

Fourth Year of Funding for the Seed Grants Program to Divert Mentally Ill Offenders from Jail to Treatment



Now Soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP) from NACo Member Counties!

NACo is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for member counties to develop and/or expand programs that divert non-violent mentally ill offenders from jails to community-based treatment. This year's funding will be focused on programs highlighting the access to benefits such as SSI/SSDI and Medicare/Medicaid so that individuals can access medication, health care, housing, food, and employment opportunities in setting up alternatives to incarceration for mentally ill offenders. Please visit NACo's website, www.naco.org/techassistance in the Criminal Justice section to download the Request for Proposals or contact Justin Carmody at (202) 942-4279 or jcarmody@naco.org for assistance / more information.

Remember your efforts to begin or expand a program to address mentally ill offenders will serve to improve services to individuals with mental illness, save county dollars, and improve public safety.



Proposals are due by September 28, 2007.

Funding for the seed grants comes from an Eli Lilly and Company education grant



Awards Program for Excellence in Jail Diversion Programs for Mentally Ill Offenders

NACo is also unveiling an Awards Program for Excellence in Jail Diversion Programs for Mentally Ill Offenders. These awards will serve to recognize county programs from all across the country that exhibit exceptional work in diverting non-violent mentally ill offenders from jail into community-based treatment and services.

NACo will consider county programs that operate at the pre-booking level, within the courts, within the jail or during the transition of offenders back into the community. These awards are open to all NACo member counties and will give national recognition to the applicant's program. The award winners will be announced at the NACo Legislative Conference in the spring of 2008.



Please visit NACo's website, www.naco.org/techassistance in the Criminal Justice section to download the application form or contact Justin Carmody at (202) 942-4279 or jcarmody@naco.org for assistance/more information.

Applications are due October 26, 2007. Apply Today!