

Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation Act Program Information
Health and Safety Code Section 11970.1-11970.35

Purpose

The Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) Act funds drug court programs for adults, juveniles, and parents of children who are detained by, or are dependents of, the juvenile court. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) in collaboration with the Judicial Council oversees CDCI drug court programs.

Funding

The FY 2006-07 Budget Act appropriated \$12.9 million local assistance from the State General Fund (SGF) for the CDCI drug court programs. This amount includes an increase from FY 2005-06 of \$4.0 million for CDCI Adult Felony Drug Courts.

- Funds are allocated pursuant to statute, using a methodology based on \$2,500 per million and the remainder per capita.
- Funds will be redistributed in those instances where a county identifies in the Letter of Intent the inability to spend the additional allocation.
- Funding shall be used to supplement, rather than supplant, existing programs. Funding for counties that opt not to participate in the program shall be distributed on a per capita basis to participating counties.

Base CDCI Funding.

Base funding of \$8.9 million (the same as FY 2005-06) will be distributed for the period December 29, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Of this amount:

- \$6.6 million (base award) are used for adults, juveniles, and parents of children in juvenile court.
- \$2.3 million (supplemental award) must be used for adult offenders who are convicted felons.
- Funding is distributed by statutory formula.
- ADP will allocate the \$6.6 million (base award) and the \$2.3 million (supplemental award) to counties currently receiving CDCI funding.

Augmented CDCI Funding for Adult Felony Drug Courts

The \$4.0 million augmentation must be used for Adult Felony Drug Courts and will be distributed as follows:

- \$2.0 million each for the periods January 1, 2007 - March 31, 2007 and April 1, 2007 - June 30, 2007.

Eligibility Requirement for \$4.0 Million Augmentation for Adult Felony Drug Courts

- All 58 California counties are eligible to request funding.
- Counties must demonstrate a commitment of county matching funds in the amount of 20 percent (20%) of the county's CDCI allocation for adult felony drug courts. Counties may not use SGF as the county match.
- Counties operating CDCI adult felony drug courts should not apply for additional funding unless they are prepared to spend all of their allocation within the 6-month period and produce ongoing and greater prison savings.

Distribution of Funds

- ADP shall transfer funds on a reimbursement basis to counties for which ADP has approved local plans, and
- ADP will allocate the \$4.0 million increased funding for adult felony drug courts funding to counties that submit a "Letter of Intent" form".

Use of Funds

Legislative language identifies that Counties currently operating CDCI drug courts must allocate funds as follows:

- 33 percent (33%) to improve services for existing caseload.
- 66 percent (66%) to expand drug courts to additional participants.

Counties starting new adult CDCI felony drug courts may utilize funding to best implement programs.

A county alcohol and drug program administrator and the presiding judge in the county are required to submit a comprehensive Multi-Agency Plan (MAP) for implementing drug court systems. Funds distributed to counties shall be used for programs that are identified in the local plan. Acceptable uses may include drug court coordinators, case management, training, drug testing, treatment, transportation, and other treatment-related costs.

The plan shall do all of the following:

- Describe existing programs that serve substance abusing populations.
- Provide a local action plan for implementing cost-effective drug court systems.
- Develop information-sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated and to provide data for measuring success.
- Identify outcome measures that will determine the cost effectiveness of the plan.

Additional Information

If you have questions, contact your Drug Court County Liaison for DCP & CDCI (Attachment F).