



JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF CALIFORNIA

OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DIVISION
CENTER FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & THE COURTS

Request for Application (RFA) for Collaborative Justice Courts Substance Abuse Focus Program Grant Funding, Fiscal Year 2020–2021 and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation, Fiscal Year 2020 –2021

Completed applications must be e-mailed by **5 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2020** to carrie.zoller@jud.ca.gov. Please contact Carrie Zoller at 415-865-8829 or carrie.zoller@jud.ca.gov with any questions.

Due to potential court closures and shelter-in-place orders, signatures are not required for this application. If it is not possible for your court to add digital signatures to the attachments in this document, you may submit by email without signatures.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOCUS GRANT (SAFG)

As part of the Budget Act of 2020, the Legislature has allocated \$1,160,000 to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. Non-competitive grants will be made available through a Judicial Council approved formulaic distribution available to all 58 local courts. Grant requirements are the same as FY 2019-20. Final award amounts are contingent on approval by the Judicial Council.

Key Information

- All California superior courts operating at least one collaborative court¹ are eligible to apply.
- Grant awards will range between \$12,000 and \$45,000 per superior court with the total amount being based on the number of collaborative courts and participants.
- Courts seeking to increase the number of participants their collaborative justice court serves can qualify for enhancement funding, as long as the court is increasing its capacity by 10 or more clients.
- Local superior courts also can apply for collaborative court programs that are developed in conjunction with tribal courts.
- Grant deliverables consist of two required surveys which provide basic information on the programs and how grant funds were used. FY 2020-21 funds cannot be awarded until your court has completed the FY 2019-20 deliverables.

How to Apply

Complete and e-mail the following documents to Carrie Zoller at carrie.zoller@jud.ca.gov by **5 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.**

1. Grant Application Excel Template (attached).
2. Statement Regarding Models of Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaborative Court Principles (Attachment 1, page 3 of this document).
3. Substance Abuse Focus Grant Reporting Commitment and Funding Contingency Form (Attachment 2, page 4 of this document).

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT (DDC) AUGMENTATION

An allocation of at least \$75,000 is available through the Federal Court Improvement Program to support juvenile dependency drug courts that receive SAFG funds. The DDC augmentation is non-competitive and based on the number of anticipated court participants.

Key Information

- Eligible applicants for this augmentation are California superior courts operating at least one dependency drug court. To receive this funding, dependency drug court programs must address substance abuse, provide treatment services, and incorporate collaborative justice court principles. Education only programs are not eligible. Grant deliverables consist of two required surveys which provide basic information on the programs and how grant funds were used.

How to Apply

Complete and e-mail the following documents to Carrie Zoller at the Judicial Council by **5 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.** They may be included in the same email as the Substance Abuse Focus Grant application.

1. The information required for the dependency drug court funding application is included in the Grant Application Excel Template (attached).
2. Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Commitment and Funding Contingency Form (Attachment 3, page 5 of this document).

ATTACHMENT 1

**Judicial Council of California
Statement Regarding Models of Substance Abuse Intervention and
Collaborative Court Principles**

INCLUDE A SIGNED COPY OF THIS PAGE IN YOUR APPLICATION EMAIL

Please read and acknowledge this form by signing below.

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, appointed by the Chief Justice of California, has developed the following components and practices of collaborative justice courts:

1. Collaborative justice courts integrate services with justice system processing.
2. Collaborative justice courts emphasize achieving the desired goals without the use of the traditional adversarial process.
3. Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the collaborative justice court program.
4. Collaborative justice courts provide access to a continuum of services, including treatment and rehabilitation services.
5. Compliance is monitored frequently.
6. A coordinated strategy governs collaborative justice court responses to participants' compliance, using a system of sanctions and incentives to foster program compliance.
7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each collaborative justice court participant is essential.
8. Monitoring and evaluation measures the achievement of program goals and gauges effectiveness.
9. Effective collaborative justice court operations require continuing interdisciplinary education.
10. Forging partnerships among collaborative justice courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations increases the availability of services, enhances collaborative justice court effectiveness, and generates local support.
11. Effective collaborative justice courts emphasize a team and individual commitment to cultural competency. Awareness of and responsiveness to diversity and cultural issues help ensure an attitude of respect within the collaborative justice court setting.

All projects funded in this grant program need to use accepted models of substance abuse treatment and be consistent with these practices. Please acknowledge by signing below. This form is generally signed by the Court Executive Officer.

Name of Authorized Signatory	Title	Phone Number
Signature		Date Signed

**Judicial Council of California
Substance Abuse Focus Grant Reporting Commitment
and Funding Contingency Form**

INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS PAGE IN YOUR APPLICATION EMAIL

The presiding judge, collaborative justice court judge, court executive officer/administrator, and court financial/accounting officer/contact of the jurisdictions involved need to sign the following statement. A signed copy does not need to be provided with the application; however, if an unsigned copy is submitted, a signed original must be kept on file at the court and made available, upon request by the program manager.

We, the undersigned, have reviewed the enclosed application for a California Collaborative Justice Courts Substance Abuse Focus Grant, and it has our full support and commitment.

1. We will ensure that all statistical and financial reporting requirements will be fulfilled. We understand that such reporting will be a prerequisite for the release of grant funds.
2. We understand that funding for the 2020–2021 Collaborative Justice Courts Substance Abuse Focus Grant program is contingent on approval by the Judicial Council.

REQUESTING COURT: _____

Presiding Judge (print or type) Signature Date

Collaborative Justice Court Judge Signature Date

Court Executive Officer/
Administrator Signature Date

Court Financial/Accounting Officer Signature Date

