

Programming Ideas

Through the County Community Safety Investment Fund RFP, funding is available to counties for the development and implementation of evidence-based:

1. Mental health and substance abuse treatment programs or other health care programs;
2. Pretrial diversion programs;
3. Employment programs;
4. Education programs; or
5. Housing programs.

The overall intent of all projects is diversion of individuals from the criminal justice system. ***The following list of ideas is not in a priority order, nor is it an exhaustive list.*** It is simply meant as a tool to assist stakeholders and county leaders with potential ideas as they develop proposals to meet the needs in their counties.

- **Pre-trial Services**

Development or expansion of a pretrial services which provides staffing to screen individuals in the jail for service needs, make service recommendations to the judge, and provide supervision and connection to community-based treatment services for individuals released on pretrial bond. Could include outreach teams which provide court date reminders, transportation support to court if needed, and case management to connect individuals to supports in the community. Potential benefits include a decrease in overall jail days and increased connection with community-based treatment services, and reduction in recidivism.

- **Jail Based Treatment Services**

Development or expansion of mental health and substance abuse services within the county jail. Individuals in custody may begin treatment services which focus on access to engagement, motivational interviewing, Medication Assisted Treatment if appropriate, and connection to community-based services once released. Potential benefits include a decrease in overdose at release, increased connection with community-based treatment services, and reduction in recidivism.

- **Employment Services**

Development or expansion of employment programs which provide supported employment, resumes, job coaching, or other services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system who are unemployed.

- **Housing Services**

Development or expansion of housing programs which provide emergency housing resources to homeless individuals arrested for minor law violations.

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- **Law Enforcement Led Diversion**
Law enforcement led diversion programs which provide education and policy updates for local law enforcement to increase diversion to treatment efforts for individuals interacting with law enforcement. Could include outreach officers to co-respond with community mental health providers for individuals frequently interacting with officers due to unmet mental health needs
- **First Responder Led Diversion**
First responder led programs which provide a co-response with community mental health providers after overdose rescues or other situations indicative of a behavioral health treatment need.
- **Expansion of Criminal Diversion Opportunities**
Development or expansion of a criminal diversion program targeting a particular population of need in the district including individuals with felonies, misdemeanors, juveniles, specific crimes, etc. with the goal of reducing recidivism and connection to community-based treatment services.
- **Expansion of Civil Diversion Opportunities**
Development or expansion of a civil diversion docket for individuals whose criminal charges may be dismissed and instead enter into an agreement for a civil order to community-based treatment services.
- **Systemic District Coordination**
Creation of a district diversion office which coordinates all diversion efforts in the county and implements a systemic diversion focus through prearrest, pretrial, pre-adjudication, and post plea or sentencing with the goal of providing a unified approach to diversion, data collection, and education in the district.

The solicitation can be found here: [Central Purchasing: Division of Office of Management and Enterprise Services \(OMES\) - Solicitations \(ok.gov\)](#)