

Overview

Project Name

Adult Treatment Court Participants

Total Requested

\$45,900.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Low

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

Applicant Information

Applicant Name

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Organization

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Organization Information

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Status

Review

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Categories

- Safety/Security

Project Description

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The Isabella County Trial court's Adult Treatment Court (ATC) respectfully makes this request for funding to pay for drug and alcohol testing, bus passes, transportation costs for treatment and incentives to allow the ATC better serve this most challenging population of

out community. The ATC was established in 2003 and is currently led by Judge Eric R. Janes. The purpose of the ATC is to provide therapeutic intervention and treatment to participants who have drug and alcohol addictions, thus allowing them to become healthy and productive members of the community.

Unfortunately, we continue to see the devastating effects of the "opiate epidemic" in our community. Our experience, as confirmed by various national studies, shows that participants who receive counseling, job training and educational support, along with regular drug and alcohol testing while in the program, generally have better long term results. Currently, in house testing occurs at the courthouse during normal business hours. However, participants who are employed often find it challenging to leave work during the day to test. The substance abuse testing component of this request would allow participants to test at a local agency in the evening, on weekends and over the holidays. Testing during these times will assist participants to maintain their jobs. If a participant relapses, it is important to detect it as early as possible so that the Treatment Team can assist the participant to get back on track.

Many participants do not have a valid driver's license or the ability to get to work, search for a job, travel to testing, counseling, medical appointments, or even to the court to meet with the coordinator. Most ATC participants are dependent on friends or family for transportation. Funding for bus passes would greatly improve the independence of our participants and make coordinating their treatment responsibilities easier. Additional funds are also needed to provide transportation to residential treatment facilities, which requires an approved transporter to facility that could be hours away.

The National Drug Court Institute treatment model recommends incentives for participants as they progress through the program. We would like an opportunity to award items such as gas cards, planners, phone cards, bus passes for non-program related activities (such as going to the grocery store), movie passes, sobriety tokens, symbolic blankets or quilts, gym or yoga memberships and similar items for each level of success. Both voucher and prize based reinforcement systems have repeatedly been shown to be effective motivators among substance abusers.

Benefit Description

Benefits to the Community, Government Agency and Saginaw Chippewa Tribe

Since 2003, the Isabella County ATC has worked with over 346 participants, of which at least 40 are members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Participants range in age from 17 to 65 with the majority being male. The number of female participants has drastically increased as has the number of participants using opiates and heroin. There are an average of 30 participants in the program at any given time. Each participant has an individualized approach to their treatment program utilizing therapeutic intervention and treatment objectives. The goal is for participants to leave the program as healthy, productive member of the community. Services include not only substance abuse treatment and counseling but also include mental health counseling and treatment, transportation assistance, education, employment and housing assistance as well as medical evaluations and treatments.

Between 2006 and 2010 there was one death in Isabella County attributed to an opioid overdose and one death to a heroin overdose. In the next five years the number increased to 18 opioid and eight heroin overdose deaths. In 2016, seven men and four women died in Isabella County from drug related overdoses. The number of felony drug related cases in Isabella County Trial Court reached 530 in 2017, which is over 100 more than in 2016. Misdemeanor statistics show that the number of drug related District Court cases continue to increase from 2016 to 2017.

Every aspect of our community is affected and impacted by the use of substances whether it is alcohol or drugs. The spouse, mother, father, siblings, children and other family and friends feel the trauma of having someone they love struggle with an addiction. There are financial implications for families of addicts; often they struggle with employment or wisely using their finances. The stress at home negatively impacts the health, education and welfare of the children. Medical professionals, law enforcement, jail officials, social service agencies and many other agencies are struggling to keep up with the demand on resources and psychological trauma of witnessing the effects of substance abuse on otherwise good and productive human beings.

Treatment courts are financially efficient for both the participant as well as the community. A 2011 study suggested that for every dollar spent in treatment court, \$27 are saved in other areas such as incarceration fees, new crimes committed and other community resources.

The overall goal of the program is to allow our participants to succeed in all aspects of their lives. While we cannot give specific details about success stories due to the confidential nature of our program, we can share a couple of examples that are particularly remarkable. We had a Native American female who had received her 3rd OWI enter the program. She successfully completed the program, went on

to get her Master's degree and is now employed in an important position in her field of study. She has been sober for a significant amount of time and is doing wonderfully. Another male participant, also in the program for his 3rd OWI, is a small business owner. He completed the program and is sober. During the program, he was able to maintain his business and is also doing very well.

Funding Requirements

Long Term Funding Requirements

The Isabella County ATC intends to seek additional grant funding from the State of Michigan and other sources to cover the program needs into the future. We are asking the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Staff to review our grant proposal and aid us with these very important components of our program that will assist our participants with their sobriety and overall health.

Project Timeline

Not Entered

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Substance Testing	\$30.00	1080	\$32,400.00	Safety/Security
Bus Passes	\$2.00	2750	\$5,500.00	Safety/Security
Transportation	\$250.00	8	\$2,000.00	Safety/Security
Incentives	\$50.00	120	\$6,000.00	Safety/Security
AmountRequested	\$45,900.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
No Matching Funds items have been added.			
AmountMatched	\$0.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$45,900.00

Amount Matched

\$0.00

Total Amount

\$45,900.00

Uploaded Files

Name

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DNA

There are no comments to display.

DNA

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We utilize DNA for drug and alcohol screening as needed:

\$15 ETG & \$15 per drug screen: \$30

\$15 per ETG (alcohol test)

\$15 per Drug Screen (THC – Amphetamines – Cocaine – Barbiturates – Benzodiazepines – Methamphetamines - Opioids – Methadone – OXY – Propoxyphene)