



## Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy and Procedures

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### Funding for New and Expanded Treatment Courts

#### I. POLICY STATEMENT

In FY24, Judicial Council approved funding new courts with funding allocated under Ch 63., HF No. 100 Adult Use Cannabis to support the development of new treatment courts. This policy enumerates the eligibility and application process for new and existing courts seeking funding under this appropriation, referred to as the Cannabis Allocation. It is applicable to all new and expanded treatment courts seeking funding under this fund source.

#### II. ELIGIBILITY

##### a. NEW COURT ELIGIBILITY & DEFINITIONS

- i. Courts must have received approval from the Treatment Court Initiative Advisory Committee (TCI) and Judicial Council to operate as a treatment court in Minnesota as outlined in State Court Administrator Policy 511.5(a), Treatment Court Development and Approval Procedures.
- ii. Courts must meet the minimum capacity requirements outlined in Judicial Council Policy 511.5, Treatment Court Funding.
- iii. Courts must be operational when funding begins. Funding is not available for a planning period.
- iv. Courts must serve a new jurisdiction without a treatment court of the proposed model. Existing courts that have expanded into new jurisdictions are not eligible for funding under this section. See Section II b. Existing Court Eligibility.
- v. Only new courts that begin operations in FY25 and after are eligible for this funding.

##### b. EXISTING COURT ELIGIBILITY & DEFINITIONS

- i. Existing courts that expand their eligibility criteria to serve participants from additional counties, that add a new model to an existing court, or that add additional tracks to an existing program are eligible for funding under this policy. This includes adding low risk/low need or other tracks that do not include new models.

- ii. A new jurisdiction and/or population must be served by the expansion.
- iii. For courts expanding into new jurisdictions, Courts must have received approval from TCI and Judicial Council to expand treatment court operations into a new county as outlined in State Court Administrator Policy 511.5(a) prior to the program beginning new operations.
- iv. For courts serving additional populations or adding additional tracks, TCI must approve the change in scope as outlined in State Court Administrator Policy 511.5(a) prior to the program beginning new operations.
- v. Only existing courts that expand operations in FY25 and after are eligible for this funding.

### **III. REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Courts must meet the 30% match requirement outlined in Judicial Council Policy 511.5.
- b. DWI Courts and Mental Health Courts must pursue funding from the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Human Services. Funding under this policy may be available to these courts only if funding from these sources is not available. The district and/or court must contact the grant managers for the respective agencies and may be required to provide documentation of any grant applications to the State Treatment Court Coordinator.

### **IV. FUNDING AMOUNTS & DURATION**

#### **a. NEW COURT FUNDING**

- i. New courts are eligible for the lowest annual funding amount of the funding formula approved by Judicial Council as outlined in Policy 511.5.
- ii. For FY25, new courts seeking funding through this policy must inform the State Treatment Court Coordinator by June 30, 2024.
- iii. In FY26 and subsequent fiscal years, new courts seeking funding through this policy must inform the State Treatment Court Coordinator by March 1 preceding the fiscal year in which it plans to begin operations.
- iv. Funding is allocated on July 1 and is allocated annually for each year of the funding period.
- v. New courts that begin operations in the first year of the biennium are eligible for the new court funding for the full biennium and the full subsequent biennium.
- vi. New courts that begin operations in the second year of the biennium are eligible for the new court funding for the second year of the biennium and the full subsequent biennium.
- vii. After the initial funding period outlined above, new courts must demonstrate that they meet the minimum census requirements outlined in Judicial Council Policy 511.5, Treatment Court Funding to retain funding.
- viii. New courts that meet the minimum census requirements after the initial funding period will receive funding based on the funding formula, subject to approval by TCI and the availability of funds.

- ix. New courts that do not meet the minimum census requirements must follow the low census court process and will not be funded if the minimum census is not met.

**b. EXISTING COURT FUNDING**

- i. Existing courts that expand into new jurisdictions are eligible for 10% of the lowest annual funding amount of the funding formula approved by Judicial Council as outlined in Policy 511.5.
- ii. Existing courts that expand to include an additional model are eligible for 10% of the lowest annual funding amount of the funding formula approved by Judicial Council as outlined in Policy 511.5..
- iii. Existing courts that add new tracks are eligible for 5% of the lowest annual funding amount of the funding formula approved by Judicial Council as outlined in Policy 511.5.
- iv. Courts may only receive additional funding for one of the above categories. For example, a court may receive funding for expanding into a new jurisdiction or adding a new model.
- v. For FY25, existing courts seeking funding through this policy must inform the State Treatment Court Coordinator by June 30, 2024.
- vi. In FY26 and subsequent fiscal years, existing courts seeking funding through this policy must inform the State Treatment Court Coordinator by March 1 preceding the fiscal year in which it plans to begin expanded operations.
- vii. Funding is allocated on July 1 and is allocated annually for each year of the funding period.
- viii. Courts that expand operations in the first year of the biennium are eligible for the expansion funding for the full biennium.
- ix. Courts that expand operations in the second year of the biennium are eligible for the expansion court funding for the second year of the biennium.
- x. After the initial funding period outlined above, the census numbers from the expanded court will be combined with the entire court and the census for all models, tracks, and/or counties served by the court will be used to determine funding formula amounts.