

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**  
**FOR**  
*Local Correctional Resources*  
**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

The connection between substance abuse and crime is well documented. Survey results published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics found that 51 percent of individuals incarcerated in state and federal correctional facilities reported the use of drugs or alcohol while committing their offense. Among convicted jail inmates, about 29 percent reported that they had used drugs and 33 percent reported the use of alcohol at the time they had committed their offense. Surveys also reveal that 63 percent of state prisoners who had a mental health problem had used drugs one month prior before their arrest, compared to 49 percent without a mental health problem. Jail inmates were found to have the highest rates of mental disorders (60 percent) where one third reported that they had used drugs or alcohol at the time of the offense.

The intent of this program area is to allow local communities to implement programs that provide substance abuse and mental health treatment as well as other related services to offenders. The criminal justice system is an ideal setting to deal directly and effectively with adult and juvenile offenders who have substance abuse problems.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Projects in this program area will address locally-identified corrections problems and needs, with an emphasis on dealing with problems associated with offenders with substance abuse problems. Programs will conduct offender assessment and drug testing, and will ensure on-going compliance.

The focus of this program area is improving local correctional services by providing needed resources and treatment services for juveniles and adults with substance abuse problems. Substantive progress should be identified and documented by the project to determine the outcome of project activities. For example, treatment components must address the effectiveness of treatment services by successful completion, as well as rates of recidivism and relapse for intervals following completion of the program. Other components must show similar impact on local problems.

Key elements for a successful proposal under this program area include early identification screening, developing a comprehensive plan to assess offender treatment needs, making appropriate referrals, monitoring compliance and evaluating treatment services provided. The outcomes of the project should be measured in relationship to recidivism and substance abuse relapse.

**Awards under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be one-time awards, and accordingly, should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional grant funding. If desired, the award may be amortized over a three-year period.**

All requests for personnel must describe if funding will:

- create a new position
- restore a previously funded position (including positions that were being removed from the budget)
- increase the status of a current position (from part time to full time)
- add overtime hours not previously funded to a position

Be sure to include the same information for any subcontractors.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>To improve local correctional resources to resolve locally identified problems in jails and detention centers with an emphasis on offenders with substance abuse problems.</b>
<b>Objective #1</b>	Develop intensive supervision probation and other programs to provide accountability and oversight of adult and juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems.
<b>Activities</b>	Offender assessment, drug testing, sanctions/incentives for non-compliance/compliance with program requirements, case management, referrals and other activities related to the specific program design.
<b>Performance Measures</b>	Measures include, but are not limited to: number of enrolled offenders, number of offenders assessed, number of offenders who successfully complete the program, the rates of recidivism and relapse at specified intervals following completion, and other measures of outcome and impact. Performance measures should be directly related to program objectives and may address positive changes in the offender's life that are likely to reduce drug use and crime.
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>To reduce substance abuse among juvenile and adult offenders.</b>
<b>Objective #1</b>	Provide access by juvenile and adult offenders to programs that appropriately treat their substance abuse problems and other needs identified by a comprehensive assessment.
<b>Activities</b>	Specific activities will depend upon local needs and the program design. Offenders will be assessed and referrals made to appropriate service providers in the community. Projects may pay for and provide direct services. Case management activities will ensure compliance and offender progress in attaining treatment plan goals.

**Performance Measures**

- 1.) The number of eligible offenders enrolled in the program.
- 2.) The percentage of program participants who successfully complete the program.
- 3.) Evaluation treatment services utilized so as to determine appropriateness of assessment referral and delivery of treatment services.
- 4.) The percentage of successful program graduates who are drug free six and twelve months after completion.

**Objective #2**

**Implement drug testing with graduated sanctions to assure accountability in participating offenders.**

**Activities**

Projects will establish drug testing policies and procedures to detect drug use by enrolled offenders. Each program will determine the specific frequency, the particular tests to be administered and the drugs subject to testing. A policy of graduated sanctions will be developed and imposed as a consequence of a positive drug test, failure to show for a drug test, or other program violation.

**Performance Measures**

- 1.) Number of offenders tested
- 2.) Percentage of positive tests
- 3.) Number and type of sanctions imposed

**This is a competitive grant and will be awarded based on merit, demonstrated need, data driven decision making and performance measures.**

**UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES AND ACTIVITIES**

- Construction costs and/or renovation
- Costs in applying for this grant (e.g., consultants, grant writers, etc.)
- Any expenses incurred prior to the date of the contract
- Indirect costs rates or indirect administrative expenses (only direct costs permitted)
- Lobbying or advocacy for particular legislative or administrative reform
- Legal fees
- First class travel
- One-time events, prizes, entertainment (e.g., tours, excursions, amusement parks, sporting events)
- Management or administrative training, conferences (only pre-approved project-related training)
- Management studies or research and development (costs related to evaluation are permitted)
- Honorariums
- Fines and penalties
- Fund raising and any salaries or expenses associated with it
- Purchase of land
- Losses from uncollectible bad debts

- Memberships and agency dues, unless a specific requirement of the project (prior approval required)
- Contributions and donations
- Compensation to federal or state employees for travel or consulting fees
- Military type equipment such as armored vehicles, explosive devices and other items typically associated with the military arsenal
- Informant fees, rewards or buy money
- Animals (including related supplies and materials for animals)