

# EXPANDING TREATMENT SERVICES: Community Courts Initiative

This program supports efforts to establish and enhance community courts in their jurisdictions. Community courts are neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems. They connect persons committing less serious crimes — often misdemeanor cases — to judicially supervised substance use disorder treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services. There are two categories of funding available: *Category 1: Planning and Implementation* and *Category 2: Enhancement*.

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

- State governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), or tribal government acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single community court.

## WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Establishing or enhancing court-based intervention programs to prioritize and expedite the provision of treatment and recovery services to individuals who are frequent users of justice, health, and other services who commit low-level misdemeanor offenses.
- Tailoring sentences to each defendant to improve community safety, enhance confidence in justice, and reduce recidivism.
- Building the capacity of jurisdictions to ensure that all participants are identified, assessed, and referred to services.
- Enhancing the use of community services by participants in the community court docket, including case management, housing assistance, and service coordination.
- Developing and maintaining partnerships and collaborations with service providers to enhance the provision of treatment and recovery support services.
- Supporting the development, enhancement, and translation of research and knowledge of researcher-practitioner partnerships.

**Total Available Funding:**  
\$4.2 million

**Anticipated Number of Awards:**  
8

**Anticipated Award Amount:**  
Up to \$600,000

**Length of Project:**  
Up to 4 years

**Cost Sharing/Match Required?**  
Yes: This solicitation requires a 25 percent cash or in-kind match

**Sample Solicitation from FY 2022:**  
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