

Office of Justice Programs

Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Solicitation

Please Note: Applications are <u>only</u> accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

Prior to starting an application in Egrants, your agency must be registered in Egrants, and at least two individuals from your agency must register as Egrants users and have Egrants user roles for your agency.

Every agency must also have at least one person with the e-signature role in Egrants.

Please refer to the <u>Getting Started in Egrants</u> page on our website for Egrants registration information and guides.

Release Date:

September 19, 2025

Egrants Application Deadline:

October 31, 2025

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

PCCD staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with "Improving Justice System Responses to SUD" in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on October 24, 2025. PCCD staff will post responses to questions, as they are received, on PCCD's website. Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

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Funding Stream: State Opioid Response (SOR) IV Funds

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Funding Announcement Title: Improving Justice System Responses to Opioid, Stimulant & Related Substance Use Disorders

Funding Stream: State Opioid Response (SOR) IV Funds

Submission Requirements for Applications:

- **Scoring** All applications received will be <u>competitively reviewed and scored</u> based on the applicant's adherence to the funding announcement guidelines and timely submission in the PCCD Egrants system.
- <u>Due Date</u> Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on **Friday, October 31, 2025.**
- **Technical Assistance** –Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on PCCD's website. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.
- **Egrants Submission** An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until the application has been electronically signed in Egrants, and PCCD has received any required documents. Successful applications will be presented for consideration at the December 10, 2025 Commission meeting.
- **Administrative Rejection** An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement may be administratively rejected.
- **Corrections** If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.
- <u>Non-supplantation</u> Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services.
 PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.
- **Keywords** Applicants are required to select "Keywords" from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

<u>Keywords</u>: Drug Courts, Problem-Solving Courts, Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Diversion, Opioid Dependence, Opioid Overdose, Overdose Prevention, Research-Based, Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

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1. Overview:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications for funding under the FY 2025 Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders funding announcement. The primary purpose of this competitive grant program is to expand access to evidence-based supports for justice-involved people with substance use disorder (SUD), specifically opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder. Additionally, these funds will enhance coordination among key systems within counties to improve outcomes for people with SUD and/or co-occurring disorders who encounter the justice system, from law enforcement contact to reentry and supervision.

2. Funding Availability:

A total of \$12,000,000 in federal State Opioid Response (SOR) IV funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund 24 grants with budgets not to exceed \$500,000 over the 18-month project period.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

3. Project Dates:

Applications approved at the December 10, 2025, Commission meeting will be 18-month projects and have a start date of January 1, 2026, and an end date of June 30, 2027.

The project period will contain two distinct periods for expenditure of awarded funds. The periods will be budgeted separately as follows: January 1 to September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Additional detail is provided in section 10(b) Budget Detail of this document.

4. Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility for these funds is open to counties and nonprofit organizations. Applicants may only submit one application under this solicitation. Applicants must demonstrate that proposals were developed/supported by the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) and Single County Authority (SCA) relevant to the proposed project's service area(s). In addition, applicants must also identify their proposed project partners within their application and provide letters of support, memoranda of understanding (MOUs), or similar documentation of commitment within the 'Required Attachments' section of Egrants.

Entities that have previously received PCCD funding to support individuals with SUD and/or co-occurring disorders (including youth and adults) will be asked to articulate the impact of those initiatives, if requesting funding to support similar programs/initiatives, and to distinguish how proposed new activities would differ from (or build upon/expand) previously funded projects. In addition, applicants that have previously received funding from the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) will be required to articulate

¹ SOR funds for treatment and recovery support services shall only be utilized to provide services to individuals that specifically address opioid or stimulant misuse issues. If either an opioid or stimulant misuse problem (history) exists concurrently with other substance use, all substance use issues may be addressed. Individuals who have no history of or no current issues with opioids or stimulants misuse shall not receive treatment or recovery services with SOR grant funds.

those prior investments, including how proposed activities were developed in concert with SCA(s) and fulfill unmet needs within the county (i.e., not duplication of services).

Applicants must be in good standing with PCCD to be eligible for these funds.² The applicant and recipient agencies' historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals will be considered in the review process. Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD to be eligible.

5. Program Requirements, Funding Priorities, and Review Considerations:

a. Program Requirements:

Comprehensive Planning

As part of this funding announcement, applicants must demonstrate the steps taken to develop a comprehensive plan, or must include a planning period within their application, to apply for funding under this solicitation. Plans (or planning activities) may include, but are not limited to, conducting an inventory/assessment of available funding, services, resources, and programs currently available within the county/ies/service area(s), as well as any identified gaps or barriers. Applicants should describe these past and/or proposed efforts within relevant areas of the application.

Coordination with & Support of CJAB(s) & SCA(s)

Under this solicitation, applicants must demonstrate that proposed projects and applications have been developed with and supported by relevant Criminal Justice Advisory Board(s) and SCA(s). Applicants must provide documentation in the "Required Attachments" section of Egrants.

b. Funding Priorities and Review Considerations:

Priority consideration will be given to eligible applicants proposing initiatives that pilot or expand coordinated systems of care for individuals with SUD and/or related cooccurring disorders, such as one-stop-shop initiatives/models.

PCCD will prioritize requests for funding to support projects/initiatives in areas of the Commonwealth with the highest historical levels/rates of drug overdose incidents and fatalities, as well as areas that have experienced a recent increase in overdoses. PCCD will consider the number of incarcerated individuals and/or people under community supervision with SUD and/or co-occurring disorders.

In addition, PCCD will prioritize funding for counties requesting funds to support new initiatives that have a clear nexus to gaps/needs (as demonstrated by local plans/assessments), as well as those that have not received funding previously from PCCD to support proposed activities (for example, supporting a new jail-based medications for opioid use disorder program that has not previously received financial support from PCCD or piloting new supports for individuals with OUD/SUD who are on community supervision.).

In addition to reviewers' scores, other factors that may be considered include geographic diversity, other applications received for similar activities in the region, the applicant's compliance history with PCCD fiscal and program reporting (if applicable), the applicant's historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals (if applicable), and available funding.

² This may include, but is not limited to, compliance with PCCD program and fiscal reporting requirements, State and Federal funding guidelines, and acceptable risk rating as determined by PCCD.

6. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:

Funding under this solicitation is intended to support a wide range of programs, activities, and initiatives designed to improve outcomes for individuals with SUD and/or co-occurring disorders who encounter the justice system.

As described on page 5 under "Program Requirements," applicants must demonstrate they have a comprehensive plan (or must include a planning period within their application) to apply for funding. Furthermore, applicants must demonstrate how proposed project activities align with local needs and priorities, as demonstrated by available data, local strategic planning/assessment, etc. If an assessment has not yet been conducted, applicants can request funding to support local planning efforts.

Examples of potential approaches/programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Comprehensive diversion programs (pre-arrest, pre-adjudication, pre-trial) that identify people with SUDs and/or co-occurring disorders who interact with the justice system and redirecting them from arrest and/or incarceration via linkages to community-based treatment and supports.
- Treatment courts serving adults and juveniles with SUDs.
- Embedding community services such as treatment services like medications for opioid use disorder (MOUDs) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) within prebooking/pre-arrest response protocols.
- Individualized transition planning for individuals detained in jail and awaiting
 adjudication, including linkages to community-based treatment, resources, and
 support services (e.g., supportive housing, supported employment, trauma services,
 integrated treatment for SUD and co-occurring mental health issues).
- Advancing harm reduction strategies and peer recovery supports (e.g., Certified Peer Recovery Specialists) focused on individuals recently released from jail/incarceration and other vulnerable justice-involved populations (e.g., individuals on probation/parole).
- Co-response models, diversion outreach, and other law enforcement led interventions, services, and tools designed to support diversion and specialized responses.
- Embedding services within correctional settings to reduce barriers to care, such as providing on-site treatment and care (e.g., screening for SUD and providing MOUDs), with a goal of linking individuals to a network of community-based resources/partners.
- Initiatives that pilot or expand coordinated systems of care for justice-involved individuals with SUD, such as one-stop-shop initiatives/models, etc.
- Advancing promising strategies to improve outcomes and reduce access barriers for individuals with SUD who are under community supervision.
- Training, technical assistance, and professional development for relevant justicerelated and behavioral health practitioners (e.g., judges, law enforcement officers, treatment providers, etc.).
- Strategies to improve data-sharing protocols, integrated case management, and other best practices between courts/probation, treatment providers, and other systems (e.g., care managers, etc.) serving people with SUD who are involved in the justice system.

Applicants will be asked to identify the category/ies from the list above that is/are most applicable to the project they are proposing.

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets.

In addition:

- Funds may only be used to pay for expenses directly related to the conduct, management, and coordination of the project.
- Administrative costs are allowable (see "Indirect Costs" on page 8); however, applicants are strongly encouraged to only budget for costs necessary for project implementation.
- Use of funds must align with requirements and conditions of federal SOR funds. This includes the following provision: "Funds may not be expended through the grant or a subaward by any agency which would deny any eligible client, patient or individual access to their program because of their use of FDA-approved medications for treatment of substance use disorders (e.g., methadone, buprenorphine products including buprenorphine/naloxone combination formulations and buprenorphine monoproduct formulations, naltrexone products including extended-release and oral formulations or long acting products such as extended release injectable or implantable buprenorphine.) Specifically, patients must be allowed to participate in methadone treatment rendered in accordance with current federal and state methadone dispensing regulations from an Opioid Treatment Program and ordered by a physician who has evaluated the client and determined that methadone is an appropriate medication treatment for the individual's opioid use disorder. Similarly, medications available by prescription or office-based implantation must be permitted if it is appropriately authorized through prescription by a licensed prescriber or provider. In all cases, MOUD must be permitted to be continued for as long as the prescriber or treatment provider determines that the medication is clinically beneficial. Recipients must assure that clients will not be compelled to no longer use MOUD as part of the conditions of any programming if stopping is inconsistent with a licensed prescriber's recommendation or valid prescription."

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets and may require budget adjustments.

7. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:

The following items are not eligible for funding and may be administratively rejected:

- a. Construction;
- **b.** Land acquisition;
- c. Lobbying and political contributions;
- **d.** Honoraria or bonuses;
- **e.** Food/refreshments;
- **f.** Funding personnel not deemed by PCCD to be integral to the program's implementation;
- **g.** Promotional items including, but not limited to, clothing and commemorative items such as pens, mugs/cups, folders/folios, lanyards, and conference bags; or
- **h.** Any expenses that fall outside the scope of this funding announcement.

In addition, pursuant to federal SOR funding conditions, grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. Treatment in this context includes the treatment of opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder. Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual who or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders. See, e.g., 45 C.F.R. § 75.300(a) (requiring HHS to "ensure that Federal funding is expended . . . in full accordance with U.S. statutory . . . requirements."); 21 U.S.C. §§ 812(c)(10) and 841 (prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase or distribution of marijuana). This prohibition does not apply to those providing such treatment in the context of clinical research permitted by the DEA and under an FDA-approved Investigational new drug application where the article being evaluated is

marijuana or a constituent thereof that is otherwise a banned controlled substance under federal law.

PCCD reserves the right to have approved applicants remove items from the proposed project that are deemed ineligible. Funding cannot be used for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

8. Indirect Costs

Administrative costs should be kept to a minimum. Administrative costs that are not clearly justified to be direct project costs within the applicant's proposed budget detail will be considered indirect.

PCCD allows subgrantees to recover indirect costs in one of two ways:

- 1. Federally approved indirect cost rate: PCCD allows subgrantees to apply an indirect cost rate approved by their federal cognizant agency to their PCCD subgrant project; OR
- 2. 15% de minimis rate: PCCD allows grantees that do not have a current negotiated (or provisional) federal indirect cost rate to apply a de minimis indirect cost rate of 15% of modified total direct cost (MTDC) to their PCCD grant project. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. If chosen, this methodology once elected must be used consistently for all PCCD grant awards until such time as a grantee obtains a federally approved indirect cost rate. Use of the de minimis rate must be in compliance with 2 CFR 200.414, and therefore, local governments may not elect to use the 15% de minimis rate.

For additional information, please see page 27 of PCCD's Applicant's Manual.

9. Required Egrants Sections/Documents:

- a. <u>Required Egrants Sections</u> All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.
- b. <u>Required Attachments</u> Please see "Required Attachments" on page 11 of the funding announcement for information about documents that must be uploaded in Egrants as part of the application.

10. Scoring

Applicants must submit the requested information for each section specified below within the defined response fields provided in Egrants. Responses should not be duplicated in multiple sections.

The following application sections in Egrants have a point value associated with them and will be scored as described below:

a. Executive Summary - Maximum 5 points

All applicants should fill out the following script and paste into the executive summary section:

The <u>name of applicant</u> is requesting \$_____ to [provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding]. These funds will be used for the following: [provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for].

b. Budget Detail - Maximum of 20 points

The budget detail section should identify what the funds will be used for, and line items should be entered for each budgeted cost. Calculations should be clear and entered as the Egrants system requires in the budget detail section.

For any budgeted cost that is not self-explanatory, clearly explain the relationship between the budgeted costs and the proposed project activities/operation. Describe how the item will be used in the implementation of the proposed project. This section may include additional explanation of the computations stated in the Budget Detail section; however, computations provided within the line items should not be replicated in the justification field(s).

As described previously, applicants may request funding under this solicitation to support a broad range of activities and programming. The Budget Detail should include an up-to-18-month comprehensive budget. Applicants must develop their budgets utilizing an initial 9-month period (1/1/2026 - 9/29/2026) in the Year 1 column, and a subsequent 9-month period (9/30/2026 - 6/30/2027) in the Year 2 column if using funds for the full 18-month project period. **Unexpended funds budgeted in the first nine-month period cannot be carried over into the second nine-month period.**

** Items should only be listed under the Equipment category if the cost of one item is \$10,000 or greater. Items with a cost of less than \$10,000 should be listed under Supplies and Operating Expenses.

NOTE: PCCD has final approval of all budgets and may require budget adjustments. Grantees may only request reimbursement for expenses that are clearly articulated and approved in the Budget detail in Egrants.

You can learn more about completing the Budget Detail section in Egrants in the 'Budget Detail Walkthrough' (PDF) available here.

c. Applicant Overview - Maximum 15 points

Applicant Agency/Organization: The applicant should describe their agency or organization, including its mission, history, organization/agency type, and its capacity to coordinate proposed project activities. This should include a description of the experience, current staffing, partnerships, and community buy-in and supports that will be leveraged for the proposed project. Applicants should demonstrate their experience and plan for coordinating and implementing proposed activities.

Project Partners: Please identify any individuals/organizations who will serve as project partners supporting planning and/or implementation efforts. (Note: Letters of commitment/support or other documentation of awareness and willingness to partner with applicant agency/organization are required for all – listed project partners as part of the grant application.)

d. Proposed Service Area(s) & Target Population(s) - Maximum 20 points

Project Location: Describe where the proposed programming/activities will primarily take place. Describe why the specific location/geographic area was chosen as the focal

point for the proposed project/initiative. Describe the applicant's history working with and in the identified community.

Target Population(s): Please identify and describe the project's target population(s), including the process the applicant used (or will use, if utilizing a planning period) to identify the target population. If possible, provide an estimate of the number of high-risk individuals who would be reached or served by the project.

Description of Need: Describe any recent trends in the proposed service area(s). Describe what gaps or critical areas of need for youth/adults with SUDs and/or cooccurring disorders – especially justice-involved populations – currently exist. Describe any efforts the applicant and/or partners have already taken to address the identified needs. Describe the need for additional funds. (Note: Applicants should provide a copy of any recently completed assessments, strategic plans, or related documents as part of the "Required Attachments" section of Egrants, if applicable.)

e. Project Description - Maximum 40 points

Planning & Needs Assessment: Please describe whether planning activities have occurred with project partners to date, or if this will take place during the early phase of the proposed project period. (NOTE: PCCD would recommend restricting planning activities to 5-10% of proposed budget and a time period of 3-6 months.)

Identifying & Implementing Strategies Based on Documented Community Needs & Priorities: Applicants should address how they will use funding to enhance coordination among key systems within counties to improve outcomes for justice-involved people with SUDs, including minimizing duplication of services within the proposed service area/community. In addition, applicants should describe how the proposed programming/strategies they are seeking funding to support would improve outcomes for people with SUDs and/or co-occurring disorders who encounter the justice system.

Further information provided in this section depends on whether the applicant is requesting funds to implement a previously developed/identified plan/needs assessment, or if the applicant is requesting funding to support a planning period.

- o **PLANNING ALREADY COMPLETED:** If collaborative planning efforts have already taken place, this should include a brief description of how proposed activities align with priorities/needs identified by the county's CJAB and SCA (and any other relevant stakeholders, as needed). Please describe how the organization's existing plan considered availability of programs, services, and resources within the proposed geographic area including consideration of future initiatives that may be supported with additional funding sources available to counties (e.g., opioid settlement dollars, other local/state/federal funding sources, etc.). Applicants must provide documentation of the assessment and planning process, such as providing a copy of a recently completed strategic plan, needs assessment, or similar materials in the "Required Attachments" section of Egrants.
- PLANNING PERIOD AS PART OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Alternatively, in the case of proposed projects where planning has not already been finalized, please describe how the applicant (and partners) will conduct an assessment of existing programs and services as part of a planning/needs assessment phase. Please be as specific as possible, including who (staff/partners) will support various planning and needs assessment activities, when those activities will take place,

and when a final Project Work Plan and project budget will be developed identifying the specific strategies responsive to local needs and priorities that will be launched, implemented, and/or expanded using grant funds. (Note: Planning period may not exceed six months from the project's start date.)

<u>All applicants</u>, regardless of whether they have a plan completed or not, should also address how they have or will involve individuals with lived experience, including people with SUD/OUD who are or have been involved with or impacted by the justice system, within the project's design, planning, and implementation.

Type(s) of Program(s): Please provide responses to the following questions:

a.	Please identify	categories of	of programming	g that align	with	your	proposed	project
	from the list be	elow (select	all that apply):					

- □ Comprehensive pre- or post-arrest diversion programs
- Treatment courts
- Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUDs) and/or Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Embedding community services (including treatment services) within prebooking/pre-arrest response protocols
- Individualized transition planning for individuals
- Advancing harm reduction strategies and peer recovery supports
- Co-response models, diversion outreach, and other law enforcement-related responses/approaches
- Providing on-site treatment and care, with a goal of linking individuals to a network of community-based resources/partners
- Piloting or expanding coordinated systems of care for individuals with SUD/OUD, such as one-stop-shop initiatives/models, etc.
- Training and professional development for relevant justice-related and behavioral health practitioners
- OTHER programs, activities, or approaches designed to meet the goals of this funding announcement
- b. Which of the following best describes your proposed project?
 - □ Brand new initiative for our organization
 - □ Restarting a prior program/initiative
 - Continuing an existing program/initiative
 - Expanding an existing program/initiative
- c. If you are proposing funding for an existing program/initiative, please provide the number of individuals served annually by that program.
- d. If you are proposing to expand an existing program/initiative, please provide the number of additional individuals who will be reached/served through SOR funding over the life of the project.
- e. If you are proposing a new initiative, please provide the estimated number of individuals you expect to reach or serve over the life of the project.

Additional Funding Sources: Please state whether the applicant has received funding previously from PCCD or other sources (e.g., DDAP) to support services/programming related to improving outcomes for people with SUDs and/or co-occurring disorders who are justice-involved. If applicable, entities that have previously received funding to support these efforts must articulate the impact of those initiatives and distinguish how

proposed activities would differ from (or build upon/expand) currently/previously funded projects.

Plan for Hiring/Onboarding/Training Key Personnel: For new positions that will be created and hired if a grant is awarded, please describe the process and criteria for recruiting, selecting, hiring, and onboarding those staff/consultants. As part of this discussion, applicants should describe any current workforce or staffing challenges they are experiencing, as well as strategies they have used to recruit and/or retain employees. Applicants should also describe any training, professional development, and support that will be provided to these key personnel.

Data Collection: Describe the type(s) of data sources that will be used to track progress and outcomes. Describe how the required data elements will be collected and reported.

Project Work Plan (Required Attachment): All applicants must develop and attach a short, one-page Project Work Plan that identifies the project's goal(s) and objectives. This Plan should also identify the specific activities that will take place in each stage of the project, including who will be responsible for completing those activities (staff, partners), as well as anticipated start and end dates for each activity.

11. Required Attachments:

The following documents must be attached in the "Required Attachments" section in Egrants:

- 1. Resumes/CVs of key personnel.
- 2. Required documentation of collaboration with/support of relevant CJAB(s) and SCA(s).
- 3. Letters of support/commitment or similar documentation (i.e., MOUs) for all named project partners.
- 4. Short, one-page Project Work Plan.
- 5. If applicable, a copy of a recently completed strategic plan, needs assessment, or similar documentation that required planning activities have taken place.

Nonprofit organizations must also provide evidence of nonprofit status (i.e., IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter) in the "Nonprofit Agency Checklist" section of Egrants.

In addition, while not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize the "Required Attachments" section in Egrants to upload other relevant materials that can supplement information provided within the application, such as program reports, community event flyers, testimonials/letters of support from additional community stakeholders, etc.

12. Performance Measures:

Under this funding announcement, successful applicants are required to comply with all reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements as prescribed by PCCD and federal or state guidelines. Successful applicants are required to submit quarterly program reports via the PCCD Egrants System. Award recipients will be required to accept and report on these selected measures on a quarterly basis.

The proposed project must be able to report out on the pre-selected performance measures for all grantees (Program-wide) and, if applicable, additional subset measures (e.g., County Jail-based MOUD, Pre-arrest or Pre-trial Diversion/Treatment Courts). Projects must set

targets for each required measure and report quarterly on these established performance measures via the Egrants System:

i. Program-wide (All Grantees)

- o Total number of criminal justice/behavioral professionals trained.
- Total number of justice-involved individuals with substance use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and/or opioid use disorder and/or co-occurring disorders served by county programs funded through SOR IV funds.

ii. Subset of Grantees Implementing County Jail-based MOUD

- Number of participants who received MOUD.
- o Number of participants who successfully completed the MOUD program.
- Number of participants who transitioned from county jail to the community.
- Number of program participants who are reincarcerated (3-month, 6-month, and 12-month) following MOUD program participation.
- o Number of MOUD program staff trained.

iii. Subset of Grantees Implementing Pre-Arrest, Pre-Trial Diversion/ Treatment Courts

- o Number of justice-involved individuals seeking and receiving specialized D&A recovery support, including individuals with OUD and stimulant use disorder.
- Number of participants successfully completing pre-arrest, pre-trial diversion, and/or treatment court programs, including individuals with OUD and stimulant use disorder.
- Average number of days from treatment referral to a treatment start date.

Applicants may want to develop additional performance measures that are specifically related to the activities outlined in their application and may track and report all measures on a quarterly basis through the PCCD Egrants System. Additionally, successful applicants will be required to complete the Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders Quarterly Report, which is included as Addendum I on page 17, as part of their quarterly report in Egrants.

All subgrant recipients must complete data elements as required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) GPRA Client Outcome Measures for Discretionary Programs form must be completed and entered in SAMHSA's Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS). The form can be found here along with a Question Instruction Guide and SOR IV GPRA User Guide. All participants receiving SOR IV funds shall comply with GPRA requirements.

13. Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow the Procurement Standards section in PCCD's <u>Applicant's Manual</u>.

Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD's <u>Applicant's Manual</u> for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

14. Administrative Requirements:

a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:

Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission deadline. Please go to the <u>Getting Started in Egrants</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

b. Fiscal Accountability:

See the Fiscal Accountability page on PCCD's website for further information.

c. Time and Effort Reporting:

See the <u>Time and Effort Reports</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

d. Grant Payments:

- **i.** Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
- ii. All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.

iii. ACH Payments:

- ° All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
- Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must <u>register as a Non-Procurement Vendor</u> with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

e. Federal Transparency Act Certification:

This section is required for both state and federal funding streams. See the <u>Federal Applicants</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

f. Reporting Requirements:

- Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
- Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
- Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
- All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.

g. UCR Reporting:

Every criminal justice entity which is required to submit Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data and is participating in this project must submit UCR data to the Pennsylvania State Police. If a required entity is not submitting UCR data, they may be ineligible for funding.

15. PCCD Contact Information and Resources:

a. Staff Contacts:

Staff are only able to clarify the funding announcement and are not able to answer any questions about how a potential applicant should respond to any particular section. Questions regarding this funding announcement should be directed as follows:

- E-mail your funding announcement questions to RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with "Improving Justice System Responses to SUD" in the subject line.
- Questions must be received by close of business on Friday, October 24, 2025.

 All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the <u>Funding Announcement Q&A</u> page of the PCCD website.

b. Egrants Funding Announcement:

Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for FY 25-26 Improving Justice System Responses to SUD.

c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:

Applicants should be familiar with the <u>Applicant's Manual</u>, grant application and administrative guides, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the <u>Funding and Grants Process</u> page of the PCCD website.

d. Egrants Technical Questions:

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

e. PCCD Webmaster:

Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the PCCD Web Master.

f. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:

Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse page on PCCD's website.

16. Submission Information:

The application must be entered into Egrants **no later than Friday, October 31, 2025, by 11:59 PM.**

The grant application must be electronically signed within Egrants. To electronically sign the application, at least one person from your organization must have the E-signature role in Egrants. Please use the link below to access instructions which explain how to request the E-signature role.

E-signature Access Request Instructions

<u>E-signature Access Request Form</u> (This must be attached to your access request in Egrants)

Please note that you cannot request the e-signature role on behalf of someone else.

17. Additional Applicant Resources:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully review the written funding announcement, as well as reference and review resources for applicants available on PCCD's website.



Resource Guides: Applicants can access walkthrough guides and other applicant resources on PCCD's 'Applicant Resources' webpage'.



Video Tutorials: You can also watch short video tutorials on PCCD's YouTube channel under the 'Resources for Applicants & Grantees' playlist:

- Getting Started with Egrants
- Registering as a Commonwealth Vendor
- Registering in Egrants & Starting Your Application
- Building Your Application in Egrants: Non-Budget Sections
- Building Your Application in Egrants: Budget Detail Section



User Support: Still need assistance? The Egrants Help Desk is available to help with technical or system questions Monday through Friday until 4:00 PM (ET) and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov

Interested applicants who are nonprofit organizations are strongly encouraged, but not required, to review and complete a "PCCD Grants Readiness Self-Assessment Checklist," available in the Applicant Resources section of PCCD's Funding webpage. This document provides an overview of the minimum requirements nonprofit organizations should have in place in order to directly apply for and receive grant funding from PCCD, as well as recommended (but not required) practices for grantees.

In addition, interested applicants are invited to register for a **virtual webinar** on this funding announcement. The purpose of the webinar is to provide an overview of the Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders funding announcement, PCCD's application process, as well as answer technical questions from prospective applicants and provide clarity on funding announcement instructions. Topics may include, but are not limited to, developing and submitting an application in PCCD's Egrants System, eligibility criteria, funding goals and priorities, and an overview of the program's data collection and performance measure requirements.

Note: While encouraged, participation in this informational webinar is not a requirement to apply for funding. In addition, no preference is given to applicants who register for or attend the webinar. A recording of the webinar will be made available on PCCD's YouTube channel following the conclusion of the virtual session.

Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders Funding Announcement: Webinar for Prospective Applicants

Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 10:00am

Webinar Registration Form:

https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/5f343629-52bc-4092-92c7b56afb001184@418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde

18. Addendum I:

Improving Justice System Responses to Substance Use Disorders Quarterly Report

County Jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Activities

1.	During this reporting period, did you provide MOUD in a correctional setting with grant funding? (Y/N)
	If yes, please answer questions 2-15. If no, please skip to question 16.
2.	Total number of MOUD program participants supported with grant funding during this reporting period: a. Number of participants supported with grant funding already enrolled in the MOUD program at the start of this reporting period: b. Number of new participants supported with grant funding enrolled in the MOUD program during this reporting period:
3.	Number of individuals in the county jail who screened positive for opioid use disorder or number of individuals who exhibited opioid withdrawal symptoms during this reporting period:
4.	Number of participants supported with grant funding who received the following treatments while incarcerated during this reporting period: a. Buprenorphine taper: b. Buprenorphine maintenance: c. Methadone taper for withdrawal: d. Methadone maintenance: e. Extended Release Naltrexone (Vivitrol): f. Non-medication therapies:
5.	Number of participants supported with grant funding who were actively receiving medication treatment before entry that were started on any of the following treatments during this reporting period: a. Buprenorphine taper: b. Buprenorphine maintenance: c. Methadone taper for withdrawal: d. Methadone maintenance: e. Extended Release Naltrexone (Vivitrol): f. Non-medication therapies:
6.	Number of participants supported with grant funding who were not actively in treatment before entry that were initiated on following treatments during this reporting period: a. Buprenorphine taper: b. Buprenorphine maintenance: c. Methadone taper for withdrawal: d. Methadone maintenance: e. Extended Release Naltrexone (Vivitrol): f. Non-medication therapies:
7.	Number of participants supported with grant funding who successfully completed the MOUD treatment program during this report period:

8. Of the number of participants supported with grant funding who successfully complete the MOUD treatment program during this reporting period, number of participants who were:
a. Released into the community:b. Transitioned to another corrections facility:c. Other, please explain:
Number of program participants supported with grant funding who received the following aftercare services:
a. Referral/ Appointment with Opioid Treatment Program/Methadone program:
 b. Referral/Appointment with buprenorphine provider: c. Referral/Appointment to Non-medication therapy program: d. Other aftercare services:
10. Number of participants supported with grant funding who were reincarcerated during this reporting period:
11. Number of participants supported with grant funding who diverted their prescribed buprenorphine during this reporting period:
12. Number of conduct citations related to buprenorphine contraband during this reporting period:
13. Number of positive drug screens for non-prescribed opioid use during this reporting period:
14. Number of inmates who reported an assault related to diversion of buprenorphine during this reporting period:
15. Number of jail staff trained in an Evidence-Based Practice during the report period during this reporting period:
<u>Treatment Court & Pretrial Diversion Activities</u>
16. During this reporting period, did you support treatment court or pretrial diversion activities with grant funding? (Y/N)
If yes, please answer questions 17-26. If no, please skip to question 27.
17. Number of justice-involved individuals seeking and receiving specialized drug and alcohol recovery support, including individuals with SUD, OUD, and/or stimulant use disorder:
18. Number of new participants in the Treatment Court during the reporting period:
19. Number of new participants in Pretrial Diversion during the reporting period:
20. Number of participants successfully completing Treatment Court, including individuals with SUD, OUD, and/or stimulant use disorder, during the reporting period:
21. Number of participants successful completing Pretrial Diversion during this reporting period:

	22. Number of participants terminated from participation in the Treatment Court/Pretrial Diversion due to new arrest (Drug) during the reporting period:
	23. Number of participants terminated from participation in the Treatment Court/Pretrial Diversion due to new arrest (Alcohol) during the reporting period:
	24. Number of participants terminated from participation in the Treatment Court/Pretrial Diversions due to new arrest (other reasons) during the reporting period:
	25. Number of criminal justice/behavioral health professionals trained:
	26. Average numbers of days from treatment referral to a treatment start date:
<u>Ot</u>	ther Activities
	27. During this reporting period, did you support any other activities with grant funds that were not included above? (Y/N)
	If yes, please answer questions 28 and 29.
	28. Number of participants supported through other activities with grant funding:
	29. Please provide an overview of the activities and services provided with grant funding during the reporting period: