



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT**

(Revised: 9/23/13)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R-7 DATE 6/12/14
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

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Meeting Date: 6/12/14
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: 10:40 am
Date Submitted: 6/3/14

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT for Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment

Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: June 12, 2014 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes
Department: Department of Community Justice **Division:** Adult Services
Contact(s): Karen Rhein, Administrative Analyst
Phone: 505-988-5819 **Ext.** 58519 **I/O Address:** B503/250/DCJ
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Ginger Martin, Deputy Director, DCJ

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of NOI to allow DCJ to apply to BJA/SAMHSA to fund the START Court Rapid Engagement Project. A successful award would fund enhancements to improve client outcomes that include enhancements designed to ensure clients are immediately engaged into services and supports appropriate to their treatment readiness and needs. The announcement was released on April 7, 2014 with a submission deadline of May 28, 2014.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

DCJ is the project lead and funds will affect program offer # 50045.

The proposed project will improve Success Through Accountability, Restitution, and Treatment (START) Drug Court outcomes and reduce recidivism through integration of cost-effective and evidence-based service enhancements designed to ensure rapid and

effective client engagement for individuals at every level of recovery.

Recent completion of a state-led study in which 50% of eligible START clients were assigned to probation only has resulted in a steady increase in referrals to START Court. The program was designed to serve up to 125 clients and is currently operating at capacity, serving approximately 150 enrolled at any given time. This influx has served to highlight a long-standing need to ensure rapid and effective engagement activities for all START Court clients. The Rapid Engagement Team created through this proposal would consist of certified peer mentors and clinicians to focus specialized services on newly referred clients and those needing reengagement in services. In addition, it will allow the contracted treatment provider, VOA-InAct, to ensure assessments are conducted within one week of referral, a best practice standard that has become impossible given the influx of new referrals. Mentors will be assigned at referral and will maintain their relationship with assigned START clients throughout their program enrollment.

In addition, the grant requires that we provide trauma-informed care training for all START Court partners. Finally, DCJ will partner with Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) to complete a required Behavioral Health Disparities Statement in the first six months (completed by March 31, 2015) that will analyze disparities among subpopulations in the START Court and develop a quality improvement plan to address any disparities identified.

The START Drug Court, created in 2010, is for post-adjudicated, high-risk drug dependent offenders who are on felony supervision for repeated property crimes. In the last two years START has served 127 clients with 44 graduates.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

DCJ is requesting \$1,275,000 (\$300,000 from BJA and \$975,000 from SAMHSA) to be spent from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. This includes 10.63% of Central and Departmental indirect expenses of \$122,510. This grant enhances and expands the existing START Program, FY2015 program offer #50045.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

DCJ will work with community based providers for treatment and supervision coordination and collaboration to provide services to START Court participants.

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

• **Who is the granting agency?**

This grant opportunity is jointly offered by Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
 There is a 25% match requirement for the BJA portion of the funding (not more than \$100,000 over three years). A portion of the match must be cash and the remainder in-kind. Existing START staff, staff training and/or evaluation activities will be used to cover match requirements.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one-time only or long term commitment?**
 Two separate awards will be made from the single application:
 - BJA: A single award up to \$300,000 over a three year grant period, and;
 - SAMHSA: up to \$325,000 a year for three years.
 - Combined, up to \$1,275,000 is available over the three year grant period.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
 The proposal is due May 28, 2014 by 11:59 EST.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
 Three years, starting October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2017
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
 This grant funds a cost-effective approach to addressing the needs of a growing START client population. It is anticipated that planned interventions will reduce no-shows to costly assessment appointments as well as improve engagement in treatment plans. Training and infrastructure costs to support these changes will be fully supported by grant funds. Depending on successful outcomes, staffing funded through state and/or general funds may be reallocated to support on-going program needs. Additional funding through healthcare transformation and/or other grant opportunities may be available to support on-going efforts.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
 Yes, 100% of central and departmental indirect will be recovered through this grant. The FY15 central rate of 2.34% and DCJ dept rate of 8.29% for a total of 10.63%.

Required Signatures

Elected Official
 or Department/
 Agency Director: _____

Date: _____

Budget Analyst: _____ **Date:** _____

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