treated.

Question: Can the match be waived for Tribal Governments?

Response: Yes.

Question: What is timeline from application to award to end date?

Response: Award decisions will be made on or before September 30.

Question: Are grants available to start a program in a family court. Not a juvenile court setting - but rather parents who are court involved in a paternity or divorce matter? I believe there is a family court treatment program in Massachusetts. Do you know of any other similar programs?

Response: Yes. There are similar programs

Question: What is difference between child attorney and court appointed special advocate? **Response:** Please consult with your state’s bar to determine which term is used in your court system.

Question: Does the Family Court Treatment Court include mental health as well as drug problems?
Response: Yes.

Question: Our court is a "Youth Part" for criminally involved 14–17-year-olds. Parents are not defendants and there would be a problem compelling them to work with the court, if necessary. The parents are not represented by attorneys. Also, there are privacy concerns with the child welfare agency, and they so far have not been willing to participate in criminally involved cases of youth. Do either of these problems seem insurmountable to you?

Response: Unfortunately, it would not be appropriate to weigh in how a particular system operates. OJJDP encourages applicants to propose a program that follows the [Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards](#).

Question: Is the incarceration requirement a combined amount of incarceration time or per offense? Is there a time limit on when the felony conviction can occur? For example, if the conviction occurred 10 plus years ago, would that parent still be ineligible?

Response: Regardless of when the period incarceration occurred, individuals who have been imprisoned for over a year due to a conviction involving a firearm or dangerous weapon resulting in death or serious (bodily) injury to another person, or those who have committed a felony involving the use of force on another person, are not eligible to participate in this program.

Question: If the funding is for 4 years, will we have to reapply for continued funding or does the funding simply end?

Response: Funding will end after four years unless the awardee applies for a “No Cost Extension” to request additional time to meet the program goals and objectives.

Question: What treatment/assistance is OJJDP going to ever try for kids with violence in their families or violence done by the kids?

Response: Please reference our past awards, <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/expired>.

Question: Can the Court itself apply for the grant? Our court is county wide but is a part of a judicial district within the state.

Response: Yes. The court itself is eligible to apply as long as it can establish it is part of a municipal government.

Question: When will chosen sites be informed of they are receiving the funding?

Response: Award decisions and notifications will be made on or before September 30.

Question: When forming our budget and objectives-is there anything we are NOT allowed to include? Such as transportation or housing assistance?

Response: Please use the federally approved budget categories when developing your budget. If an item does not fit within in one of those categories, place it in the other category. Allowable and Unallowable costs are referenced in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#).

Question: Are State's Administrative Office of Courts restricted to Category 3?

Response: No.