

Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Division

FY2020-21 Grant Award Methodology

New Diversion Program and TAIP Grant Requests

Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Sex Offender treatment services and caseloads were prioritized for potential new grant funding. In addition, CSCDs without DP funding or CSCDs with only pretrial diversion funds were prioritized for potential new grant funding.

Continued Diversion Program and TAIP Grant Requests

Total score and outcome benchmarks for successful completions for each like type program were determined. Total score is comprised of two separate scores, program and financial.

Program Score was determined by the following elements:

1. Prior action plans;
2. Completion of prior action plans, if applicable;
3. Prior funding reductions;
4. Successful completion rate; and
5. Actual program outputs compared to CSCD program activity submissions.

Financial Score was determined by the following elements:

1. Unit Cost Request (Amount Requested Proportionate to Need Identified);
2. Timely Submission of Quarterly Reports;
3. Proposed Overhead and Administrative Costs (Supervisor/Administrative Salaries);
4. Independent Audit Risk Analysis; and
5. Unit cost per bed (CCFs only).

Each CSCD's total score was compared to the average score and successful completion percentage was compared to the statewide benchmark for like type programs. Results were applied as follows:

- Below average score and below benchmark = 10% reduction;
- Below average score and at or above benchmark = funded at FY '18-19 level;
- At or above average score and at or below benchmark = funded at FY '18-19 level;
- Above average score and above benchmark = 10% increase not to exceed request amount.

Additional Considerations: The majority of Sex Offender, MHI, and residential facilities were not reduced due to priority populations and ramifications of such decreases. However, programs with ongoing action plans were reduced 10%. In addition, Pretrial Diversion programs were not reduced this funding cycle since the 2018-19 biennium was the first funding cycle for this program type.

Per bed funding rates were evaluated for residential facilities. Due to the significant range in funding levels, facilities with significantly lower bed rates than like type programs with above average scores and at or above the benchmark were adjusted, not to exceed the facility's requested amount.

Note: FY2020-FY2021 initial grant award amounts are subject to change based on an approved CSCD appeal or other changes to the program that impact funding.