

Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Division

FY2026-27 Grant Award Methodology

New Diversion Program and TAIP Grant Requests

Regional (multi-CSCD) Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Sex Offender treatment services will be prioritized for potential new grant funding. Additionally, priority will be given to new programs in unserved or underserved areas of the state as evidenced by criminogenic needs identified by the Texas Risk Assessment System or other submitted documentation.

Continued Diversion Program and TAIP Grant Requests

Currently funded Diversion and TAIP grant programs are scored in the following areas:

1. Prior action plans,
2. Successful completion rate compared to statewide benchmark for like type programs,
3. Actual program outputs compared to CSCD program activity submissions,
4. Timely submission of quarterly financial reports,
5. Independent audit risk analysis, and
6. Residential Outcome Study (CCFs only).

Each program's total score is compared to the mean program score. Programs within or above one standard deviation of the mean are eligible for funding increases. Programs with scores below this range may have funding reduced or grant funding discontinued, as applicable. Mental Health Initiative (MHI) caseloads, since coordinated with TCOOMMI funding, may be excepted; however, can be adjusted based on unit cost relative to other MHI caseloads.

Each program's unit cost is compared to the mean unit cost for like-type programs. Programs with a unit cost outside of one standard deviation of the mean are considered for funding adjustments; decrease or increase as applicable. Program funding adjustments based on unit cost take into consideration the following:

- ❖ Program Type
- ❖ Geographic Location
- ❖ Secondary Services
- ❖ Treatment Level

It should be noted that due to the grant award methodology released prior to the conclusion of the legislative session, this methodology may be impacted by enacted legislation or changes to appropriations. Additionally, this methodology may be revised by the TDCJ-CJAD Division Director, if necessary.