

Q: *If a DA's office applies for funding for a new Adult Diversion program but has an existing Adult Diversion program, does the existing program have to comply with the statutory language too?*

A: These funds can only be used for Adult Diversion programs that meet the requirements of the legislative act and enacted statute (HB 13-1156; C.R.S. § 18-1.3-101). Programs operating outside of this funding do not currently need to comply. Reporting will need to reflect the distinction between programs funded by these dollars and any additional Adult Diversion programs in the judicial district.

Q: *Would this be considered a grant funded program, therefore, the employee(s) would technically not be employed directly by the DA's office?*

A: This would be considered grant funding. How the DA chooses to employ or contract for services is at their discretion. Funding is not guaranteed.

Q: *Would the employee(s) hired to manage the program only be able to perform duties specifically pertaining to the grant?*

A: If you clearly document in reports how the contractor/employee's time is spent on this Adult Diversion program that time could be paid for by the grant. If they had other duties outside of adult diversion that time would not be paid for by the grant. But it does not matter if they are working only a percentage of their time on Adult Diversion. These funds could cover the percentage that is dedicated to this Adult Diversion funded program.

Q: *Will training be required if funded?*

A: Online orientation training will be required for reporting procedure and funding distribution for FY 20, likely to take place prior to the start of the next fiscal year. Topic specific training may be offered to support grantees. Attendance at the yearly Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference may also be made available through the Correctional Treatment Board. Any additional questions or training requests may be directed to the grant coordinator from the grantee.

ADULT DIVERSION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – FY '20

Q: *Can the application for funding be done by an organization outside of the DA's office to help cover the costs of supervision, or does the application for funding have to be filled out by the District Attorney's office?*

A: It does not matter to the committee who completes the application. However, it must be approved and submitted by the DA.

Q: *Can we charge a fee for Adult Diversion?*

A: Yes, the statute allows Adult Diversion fees up to \$50 per month. Collected supervision fees are to be used towards the operation of an Adult Diversion program and should be kept in an account separately from awarded grant funds.

Q: *Can we use grant funds for treatment?*

A: Yes, the use of Adult Diversion funds for treatment is encouraged. Currently, there are additional funds available from the Correctional Treatment Board specifically for treatment of Adult Diversion participants. *See:* "FUNDING GUIDELINES – CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT BOARD (FY 20)."

Q: *Can we receive technical assistance with the application?*

A: Yes, please contact the Adult Diversion Coordinator, Kyle Gustafson, with any questions about the funding process, application materials, or for any additional information related to adult diversion. Feel free to reach him either by email at kyle.gustafson@judicial.state.co.us or by phone (720) 625-5966.

Q: *Are we required to provide an annual report in addition to the quarterly summaries?*

A: Yes, the funding committee uses information compiled within the year-end reports from the program for purposes of drafting their annual report to the legislature pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-3-115 and is a contractual part of the funding agreement.