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Commission**



# Crime Reduction Grants 2021

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# The Basics


- The Crime Reduction Act (HB 267 sections 5-10) provides funding for 3-5 programs each Fiscal Year.
- The total funds are **expected** at \$180,000. All funds must be expended by 6/30/2022.
- Grants are selected by a committee that will discuss the merits of all applications.
- 3 grant participants: Grantee, CJCC, and NMSC, each with requirements outlined HB267

# Grantee Requirements



- Grantee agencies/programs must be part of a CJCC.
- Programs must fit into one of the following types:
  - Treatment and supervision alternatives to incarceration; or
  - Programs to reduce barriers to participation by criminal offenders in pre-prosecution diversion.
    - Pretrial programs will also be considered, however priority is given to programs serving the above purposes.
      - Other state funding available for these programs.
- Grantees are responsible for quarterly and annual reporting, using or developing evidence based practices, and individual level data collection. NMSC can help with developing these requirements in a way that makes sense for your project.

# The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Requirements



- The CJCC and the Crime Reduction Act:
  - The CJCC is a convening of CJ system actors (police, courts, service providers, public defense, etc.) centered around Chief Judge of the District Court or designated chair.
  - Active CJCCs are in an ideal position for proposing programs across member agencies. Even if the program only involves one member agency, it must have the approval of the corresponding CJCC.

# NMSC (me)

- NMSC assists grantees in a variety of ways, as well as serving collecting reports and data from (applicable) programs.
  - A subcommittee will review applications and select the grantees.
  - From there NMSC staff will help develop data collection and performance tracking that makes sense for your project.
  - NMSC is available as a resource for any and all questions about the grants.

# NMSC Priorities



- The commission is looking for a greater variety of participants.
- Agencies that need extra money for a small program.
- Money to do the basic research and planning to implement a larger program in the future.
- Projects can involve interagency collaboration, preferably run through the CJCC

# Case Study – Taos and Raton Courts (8JD)



- Funding for equipment to sustain Drug and Alcohol court programs during COVID-19.
- Incarceration carries increased risk during the pandemic, supplying alternatives to incarceration can require special equipment.
- 8 JD requested money to purchase GPS monitoring units, as well as internet equipment for employees working from home and for individuals who require a stable internet connection for their treatment.

# Another Case Study – 2JD Incentives



- Purchase incentives for individuals completing specialty court programs.
- That's it. Projects don't necessarily need to be complex, a small need that can be fixed with a small investment will also be considered.



# The Catch(es)



- Must be endorsed/approved by the appropriate CJCC.
- Recipients must allocate no more than 5% of the grant to administrative costs.
  - Examples include: service fees, financial work, etc.
- Recipients are required to provide program data to NMSC, including participants' names and other identifiers for evaluation purposes.
- Recipients are strongly encouraged to use evidence-based program models.

# What is Evidence Based?



- In general NMSC would like to fund programs that have succeeded elsewhere and/or are backed by research done by independent authorities (universities, non-profits, etc.) Start here for programs:
  - [https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2020/04/evidenceresources\\_resultsfirst\\_fs.pdf](https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2020/04/evidenceresources_resultsfirst_fs.pdf)
- Applications with backed with best practices/research are much stronger.
- Please reach out if you are having trouble tracking down research, we may be able to help.

# Some Resources for Evidence Based Research



- NMSC -We have reports and a growing number of webinars on a variety of subjects. An example on diversion programs is below:
  - <https://nmsc.unm.edu/reports/2021/types-of-diversion-programs.pdf>
- Department of Justice- The US DoJ has a number of research arms including the Bureau of Justice Statistics (lots of population data) and program evaluations in the National Institute of Justice.
- Council of State Governments – Has a CSG Justice Center with research resources.
- Evaluate research carefully and try to include multiple sources to support your program.

# Finances



- -All payments are strictly on a reimbursement basis.
- -Back up should include invoices, copies of payments, purchase orders and any other supporting purchase documentation.
- - a cover page, on letterhead, should be included with a total amount of the reimbursement request and clear payment information
- - SHARE users will be paid via OPR: include Business Unit, Fund, Account, Class code and Budget reference.
- - the easier the back up is to decipher, the easier it is to pay.

# Want to Apply?



- Follow this link: <https://nmsc.unm.edu/data-integration/index.html>
  - [A google form](#) (easier for everyone!) or pdf application is available in the right-hand column.
- Fill out the questions. Some of them might take a little time, so start early!
- After May 7, 2021 the grants committee will examine all the applications and choose 3-5.

# Question Time

- [dchin@unm.edu](mailto:dchin@unm.edu) – best way to contact
- 505-313-1981
- Applications are due May 7, 2021