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Wisconsin Department of Justice

Grant Success: Completing a TAD Grant Competitive Application for 2027

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Introductions and Staff Roles

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Agenda

- Background on TAD Statute & Funding Specifics for 2027
- Four Category Selections for 2027
- 2027 TAD Application Two Step Process Overview
- 2027 TAD Pre-Application Form and Process
- CORE Admission Summary Report
- Pre-Application Review and Award Criteria

Background & Funding Specifics

Statutes Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) – WI Statute 165.95

- Alternative to incarceration grant program
- State funding for counties and tribes
- Grants fund treatment courts and diversion programs
- Criminal involvement related to drug or alcohol use
- Goals of TAD-funded programs:
 - Reduce recidivism
 - Reduce prison and jail populations
 - Reduce prosecution and incarceration rates/costs
 - Improve public safety
 - Improve lives of participants and their families

Background & Funding Specifics

Requirements

- Program serves Adults only (age 17+)
- Oversight Body advises Program Operations
- Data Collected by DOJ – CORE Reporting System
- Risk/Needs Assessments & Full Clinical Assessments assessing for compulsive use
- Services Consistent with Evidence-Based Practices
- Provide Case Management
- Use Graduated Incentives and Sanctions
- Program establishes Participant Eligibility Criteria
 - NOTE: “Violent Offender” Restriction - s. 165.95(1)(bg)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) must be allowed

Background & Funding Specifics

2027 Funding Specifics

- '27 is fully competitive and year 1 of a 5-year cycle:
 - Next cycle 2027-2031
- \$10,688,900 is available for CY '27
- Eligibility:
 - All Wisconsin Counties and Tribes are eligible
 - Must complete a Pre-application Form

Category Selections

Category #1

Implemented Programs – Existing TAD Funded Programs in CY2026

Category #2

New Program (Diversion or Treatment Court)

Category #3

Expansion or Enhancement Funding (Diversion or Treatment Court) – Existing TAD Funded Programs only

Category #4

Implemented Programs – Non-TAD Funded in CY2026

Category Selections

Category #1 - Implemented Programs – Existing TAD Funded Programs in CY2026

- Maintain operations of existing TAD-funded program
- Have an established CJCC or oversight committee
- DOJ tentatively projects allocating up to \$9,688,900 to cover existing TAD funded programs
- Projection based upon:
 - Level of spending of existing sites over last three years
 - New Caps on amount of funds used for training
 - Program performance consideration

Category Selections

Category #2 - New Program (Diversion or Treatment Court)

- Counties or tribes in initial planning stage of implementing a new program
- Designed for jurisdictions that:
 1. Already have a CJCC and receive TAD funding, and seek a new treatment court or diversion program; or
 2. Do not yet have a CJCC or TAD funding but seek a new treatment court or diversion program.
- DOJ tentatively projects allocating up to \$500,000 in TAD funds sufficient to support multiple new programs
- Jurisdictions under this category will be expected to implement program by June 30, 2027

Category Selections

Category #3 - Expansion or Enhancement Funding (Diversion or Treatment Court)

- Have established CJCC
- Fully operational program that received TAD funding in 2026
- Grant funds cannot be used for any positions, supplies, services, or costs that are already part of the county/tribal budget or could be billed to BadgerCare or private insurance
- Funds are intended to expand the program or enhance a current program
 - Expand = more participants
 - Enhance = offer new services
- DOJ tentatively projects allocating up to \$300,000 under this category, sufficient to support multiple enhancement/expansion projects.

Category Selections

Category #4 - Implemented Programs – Non-TAD Funded in CY2026

- Have established CJCC
- Seeking to continue an existing program non-TAD funded
- DOJ tentatively projects allocating up to \$200,000 under this category, sufficient to support multiple programs. The maximum amount to be awarded under this category is \$100,000 per applicant

Two Step Application Process

Step 1 - **Mandatory Pre-Application**

- ✓ Competitive portion of the process and will set funding amounts – involvement of DHS, DOC, and State
- ✓ Questions about best practice (oversight committee involvement, team composition, program evaluation & measures, sustainability efforts)
- ✓ More emphasis on budget as compared to past pre-applications
- ✓ Cap on amount of TAD funding covering training

Important Dates:

- Pre-Application release is early-May
- Pre-Application Webinar May 14, 2026, from 9:00am-10:30am - [REGISTER](#)
- Pre-Application due date is July 2, 2026, by 5:00PM

Two Step Application Process

Step 2 – Final Application

- ✓ Narrative based – to include Project Design Tables, Goals and Objectives, Letter of Commitment with CJCC oversight signatures, etc.
- ✓ **New Grants Management Platform – Webgrants instead of Egrants**
- ✓ Trainings on new platform and the final application components will be held later in summer

Important Dates:

- Target posting date is early to mid-September
- Target due date is mid to late October
- Target date to send out Award letters is mid to late December

Pre-Application Form

- Mandatory for all counties/tribes interested in applying for 2027 TAD grant award
- Due date July 2, 2026, no later than 5:00pm
- Send completed forms and supporting documents to marsha.schiszik@wisdoj.gov

Pre-Application Sections:

- Agency Profile
- Contact Persons
- Program Types

Pre-Application Form

Category #1 - Implemented Programs – Existing TAD Funded Programs in CY2026

Pre-Application Sections:

- Amount of State Funds Requested in 2027
- TAD Grant Spenddown History
- TAD Grant Reporting Requirements
- Oversight Committee (attachment required)
- Program or Team Membership
- Program Performance (attachments required)
- Program Sustainability

Pre-Application Form

Category #2 - New Program (Diversion or Treatment Court)

Pre-Application Sections:

- Amount of State Funds Requested in 2027
- Program Type
- Oversight Committee Membership (if applicable)
- Justification for Request (no more than 2-3 paragraphs)
- Include data in your response

Pre-Application Form

Category #3 – Expansion or Enhancement Funds (Diversion or Treatment Court)

Pre-Application Sections:

- Amount of State Funds Requested in 2027
- Justification for Request (no more than 2-3 paragraphs)
 - Include data in your response

Pre-Application Form

Category #4 -Implemented Programs – Non-TAD Funded in CY2026

Pre-Application Sections:

- Amount of State Funds Requested in 2027
- Program Type
- Confirmation of Match Requirement
- Grant Funds Spenddown History (previous primary grant)
- Grant Reporting Requirements (previous primary grant)
- Oversight Committee (previous primary grant and if applicable)
- Program or Team Membership
- Program Performance
- Program Sustainability Plan

Pre-Application Form

Requested Amount Summary

- Cumulative Total State Amount Requested (Categories 1-4)
- Match Calculation
- Total Grant Requested Amount

Pre-Application Form

Proposed Budget

- More than an estimate
- Budget Categories
 - Personnel – Total Amount, role & name, state funds or match
 - Benefits - Total Amount, role & name, state funds or match
 - Travel & Training
 - Travel – funds to support program/participant specific travel
 - Training – cap on funds (5 Tx Court, 2 Div Staff and in-state only)
 - Supplies/Operating
 - Contractors/Consultants
 - Indirect Costs

Pre-Application Form

Additional Information:

- Virtual webinar – May 14, 2026, from 9:00-10:30am
 - [Click here to register](#)
- For each TAD-funded program, you will need to submit **three** individual CORE Admission Summary reports, with one report dedicated to each calendar year: 2023, 2024, and 2025 (if applicable)

CORE Admission Summary

Instructions:

1. Log into CORE
2. Click on the “Reports” subtitle and ensure the correct program is selected from the dropdown at the top of the screen.
3. Click on “Program Admission Summary”
4. Select Admission Summary Parameter
 - Data range: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 & 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 & 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
 - Status: Active, Graduated, Pending Discharge, Terminated, Administrative Discharge, Inactive, Transfer
 - Funding Sources: Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD)
5. Click “submit” and choose PDF for viewing.

Pre-Application Review and Award Criteria

- Pre-applications will be reviewed separately for each funding category
- Pre-applications will be evaluated on following criteria:
 - Completion of all required Pre-Application components
 - Compliance with all Pre-Application instructions and submission requirements
 - Degree of accuracy, completeness, and compliance with past program spending and reporting (if applicable)
 - Strength and clarity of the justification for requested funding, including alignment with program goals
 - Demonstrated need for funding based on existing program capacity and service availability within the agency, county, or tribe.

Pre-Application Review and Award Criteria

- Pre-applications will be evaluated by DOJ staff in conjunction with DOC, DHS, and Office of State Courts
- Recommended grant amount allocations will be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General in partnership with secretaries for State Dept. of Corrections and State Dept. of Health Services
- County or tribal agencies will be notified via email of the amount awarded

Main Takeaways

- ✓ Priorities are to support existing programs and add new programs
- ✓ Adjustments will need to be made due to no additional funding
- ✓ Pre-Applications should be complete and concise
- ✓ New Grants Management Platform – for final application
- ✓ DOJ Staff Changes – Mike Derr (retiring) & Sarah Cook (new grants specialist staff)

Questions?

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Thank You!