



FY 2017 Special Conditions for Problem-Solving Courts (PSC) DISCRETIONARY GRANT

The Office of Problem Solving Courts is a department in the Administrative Office of the Courts, Programs Division, responsible for assisting the problem-solving courts in development, maintenance, and advancement of a collaborative therapeutic system. OPSC has overseen the creation of problem-solving programs in 21 of the 24 jurisdictions in Maryland and works with public and private stakeholders to develop and establish best practices in problem-solving courts.

1. Eligibility

District and Circuit Courts with approved problem-solving courts in Maryland are eligible to apply for grant funding. District and Circuit Courts planning to implement a problem-solving court may apply for grant funding.

2. Matching Funds

There is not match required for this grant. PSC grant funds can be requested for use as a match for a state or federal grant. A written request should be addressed to Gray Barton, Director, Office of Problem-Solving Court for consideration and approval. The details of the requests should be included in the grant application.

3. Funding Period

The PSC awards grant on the state's fiscal year cycle. Grants awarded for Fiscal Year 2017 will support the awards for Problem-Solving Courts from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. All funds must be expended within this time period.

4. Reporting

A. Statistical Reporting

1. Grantees are required to report maintain program records and data on the State of Maryland Automated Record Tracking (SMART). The reports are due to the OPSC on a quarterly basis.

The quarterly schedule for reporting statistics is as follows:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Report Due Date</u>
1 st Quarter (July 1 thru Sept 30)	October 30
2 nd Quarter (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)	January 30
3 rd Quarter (Jan1 thru Mar 31)	April 30
4 th Quarter (April 1 thru June 30)	July 30
Full Year w/Graphs – Tables 1through 16	July 30
Tables 17 and 18 w/o Graphs	July 30

B. Financial Reporting

Circuit Courts

Circuit Court Programs are required to provide signed grant invoices on a quarterly basis. These documents must be submitted by the due dates outlined below, even if the grantee did not expend any funds during the quarter.

Circuit and District Courts

Specific reporting requirements, including required reporting forms, will be provided to the grantee by email early in the funding period. Reporting forms will be cumulative Excel Workbooks personalized for each grantee.

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
1 st Quarter (July 1 thru Sept 30)	November 15
2 nd Quarter (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)	February 15
3 rd Quarter (Jan1 thru Mar 31)	May 15
End of Year Estimate (unspent)	April 1
End of Year Final (unspent)	June 15
4 th Quarter (April 1 thru June 30)	August 15
Final Workbook (July 1 thru June 30)	August 15

C. Report Submission Requirements

All reports (financial and program/statistical) must be submitted electronically to the OPSC, emailed to OPSC.grants@mdcourts.gov by the due dates outlined. Reports must be scanned PDFs of the signed hard copy reports. DO NOT send paper copies of the reports.

D. Budget Modifications

1. Budget Modifications are available to OPSC Grantees to allow for budget adjustments among existing categories and to offer an opportunity to add new eligible activities during a given fiscal year.
2. The grantees may move up to 10% of an individual existing line item without using the budget modification form.
3. The grantees must use a budget modification form for all requests over 10% of an individual line item or if seeking to add a new category regardless of the amount requested. The budget modification must be approved before the actual spending of the funds.
4. All budget modifications, whether under or over 10% shall be recorded on the fiscal reporting forms with the fiscal workbook on a quarterly basis.
5. The Budget Modification is the last tab in the fiscal workbook. The form should be completed electronically, printed, signed, scanned and emailed to opsc.grants@mdcourts.gov.
6. OPSC is responsible for reviewing and responding to Budget Modification requests within five business days.

5. Grant Monitoring

The site visits exist to verify compliance with the grant conditions. There are two types of site visits. Site visit type one, shall evaluate the fiscal administration of the grant. Site visit type two, shall evaluate the direct services, and operational components of the program based on best practices, state and national research on the problem-solving court models.

Staff will follow-up with grantees as needed to address incomplete reports, gather additional information and assess performance. Follow-up will be made by phone and in person through site visits.

A Grant Monitor will be assigned to your project based on subject matter expertise. Contact your Grant Monitor with all program-related concerns.

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6. Contact Information

A. Grantee Contacts

Grantees are responsible for ensuring that the OPSC is provided with accurate and up-to-date contact information for their program. This includes an email address, as the OPSC sends many important grant announcements by email.

B. OPSC Contact Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all grant communications with the OPSC should be sent by email to: OPSC.grants@mdcourts.gov.

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

The following is a description of eligible activities and services that may be supported by the grant project.

- ❑ Academic training/tutoring/GED assistance;
- ❑ Case manager and/or resource specialist (responsible for overseeing the ancillary service component of the Drug and Mental Health Court which includes: developing case plans, facilitating access to services and monitoring participant progress, not clinical or DPP agent);
- ❑ Child care for court ordered services only;
- ❑ Community service projects;
- ❑ Cooperative Extension materials; (4-H)
- ❑ Drug and alcohol testing;
- ❑ Problem-Solving Court Coordinator (this is a non-clinical position, responsible for the efficient daily operation of the Drug or Mental Health Court which includes the planning, developing, monitoring and evaluation of the Problem-Solving Court;
- ❑ Employment services and/or vocational services;
- ❑ Family/marital counseling;
- ❑ Graduation/Acknowledgment certificate and frame;
- ❑ Group counseling/peer support, non-Substance Abuse Services;
- ❑ Health education/life skills;
- ❑ Education fees/testing/noncredit courses;
- ❑ Housing alternatives/resources, Short term and Emergency Housing Only;
- ❑ Panel Attorney;
- ❑ Parenting/child development classes;
- ❑ Staff training and travel;
- ❑ Medication for reentry purposes;
- ❑ State's Attorney's Office;
- ❑ Transportation (public and private); and
- ❑ Trauma Treatment;

Requesting an item that is not listed in the above examples is acceptable and will be considered based on eligibility, need, goals, and funding availability. Please be sure that the item justifications are specific and detailed.

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Grant funds **may not** be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- Administrative fees/costs associated with program operations;
- Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant or that is provided by other federal, state, or local funds;
- Construction;
- Food and beverages;
- Fundraising activities;
- Lobbying activities;
- Membership dues for group or individuals;
- Subscriptions;
- Incentives;
- Graduation/Acknowledgment party supplies;
- Petty Cash funds for miscellaneous undocumented items;
- Operational costs;
- Promotional gifts;
- Proselytizing or sectarian worship;
- Vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use; or
- Weapons, ammunition, explosives, military vehicles or purchase of vehicles or property.