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Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will we pay for a deflection program during the gap period between the law change of the Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor (September 1) and the estimated date we will receive our CJC funding (September 30)?

- ✓ All grantees on the standard track may optionally back-date spending to the beginning of the standard project period: July 1, 2024.

What is a deflection program, what constitutes as a successful deflection, and what are deflection best practices?

- ✓ All deflection program design, metrics, and standards are up to applicant discretion at this time. Future CJC reports will inform future program funding and standards, as required by statute.

As part of the required deflection program partnerships, can the CMHP and BHRN be the same organization?

- ✓ Yes

Are counties and tribes responsible for setting up a data collection system?

- ✓ No, CJC's research partners OHSU have developed this system. Counties and tribes must work with OHSU to submit data into that system.

Can a CJC deflection grant pay for the statutorily required Coordinator position?

- ✓ Yes. CJC encourages applicants to prioritize funding a Coordinator as it is a legislatively mandated component to operate a deflection program.

After a grant is awarded, how does a deflection program make changes to its project description, projected budget, or program coordinator as well as convert from a planning grant to an operational one?

- ✓ At each quarter's reporting, there will be an opportunity to convert to an operational grant, update the program coordinator's information, and request an amendment to the program's project description and/or budget.

What are allowable expenses for the BHD program?

- ✓ For information on allowable expenses, please refer to the [CJC's Grant Administration Guide](#).