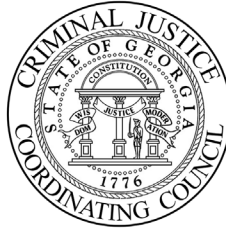


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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council), on behalf of the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ), is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding for qualified existing Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia.

2025 Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (GOCAT) Competitive Request for Application

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to current state funded Adult Felony Drug Court, Adult Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, DUI/DWI Court, Family Treatment Court, and Juvenile Treatment Court.

Deadline

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025

Award Period*

Each award is one year (12 months) in length. Extensions will be limited

Available Funding

Total grant funding available: \$1,473,075

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact:

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THIS IS A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Release Date: August 25, 2025

*Awards are funded based on an external selection committee vote. All conditions stated within this document are considered. The award period is dependent upon when Trust approval (if selected for funding) is received; therefore, exact award dates cannot be given until Trust approval is received.

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Competitive Request for Application

SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of 26 members representing various components of the criminal justice system. The Council uses a small proportion of each fiscal year's award to pay for costs incurred in administering this grant program.

Overview of the State of Georgia's Accountability Court Funding Program

The Council of Accountability Court of Judge (CACJ) was created in 2015 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population.

Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust

In 2022, Georgia secured \$638 million in settlements with major pharmaceutical entities and an additional \$13 million from McKinsey & Company to combat the opioid crisis. These Funds support strategic initiatives like expanding treatment options, increasing public awareness, and providing life-saving naloxone, overseen by the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission. The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust was created to receive and administer Georgia's share of funds from national settlements with opioid manufacturers and distributors. Funds held by the Trust will be used to support drug addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services.

Purpose Areas

GOCAT funds may be used by existing accountability court programs who will improve or enhance the following areas:

- Treatment Services
- Drug Testing
- Surveillance/Community Policing
- Case Management
- Accountability Court Staff Positions

SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and the CACJ Funding Committee members and its designated representatives who will consider the following:

1. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
2. Demonstration of clear, measurable and appropriate standards;
3. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.;
4. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved;
5. Valid contract or agreement with medical provider (for existing MAT programs);
6. Sharing resources among each accountability court within the circuit is strongly encouraged. All applications within each circuit will be reviewed together; and
7. Compliance with Certification Requirements.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The Council has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below to determine whether budget items requested are allowable prior to submitting your budget.

Applications for funding will undergo several reviews. At any point during these reviews, a decision not to fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the Council.

Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the program application received in response to this solicitation is made by the Council and are based on the availability of funding and recommendations of the CACJ Funding Committee to the Council's Board. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by the Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within fifteen (15) business days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

Grant funds will not be allowed to be used for: state training, office space, utilities, furniture, incentives, monthly cell phone charges, the purchase of vehicles, weapons, for overall agency supplies, construction projects, and grant administrative overhead.

Match

No match is required.

Supplanting

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant local funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are received by the Council's office.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council in partnership with CACJ will assign special conditions deemed appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as trust and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the award date.

Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust, has developed performance measures for all program types funded with GOCAT program funds. As such, the Council requires that all GOCAT funded subgrantees complete a quarterly statistical report using the template provided by the Council at the time of award acceptance. The goal of the performance report is to assist courts in producing evidence-based guidance on monitoring and evaluating programs.

GOCAT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities and due on the following dates:

Reporting Period	Due Date
January 1 - March 31	April 15
April 1 - June 30	July 15
July 1 - September 30	October 15
October 1 - December 31	January 15

SECTION IV: APPLICATION PROCESS

Program Narrative

All applications must include narrative information using the format outlines within the provided application template. The breakdown below can be used to provide assistance to draft responses prior to submitting them with the grant application.

- **Project description:** Provide a description of the project including the agency's name, agency type, and year founded. Include the geographic area targeted, estimated number of individuals who will be served during the grant period, and relevant characteristics of the target population for the Accountability Court funded project. Please include a detailed description of the current project, the implementation status to date, and how the funding will be used to supplement existing funding to achieve project objectives.
- **Needs statement:** Provide a statement of the specific problem(s)/gap(s) the project will address. Include data that supports this claim. Only use data that is verifiable and relevant to the target population. For example, do not use statewide data for a local problem statement and do not use national data for a statewide problem statement.
- **Project goals:** State the goals of the proposed project. Explain how the project goals will meet the needs of the project's target population and/or impact the proposed service area. For example, an estimated number of participants to be served during the grant period and the anticipated outcomes. Outcomes are defined as changes in attitudes, knowledge, skills, behaviors, and conditions. Goals must be specific, measurable, action-oriented, reasonable, and time-sensitive having performance indicators.
- **Project activities and services:** Describe the Accountability Court-funded project's service delivery plan. In other words, explain how the agency will achieve project goals. Explain what services will be implemented or enhanced. Outline proposed service providers where services will be delivered, a timeline for implementing said services as well as an explanation as to why services are needed to achieve the stated goals. Please also explain how the plan for project activities and services will meet the target population's needs as described in the needs statement.
- **Resources needed:** In this section, please clearly explain the resources needed to conduct, enhance, and/or expand the project activities and services necessary to achieve project's goals. For example, if the proposed project will also be supported by an Accountability Court grant and/or county funding, then explain how this grant funds will enhance these resources and enable the project to be conducted.

SECTION V: BUDGETS

All applicants must complete a detailed budget with budget narrative within the grant management system. The narrative should include a breakdown of costs, as well as how funds will be allocated across approved budget categories of Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Consultants/Contracts, and Other.

All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowability of line item costs per program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.

Required Attachments

Under Required Documents, please include the following attachments if applicable:

- MOU/Contract between your agency and the established service providers;
- Supporting Documents for budgeted items
- Other documents (i.e. job descriptions for any positions requested under this grant and any other documents CJCC/CACJ may find helpful to understand the agency and/or its project)

How to Apply

This application will be submitted through the new grants management system, <https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov/>. The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with the RFA guidelines in order for the submission or proposal to be considered for funding. Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. **All submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025.**