



MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT

Funding Opportunities for North Carolina Sheriffs

The Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) has \$4 million available in grant funding to assist local sheriffs in establishing, maintaining, or expanding Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for treatment of alcohol and/or opioid use disorders as part of reentry programming in jails. This document helps you understand how to access available funding.

What is MAT?

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is “the use of medications, in combination with [counseling and behavioral therapies](#), to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. [Medications used in MAT](#) are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and MAT programs are clinically driven and tailored to meet each patient’s needs.

Source: [Medication-Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) | SAMHSA](#)

What funding is available for MAT?

Session Law 2021-180 appropriated a total of \$4 million to provide competitive grants for MAT. Funding is available statewide in three funding categories.

- \$1.5 million for the establishment of new MAT programs
- \$1.5 million for the expansion of existing MAT programs
- \$1 million for the maintenance of existing MAT programs

Eligible applicants may apply for only one of the three funding categories. No applicant may receive grants totaling the entire allotment of funds in any one category. No matching or cost-sharing requirement is associated with this grant. For the second round of funding, \$1,481,364 remains available to award in the three (3) categories (Establish, Expand, or Maintain).

Are there specific medications that must be used for the project?

Grant funds may only be used to purchase non-opioid, long-acting, injectable medication for the treatment of alcohol and/or opioid use disorder. Currently, [Vivitrol](#) is the only non-opioid, long-acting, injectable medication for the treatment of alcohol and/or opioid use disorder.

Who is eligible to receive the funding?

Any county sheriff’s office in North Carolina is eligible to apply for the funding.

How do you apply for the funding?

Each sheriff’s office that wishes to seek funding must submit an application to NCDPS. NCDPS will issue a Request for Applications (RFA) that details the information to be included in the application. The application must meet all of the requirements of the RFA and must be submitted by the applicable deadline.

What criteria will be used to evaluate the applications?

NCDPS will evaluate applications based on four primary elements required by the RFA.

- Assessment of Need / Problem Statement
- Program Description and Narrative
- Collaboration and Community Support
- Budget



Will every office that applies receive funding?

Funding will be based on the merits of each application, and some applicants may not receive funding. In addition, NCDPS may award lower amounts than requested in order to facilitate broader access to funding.

How will NCDPS prioritize funding among the successful applicants?

Grant awards will be prioritized based upon the factors set forth below for each county.

- The rate of opioid-related deaths
- The rate of opioid-related hospital admissions
- The rate of violations of probation or parole due to ongoing opioid or alcohol use
- The accessibility of mental and physical health care

How can the money be used?

The grant funds may be used for employee expenses, services and contract expenses, goods, administrative fees, and other expenses directly related to the provision of services. No more than 15 percent of the total funding awarded may be used to pay for general administrative expenses related to the project.

Grant funds must be utilized in North Carolina and may not be used to purchase items or services not described in the budget included in the application. Funds may not be used to purchase vehicles, pay down existing mortgages or loans, fund construction, or purchase weapons or other enforcement-related equipment.

How will the money be awarded?

Funds will be allocated as a lump sum, one-time payment upon award.

Are there any reporting requirements?

All grant recipients will be required to submit performance data related to the services provided, community collaborations, and expenditures.

How can I learn more about MAT?

Learn more about MAT by visiting the sites below.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) [Medication-Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) | SAMHSA](#)
- National Sheriffs' Association, Jail-Based MAT: Promising Practices, Guidelines and Resources www.sheriffs.org/Jail-Based-MAT
- Vivitrol www.vivitrol.com

How can I get more information about the grant?

The application includes technical assistance contacts and resources about MAT, Vivitrol, promising jail programs, and helpful resources. If you have specific questions, send an email to Nicole.Sullivan@ncdps.gov.