

# Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program Request for Proposals Questions and Answers

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## **When are the proposals due?**

MAT Grant Proposals must be received by **5:00 P.M. (PST) on February 16, 2024**. Applications for the MAT Grant Program must be submitted through the BSCC Submittable Application portal. Links to the BSCC Submittable Application portal, the MAT Grant Program Application, and all required attachments are available on the [BSCC MAT website](#).

## **Is this grant only for organizations that use medication-assisted treatment in custody?**

No, MAT Grant funds can be used for any of the eligible activities listed on pages 5-6 of the MAT RFP. Funds can be used to support in-custody services and/or post-release services for the target population.

**Can grant funds be used to fund MAT medications doses to take home upon release from county jail?** Yes, the provision of Post-Release Medication is an eligible MAT Grant activity (see MAT RFP, pg. 5).

**I want to confirm that “doses provided upon release” could include injectable, long-acting buprenorphine.** “Medication-assisted treatment” means the use of any United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)-approved medically assisted therapy to treat a substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder, and that, whenever possible, is provided through a program licensed or certified by the State Department of Health Care Services (see MAT RFP, pg.1). If the applicant determines that injectable, long-acting buprenorphine is approved by the USFDA, it can be funded through this grant.

## **Can grant funds be used for counselors already working in an established MAT?**

No, MAT Grant funds shall not be used to supplant existing resources for medication-assisted treatment services delivered in county jails or in the community. The grant funds may be used to augment/expand an existing project, but not to replace existing funds.

## **Can grant funds be used for reentry services?**

Yes, eligible grant activities include Community-Based MAT and Substance Use Disorder Treatment reentry services for the target population (see MAT RFP, pgs. 5-6).

## **Can a program not using medical services apply?**

Please review the Eligible Grant Activities listed on pages 5-6 of the MAT RFP to determine whether the services you intend to provide fall into one of the six categories of eligible activities, which include:

1. Substance Use Disorder Counselors in County Jails.
2. Post-Release Medication.
3. Service Contracts Between Jails and Treatment Providers.
4. Law Enforcement/Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Teams.

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5. MAT for Persons Under Criminal Justice Supervision.
6. Community-Based MAT and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.

## **Can multiple County agencies submit proposals, or only one proposal per County?**

BSCC will accept only one proposal per county. As per the MAT RFP, an individual county may apply on its own or as part of a “Collaborative County” application. But a county may not apply on its own and as part of a collaborative application. Each applicant (individual and collaborative) must designate a Lead Agency that will ensure successful implementation of the grant program (see MAT RFP, pg. 4).

## **Who needs to make the decision on which agency is designated the Lead Public Agency?**

The applicant county must designate the Lead Public Agency (LPA). The expectation is that county agencies will work together to determine which agency will serve as the LPA. Proposals must be approved by the Board of Supervisors or Chief County Administrative Officer prior to submission. That is, the proposal must be acknowledged by an individual with vested authority to enter into an agreement on behalf of the county (see MAT RFP, pg. 4).

## **Can the data collection and evaluation plan also be included in the work plan (Attachment B) and then explained further in the narrative for the process?**

The Project Work Plan is specific to your project goals and objectives (see MAT RFP, pg. 29). It must include the project’s measurable goals and objectives, process measures and outcome measures, activities and services designed to support the goal, responsible parties for identified activities and services, the data sources used to measure outcomes, and corresponding timelines.

If you are referring to the Local Evaluation Plan, or LEP, that is separate from the Project Work Plan and will be due to BSCC post-award. The LEP must provide a detailed description of how the applicant will assess the effectiveness of the proposed program in relationship to each of the goals and objectives identified in the proposal. BSCC will offer an LEP instructional webinar to the grantee and their evaluator post award.

## **Will immigration status data be required to be reported?**

No, immigration status data will not be required. As part of the progress reports, grantees will be required to submit individual level data through an online data portal. Prior to submission all personally identifiable information (e.g., name, date of birth, address, health information, etc.) must be removed to ensure that the information submitted cannot be associated with or linked to a particular individual. The individual level data for each participant is listed on pages 12 and 13 of the RFP.

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## **Do we need Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval first before implementing?**

No, the MAT Grant does not require IRB approval before implementing. MAT Grant funds are not intended for research studies involving human subjects, such as behavioral studies or clinical trials for new drugs or medical devices.

## **What is the definition of recidivism?**

Recidivism is defined as a conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction for this grant. Please see Attachment C: Glossary of Terms (MAT RFP, pg. 31).

## **Are participants those individuals that are enrolled in the MAT Program during the grant period, from May 2024 through June 30, 2027?**

Yes, participants are individuals identified as meeting one of the three target population eligibility criteria (see MAT RFP, pg. 5) and that receive one or more of the eligible grant services (see MAT RFP, pgs. 5-6) during the project performance period.

## **The RFP states “grantees shall use local summary history information, as defined in Penal Code Section 13300, to collect recidivism data” that will be required to submit annually for the duration of the grant period. What if my Agency does not collect and store this data?**

The MAT RFP states that “Grantees without access [to local summary history information, as defined in Penal Code Section 13300] must have an MOU with a local law enforcement agency with access. If an MOU is not established prior to submission of the proposal, a Key Partner Commitment from the local law enforcement agency must be included in the proposal submission indicating they are willing to provide the required recidivism data.”

## **Will you be requiring recidivism information for our overall jail facility, or specifically for the MAT participants?**

Recidivism data will be required for your all program participants. Participants are individuals identified as meeting one of the three target population eligibility criteria (see MAT RFP, pg. 5) and that receive one or more of the eligible grant services (see MAT RFP, pgs. 5 & 6) as identified in your proposal.