

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Solicitation period: August 2, 2019 – September 9, 2019
Funding period: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Q1. How much RSAT funding is available?

A1. There is approximately \$350,000 total available for the states' RSAT projects.

Q2. What are the types of match?

A2. Types of match are cash (hard) and in-kind (soft). Match is restricted to the same use of funds as allowed for the Federal funds. If it is not allowable under the Federal award, it is not an allowable match. Please reference DOJ 2015 Financial Guide https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/pdfs/2015_DOJ_FinancialGuide.pdf for additional information regarding types of match.

Q3. Do applicants have to make citations (cite the source of where information is received) in the program narratives?

A3. DFA-IGS is not requiring citations. If you do have citations, yes, please include the source(s) within proposal narratives. Providing detailed and thorough proposal narratives are extremely helpful during the review process.

Q4. Can funds be utilized for technical support for the use of Tablets and Tablet upgrades?

A4. This is an eligible item as long as it enhances treatment to the RSAT participants and can be linked to the goals and objectives of the RSAT program.

Q5. Can funds be utilized for technical support for a Screening Instrument for Implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment?

A5. This is an eligible item as long as it enhances treatment to the RSAT participants and can be linked to the goals and objectives of the RSAT program.

Q6. Can a salary of security staff personnel (that is paid out of county funds) supervising the inmates in a substance abuse unit be used as match?

A6. Yes, the salary of security staff personnel paid out by county funds can be utilized as match as long as the staff are providing security/supervision for participants of the RSAT program.

Q7. Is there a limit on the amount of funding that we can apply for?

A7. No. However, because of the federal funds allotted to the State of Arkansas for this program, funding requests should be based on the proposed annual project costs. No one sub award will exceed the federally awarded amount.

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- Q8. If an eligible entity is applying for after-care grant funding and does not have the capability of providing the services required of that program, may they contract with a community organization for assistance?
- A8. Yes, an applicant may sub contract with a community organization to implement services. DFA-IGS encourages collaboration and partnerships in order to achieve favorable outcomes.
- Q9. Is a city/county/regional jail-based program required to segregate the RSAT participants (prisoners) from general population?
- A9. Yes, this is a federal requirement.
- Q10. May anyone other than a government agency apply for this grant?
- A10. No. The eligibility requirements specifically state that “Eligible Entities” are state and local agencies that operate and maintain correctional facilities.” (Page 1-2 of the RFP) Local non-profit agencies may be sub-contractors and partner with the eligible entity to provide RSAT services.
- Q11. What type of review is made by DF&A/IGS on a yearly basis for this program?
- A11. Along with the regular quarterly performance and fiscal reporting that is required in the program, IGS will conduct site visits.
- Q12. If I am a first-time applicant that is selected for this program, will I be able to receive training related to all aspects of the grant reimbursement program?
- A12. Yes. RSAT awarded applicants (sub recipients) will receive grantee training and technical assistance throughout the project as needed, regardless of whether they are new or long-time sub recipients.
- Q13. What types of things could impact my future receipt of this award if I am selected this year?
- A13. Failure to file your reports on time, failure to request reimbursement for expenses in a timely manner or failure to respond to communications from DF&A/IGS may impact your future funding in a negative way. To minimize the effects of unforeseen circumstances, open communication is always encouraged between DF&A/IGS and the sub-grantee.

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Q14. [If I am not selected as a sub-recipient is there an appeal process?](#)

A14. Yes, you may appeal your denial or modification of your application to the Administrator, IGS, DF&A, P.O. Box 8031, Little Rock, AR 72203 within 10 days of *receipt* of DFA-IGS decision on your application.

Q15. [Is it possible that federal funding for this program could change?](#)

A15. Any award made by DFA-IGS office is always based on the availability of funds. Awards are based on funds on hand at the time of the application process. It is highly rare for funding to change after an award has been made.

Q16. [What kinds of things can be used for match in the program?](#)

A16. Any project cost that is available as an allowable federal expense is also available as a match expense. For example: Since security for inmates is an additional expense for the agency, a portion of that expense can be utilized as match in the program. This match allowance is strictly limited to the time spent securing offenders who are participating in the RSAT program. See page 5 of the RFP for ineligible activities and match cost items.