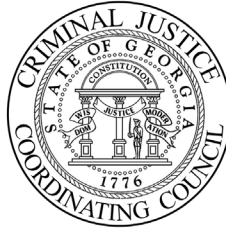


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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding for Medical Assisted Treatment Programs within the Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia.

FY2026 Medication Assisted Treatment Grant Program Competitive Request for Applications

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to current state funded Adult Drug Courts to include: Adult Felony Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, DUI/DWI Court, and Family Treatment Drug Court. Funding will be available to assist both established and implementing Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs. The services may include but not limited to: medication screening and education, medical medication assessments, and medication administration.

Deadline

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on June 20, 2025

Total Available Funding

\$443,171

The amount to be awarded to each agency will be determined by the Council of Accountability Court Judges Funding Committee

Award Period

October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

Contact Information

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Release Date: May 14, 2025

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SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of twenty-four members representing various components of the criminal justice system.

Overview of the State of Georgia's Accountability Court Funding Program

The Council of Accountability Court of Judge (CACJ) was created in 2015 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population.

Overview of the Medical-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Medication- Assisted Treatment (MAT) is a form of pharmacotherapy and refers to any treatment for a substance use disorder that includes a pharmacological intervention as part of a comprehensive substance abuse treatment plan with an ultimate goal of patient recovery with full social function. MAT is the use of medication, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of substance abuse treatment field. Research shows that when treating substance-use disorders, a combination of medication and behavioral therapies is most successful.

SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the CACJ Funding Committee members and its designated representatives who will consider the following:

1. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
2. Demonstration of clear, measurable and appropriate standards;
3. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.;
4. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved;
5. Valid contract or agreement with medical provider (for existing MAT programs);
6. Sharing resources among each accountability court within the circuit is strongly encouraged. All applications within each circuit will be reviewed together; and
7. Compliance with Certification Requirements.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The Council has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below to determine whether budget items requested are allowable prior to submitting your budget.

Competitive Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the program application received in response to this solicitation is made by the CACJ Funding Committee and are based on the availability of funding. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by the Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within fifteen (15) business days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Use of Funds

For the purpose of this grant, funds can be used to enhance or expand treatment service systems to increase access to MAT services that are accessible, effective, comprehensive, and evidence based. **In accordance with the conditions of this grant program, subgrantees may not restrict the use of methadone and buprenorphine treatments, if prescribed by a qualified medical provider.**

Restriction of Funds

Grant funds will not be allowed to be used for: state training, salary, office space, utilities, furniture, incentives, monthly cell phone charges, the purchase of vehicles, weapons, for overall agency supplies, construction projects and grant administrative overhead.

Supplantation

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are returned to the Council.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions as the Council deems appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within **forty-five (45) days** of the award date.

The Council will assume your court rejects the grant award if these acceptance documents are not received by this submission deadline.

Fiscal Accountability

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements, and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Maintenance of billing records for project related expenses (i.e. medical bills)
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).

SECTION IV: APPLICATION FORM

Program Narrative

All applicants must complete a project narrative describing the proposed project. The following elements are required in the project narrative.

- **Project description:** Provide a description of the project including the agency's name, agency type, and year founded. Include the geographic area targeted, estimated number of individuals who will be served during the grant period, and relevant characteristics of the target population for the Accountability Court funded project. Applicants must demonstrate how they are currently providing MAT, if applicable, or how they will plan to provide treatment.
- **Needs statement:** Provide a statement of the specific problem(s)/gap(s) the project will address. Include data that supports this claim. Only use data that is verifiable and relevant to the target population. For example, do not use statewide data for a local problem statement and do not use national data for a statewide problem statement.
- **Project goals:** State the goals of the proposed project. Explain how the project goals will meet the needs of the project's target population and/or impact the proposed service area. For example, an estimated number of participants to be served during the grant period

and the anticipated outcomes. Outcomes are defined as changes in attitudes, knowledge, skills, behaviors, and conditions. Goals must be specific, measurable, action-oriented, reasonable, and time-sensitive having performance indicators. Please prepare to explain in the evaluation plan section.

- **Project activities and services:** Describe the Accountability Court-funded project's service delivery plan. In other words, explain how the agency will achieve project goals. State which type of MAT program that will be implemented or enhanced. Outline proposed medical providers where services will be delivered, a timeline for implementing said services as well as an explanation as to why services are needed to achieve the stated goals. Please also explain how the plan for project activities and services will meet the target population's needs as described in the needs statement.
- **Resources needed:** In this section, please clearly explain the resources needed to conduct, enhance, and/or expand the project activities and services necessary to achieve project's goals. For example, if the proposed project will also be supported by an Accountability Court grant and/or county funding, then explain how this grant funds will enhance these resources and enable the project to be conducted.

SECTION V: Budgets

All applicants must complete a detailed budget with budget narrative within the grant management system. The narrative should include a breakdown of costs, as well as how funds will be allocated across approved budget categories.

All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowability of line item costs per program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.

Required Attachments

Under Required Documents, please include the following attachments:

- *Memorandum of Understanding:* Please attach any contract or MOU between your agency and the established Medical Provider.

How to Apply

This application will be submitted through the new grants management system, <https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov/>. The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with the RFA guidelines in order for the submission or proposal to be considered for funding. Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. **To finalize the application, please have the Authorized Official select the checkbox and change the status to application submitted.** Remember to submit the application when you are finished with this section. **All submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025.**