



FY 2019 Special Conditions for Problem-Solving Courts (PSC) DISCRETIONARY GRANT

The Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC) is a department in the Administrative Office of the Courts, Programs Division, responsible for assisting the problem-solving courts in development, maintenance, and advancement of a collaborative therapeutic system. OPSC has overseen the creation of problem-solving programs in 21 of the 24 jurisdictions in Maryland and works with public and private stakeholders to develop and establish best practices in problem-solving courts.

1. Eligibility

Circuit Courts who are currently approved or are in the process of implementing a problem-solving court in Maryland are eligible to apply for grant funding.

Truancy Courts—Beginning in FY 2019, Truancy Court oversight and funding came from the AOC’s Department of Juvenile and Family Services (DJFS) to OPSC. OPSC has decided to allow the current operational truancy courts to continue to fund products and services provided under previous grants from DJFS even if it falls under Ineligible Activities/Services.

The operational truancy courts in the following jurisdictions are eligible for OPSC grant funding:

- Dorchester County
- Harford County
- Kent County
- Prince Georges County
- Talbot County
- Somerset County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

2. Matching Funds

There is no match required for this grant. PSC grant funds can be requested for use as a match for a state or federal grant. A written request should be addressed to the OPSC Director for consideration and approval.

3. Funding Period

OPSC awards grant on the state’s fiscal year cycle. Grants awarded for Fiscal Year 2019 will support the awards for Problem-Solving Courts from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. All funds must be expended within this time period.

4. Reporting

A. Statistical Reporting

Grantees are required to maintain program records and data on the State of Maryland Automated Record Tracking (SMART) system. The statistical reports are due to OPSC on a quarterly basis.

The quarterly schedule for statistical reporting is as follows:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Report Due Date</u>
1 st Quarter (July 1 thru Sept 30)	October 31
2 nd Quarter (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)	January 31
3 rd Quarter (Jan1 thru Mar 31)	April 30
4 th Quarter (April 1 thru June 30)	July 31
Full Year w/Graphs – Tables 1 thru 16 and 18 w/o Graphs	Tables 17 July 31 July 31

B. Financial Reporting

Grantees are required to provide signed grant invoices on a quarterly basis. These documents must be submitted by the due dates outlined below, even if the grantee did not expend any funds during the quarter.

Specific reporting requirements, including required reporting forms, will be provided to the grantee by email early in the funding period. Reporting forms will be cumulative Excel Workbooks personalized for each grantee.

The quarterly schedule for financial reporting is as follows:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
1 st Quarter (July 1 thru Sept 30)	November 15
2 nd Quarter (Oct 1 thru Dec 31)	February 15

3 rd Quarter (Jan1 thru Mar 31) End of Year Estimate (unspent)	May 15 April 1
End of Year Final (unspent)	June 15 (estimated)
4 th Quarter (April 1 thru June 30)	August 15
Final Workbook (July 1 thru June 30)	August 15

C. Reporting On Goals, Objectives, and Measurable Outcomes

Each grantee is responsible for submitting a summary report of the FY 2019 Goals, Objectives, and Measurable Outcomes submitted in the grant and/or modified throughout the grant year. The summary will address how the goals were met or unmet through the course of this grant year and what challenges were met and overcome.

Summary Report Due Date
September 1, 2019

D. Report Submission Requirements

All reports (financial, program/statistical, and goals summary) must be submitted electronically to the OPSC, emailed to OPSC.grants@mdcourts.gov by the due dates outlined. Financial and program/statistical reports must be scanned PDFs of the signed hard copy reports. Goals summary reports do not need to be signed. DO NOT send paper copies of the reports.

E. Budget Modifications

1. Budget Modifications are available to OPSC Grantees to allow for budget adjustments among existing categories and to offer an opportunity to add new eligible activities during a given fiscal year.
2. The grantees must use a budget modification form for all requests of an individual line item or if seeking to add a new category regardless of the amount requested. The budget modification must be approved before the actual spending of the funds.
3. All budget modifications shall be recorded on the fiscal reporting forms with the fiscal workbook on a quarterly basis.
4. The Budget Modification is the last tab in the fiscal workbook. The form should be completed electronically, printed, signed, scanned and emailed to opsc.grants@mdcourts.gov.
5. OPSC is responsible for reviewing and responding to Budget Modification requests within five business days.

5. Grant Monitoring

Site visits may be conducted to verify compliance with the grant conditions. There are two types of site visits: financial and programmatic. Site visits of a financial nature only evaluate the fiscal administration of the grant. Programmatic site visits evaluate the direct services and operational components based on best practices, as well as state and national research on the

problem-solving court models.

Staff will follow-up with grantees as needed to address incomplete reports, gather additional information, and assess performance. Follow-up will be made by phone and in person through site visits.

Contact your Grant Monitor with all program-related concerns.

Gray Barton Gray.Barton@mdcourts.gov 410-260-3617
Director

Jewel Johnson Jewel.Johnson@mdcourts.gov 410-260-3618
Problem-Solving Court Program Manager
Allegany, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties

Robert Pointer Robert.Pointer@mdcourts.gov 410-20-3619
Problem-Solving Court Program Manager
Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince Georges Counties.

Brenda Stansbury Brenda.Stansbury@mdcourts.gov 410-260-3615
Program Manager-Grants - Workbook, Financial Reporting

6. Contact Information

A. Grantee Contacts

Grantees are responsible for ensuring that the OPSC is provided with accurate and up- to-date contact information for their program. This includes an email address, as the OPSC sends many important grant announcements by email.

B. OPSC Contact Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all grant communications with the OPSC should be sent by email to: OPSC.grants@mdcourts.gov.

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

The following is a description of eligible activities and services that may be supported by the grant project.

- ❑ Academic training/tutoring/GED assistance;
- ❑ Case manager and/or resource specialist (responsible for overseeing the ancillary service component of the Problem-Solving Court which includes developing case plans, facilitating access to services and monitoring participant progress, not clinical or a Division of Probation and Parole agent);
- ❑ Child care for court-ordered services only;
- ❑ Drug and alcohol testing;
- ❑ Problem-Solving Court Coordinator (this is a non-clinical position, responsible for the efficient daily operation of the Problem-Solving Court which includes the planning, developing, monitoring and evaluation of the Problem-Solving Court;
- ❑ Employment services and/or vocational services;
- ❑ Family/marital counseling;
- ❑ Graduation/Acknowledgment certificate and frame;
- ❑ Group counseling/peer support, non-Substance Abuse Services;
- ❑ Health education/life skills;
- ❑ Education fees/testing/noncredit courses;
- ❑ Housing alternatives/resources, Short term and Emergency Housing Only;
- ❑ Panel Attorney;
- ❑ Parenting/child development classes;
- ❑ Staff training and travel;
- ❑ Medication for reentry purposes;
- ❑ State's Attorney's Office;
- ❑ Transportation (public and private); and
- ❑ Trauma Treatment;

Requesting an item that is not listed in the above examples is acceptable and will be considered based on eligibility, need, goals, and funding availability. Please be sure that the item justifications are specific and detailed.

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Grant funds **may not** be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- ❑ Administrative fees/costs associated with program operations;
- ❑ Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant or that is provided by other federal, state, or local funds;
- ❑ Construction;
- ❑ Food and beverages*;
- ❑ Fundraising activities;
- ❑ Lobbying activities;
- ❑ Membership dues for group or individuals;
- ❑ Subscriptions;
- ❑ Incentives*;
- ❑ Graduation/Acknowledgment party supplies*;
- ❑ Petty Cash funds for miscellaneous undocumented items;
- ❑ Operational costs;
- ❑ Promotional gifts;
- ❑ Proselytizing or sectarian worship;
- ❑ Vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use; or
- ❑ Weapons, ammunition, explosives, military vehicles or purchase of vehicles or property.

*Approved Truancy Courts who received funding from DJFS prior to FY 2019 may be eligible for these products/services from OPSC in FY 2019.