

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
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**Fiscal Year 2026
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
For State Prisoners Formula Grant Program
Availability of Grant Funds
Continuation Opportunity**

Release Date: September 29, 2025

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**Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Grant Program
Availability of Grant Funds (AGF)**

Applications Due: Monday October 20, 2025, by 4:00pm

Introduction

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR), an agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, is responsible for administering the Federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant Program (RSAT Program). The RSAT Program allows state and county correction facilities to re-examine the manner in which they provide substance abuse treatment to both males and females in their custody, with the goal of breaking the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT enhances the capability of states and units of local government to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares offenders for reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists offenders and their communities through the reentry process.

Key Dates

AGF Posted:	Monday September 29, 2025
Application Due:	Monday October 20, 2025
Award Notification (Tentative):	November 2025
Performance Period (Tentative):	November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026

Applicant Eligibility

This AGF is open *only* to recipients of a SFY 2025 RSAT grant award for continuation of their funded programs. This is a continuation grant, not a competitive grant opportunity, so no new programming will be considered. The eligible state agencies include Massachusetts Sheriffs' departments who have current Interdepartmental Service Agreements (ISAs) for the RSAT program.

Award Amounts

Subject to the availability of federal funds, OGR intends to make available up to **\$310,000** for the implementation of either residential or jail-based treatment programs.

See table below for award amounts. OGR reserves the right to increase the maximum award amount per awardee being made available within this AGF if additional funds become available. Actual award amounts are subject to the availability of funds.

Grantee	Residential/Jail-Based Program	Dollar Amount of Award
Barnstable Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$ 30,000.00

Berkshire Sheriff	Residential	\$	35,000.00
Bristol Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Essex Sherriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Hampshire Sheriff	Residential	\$	35,000.00
Middlesex Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Norfolk Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Worcester Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Franklin Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00
Plymouth Sheriff	Jail-Based	\$	30,000.00

Important Highlights

Availability of Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Award Period

The grant award period is 12 months. The award period will start on or about November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026.

Match Requirement

Applicants **must** also include a match of at least 25% of the total cost of the program. To calculate the minimum match requirement, divide the requested amount by three (3). For additional information, please refer to the match requirement section of this AGF (p. 9-10).

Fund Disbursement

Funds will be made available to subrecipients of awards following contract/ISA execution.

Program Scope

Residential Treatment Programs:

- Must last up to 12 months. If possible, participation should be limited to inmates with 6 to 9 months remaining in their confinement so they may be released from prison instead of returning to the general prison population after completing the program.
- Must provide services in a residential treatment facility that is a dedicated housing unit – a completely separate facility from the general population, exclusively for RSAT participants.
- Must focus on the substance abuse disorders of the inmate.
- Must develop the inmate’s cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance abuse and related issues.
- Must require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants and former participants while they remain in the custody of the state or local government.
- Must track participants’ progress and include an evaluation method to assess the outcome.
- Program design must be based on effective, scientific practices.

Jail-based Treatment Programs:

- Must be a minimum of 3 months in duration.

- Must strive to separate the treatment population from the general population.
- Must focus on the substance abuse disorders of the inmate.
- Must develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance abuse and related issues.
- Must require urinalysis and/or other proven reliable forms of drug and alcohol testing for program participants and former participants while they remain in the custody of the state or local government.
- Must include an evaluation method to assess outcome, and track participants' progress.
- Program design must be based on effective, scientific practices.

Required for All Applicants: Aftercare Services

In accordance with a new requirement of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), applicants must describe how they will ensure that individuals who participate in the RSAT Program established or implemented with these federal funds will be provided **aftercare services**. An applicant must describe the **aftercare services** that will be provided. Further, applicants must describe how the department will ensure providers furnishing **aftercare services** are approved by the appropriate State or local agency, and are licensed, if necessary, to provide medical treatment or other health services.

Aftercare services must involve coordination between the correctional treatment program and other social service and rehabilitation programs, such as education and job training, parole supervision, halfway houses, self-help, and peer group programs. State correctional and local substance abuse treatment programs are encouraged to work together to place program participants in residential correctional facilities that meet the RSAT Program's primary requirements.

Grant Compliance Details

Grants Management

Sub-recipients must abide by the grant requirements below as well as OGR Sub-recipient Grant Conditions to be provided at the time of contracting.

- Federal grant applicants must use their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). The UEI is assigned by and viewable within System for Award Management (SAM), but Grants.gov users can also find it listed under their organization profile. (Grants.gov retrieves the UEI from SAM). To view your organization's UEI, follow the instructions at www.fsd.gov
- Sub-recipients of federal funds must maintain current registration in the SAM database. The SAM database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance, applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Information about registration procedures may be accessed at www.sam.gov. IMPORTANT: You must contact the federal government directly, through the websites provided, for a SAM registration. Please do not contact OGR; OGR cannot facilitate these federal requirements for your agency.
- Units of local government and non-profit sub-recipients that expend \$750,000 or more in a year in federal award funds shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year, in accordance with federal financial assistance audit requirements. This federal reporting requirement is referenced in the 2 CFR §200.501 subpart F. To learn more about this requirement: [Title 2 Part 200 Subpart f - Code of Federal Regulations \(ecfr.io\)](https://www.ecfr.io).
- Submission of satisfactory and timely quarterly progress reports and quarterly financial reports (including match) with all required back-up documentation is required.
- Timely submission of performance measures via the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) online platform through the U.S. DOJ. Data must be reported quarterly.
- Cooperation during OGR monitoring endeavors, including site visits and desk reviews, is required.
- Full completion of the Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA), including the OGR sub-

recipient grant conditions to be signed and dated.

- Award sub-recipients must accept their award no later than 30 days from the award date. Failure to accept a grant award within the 30-day timeframe may result in a loss of funds.
- Sub-recipients are expected to initiate program activities within 90 days of a contract being executed, unless there are extenuating circumstances. The sub-recipient is responsible for reporting such circumstances to OGR.
- Grant funds are subject to federal accounting and audit requirements, including the prohibitions on co-mingling funds. Organizations that receive RSAT funding along with other federal funds, must treat the funds independently with separate cost and reporting centers. An audit trail is required for the federal and matching portions of the program each year and is expected to be accessible upon the request of OGR. The sources of receipts, expenditures, and disbursements for each portion of funding are to be accounted for separately.
- Supplanting of funds is strictly prohibited. Funds for programs and services provided through this grant are intended to supplement, not supplant, other state or local funding sources.
- Expenses paid with grant funds must be direct and specific to the implementation of the RSAT funded program.
- No consultant or trainer may be paid more than \$650 for an eight-hour workday or \$81.25/hour without the prior written approval from OGR. Requests for a waiver of this requirement with documented justification must be made in writing at the time of application.

Procurement

- Sub-recipients choosing to further subgrant all or any part of the amount of the RSAT award to an implementing agency or an independent contractor shall include the provisions of the OGR standard subgrant conditions and enter into a written contract or memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the implementing agency or independent contractor. At a minimum, the contract or MOU must explicitly outline the expected deliverables, timeframes/hours, and rates. A copy of the contract or MOU must be submitted to OGR for the sub-recipient grant folder once an award is made. For the grant application, submit a letter of collaboration, signed by the parties, that explains the relationship of the agencies that will enter into a formal MOU if awarded; mark the letter **Attachment C**.
- Procurement of services, equipment, and supplies must follow M.G.L. Ch. 30B for local units of government and nonprofit entities and Operational Services Division (OSD) Purchasing Guide for state agencies. Local units of government must ensure that subcontracts with private organizations have provisions ensuring any goods and services provided by the subcontractor are consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 30B procedures.
- Nonprofit agencies may not sub-contract to state agencies. However, state agencies may sub-contract to nonprofit agencies or units of local government.

Other Requirements

- All sub-recipients must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. Sub-recipients will receive further instruction from OGR prior to contracting.
- In accordance with civil rights laws and regulations, sub-recipients of federal funds, regardless of the type of entity or the amount of money awarded, must certify that they will not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by federal financial assistance. In addition, sub-recipients meeting certain funding and agency-specific criteria are required to develop and file an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO Plan). Additional civil rights compliance and reporting requirements will be addressed with sub-recipients upon award of the grant.

- Sub-recipients will be required to complete a Certification of Compliance with Regulations form, responding to either Section A- Declaration Claiming Complete Exemption from the EEOP Requirement, Section B- Declaration Claiming Exemption from the EEOP Submission Requirement and certifying that an EEOP is on File for Review or Section C-Declaration Claiming EEOP Submission Requirement. Some sub-recipients may be required to submit their EEOP or EEOP Short Form to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). Each sub-recipient's Certification, EEOP, or EEOP Short Form will need to be submitted to OCR in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301-308. Details will be provided prior to contracting.
- The Anti-Lobbying Act of 18 U.S. Code §1913 prohibits the use of federal funds for "grassroots" campaigns that encourage third parties, members of special interest groups or the general public to contact members of Congress, of a State or local legislature, or an official of any government in support of or in opposition to a legislative, policy, or appropriations matter. It applies to activities both before and after the introduction of legislation.
- In addition to the requirements set forth above, sub-recipients will be required to agree to and abide by all state and federal rules, regulations, and conditions pertaining to the receipt, administration, and management of federal funding.
- OGR subgrant conditions must be signed and dated at the time an award is made.

Reporting Alleged Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

It is the responsibility of the sub-recipient to report alleged Fraud, Waste, or Abuse including any alleged violations, serious irregularities, sensitive issues, or overt or covert acts involving the use of public funds in a manner not consistent with federal statutes, related laws and regulations, appropriate guidelines, or purposes of the grant. Reports may be made to the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice and/or to the Offices of the Massachusetts Inspector General or State Auditor.

- U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Inspector General Field Office
1 Battery Park Plaza, 29th Floor
New York, NY
10004 212-824-3650
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/>
- Office of the Inspector General
John W. McCormack State Office Building
One Ashburton Place, Room 1311
Boston, MA 02108
800-322-1323
MA_OIG@maoig.net
- Office of the State Auditor
Massachusetts State House, Room 230
Boston, MA 02133
617-727-2075
Auditor@SAO.state.ma.us

Application Instructions

The application must be completed as outlined in this section.

- Submission of all attachments will be completed through the online application.
- All applicants are required to submit the online application via the link below:

[SFY2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners \(RSAT\) Grant Program Application](#)

Application Requirements

To provide OGR the best opportunity to fairly evaluate all requests for funding, applicants are encouraged to be clear and concise in their proposals. **All applicants will be required to submit an online Application.**

The [online Application](#) must be completed as outlined here.

Section I. Applicant Information

- Applicant, program director, and fiscal contact information
- Non-Supplanting: attest to non-supplanting of federal dollars for the stated project.

Program Information

- Program Details: Program name, type of agency, program type (residential or jail-based treatment)
- Program Summary: Summary of the Proposed Program (about 250 characters)

Section II. Application Narrative

The narrative is composed of three components: Statement of the Problem; Program Description; Program Goals and Objectives, Activities, Timeline, and Performance Measures

A. Needs Assessment: Statement of the Problem/Needs Assessment (up to 4,000 characters, approximately 2 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

This section should describe the problem and the need for the proposed program.

- State clearly whether this request is to support a new Residential/Jail-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Program or an expansion/continuation of existing efforts.
- Identify and provide the current status of any other existing RSAT program within the applicant agency. If there are no other programs, please state this.
- Describe any other funding resources, if available, that are/will be available to support the new or existing RSAT program. If there is no other funding or resources, please state this.
- Describe the need, nature, and extent of the problem to be addressed and its effect or consequences for the community and the target population.
- Describe the target population by using demographic and other data where possible. Include complete references.
- Describe the sources or methods used for assessing the substance abuse treatment problem that the grant-funded program addresses.

Support all statements in this section with statistical or other factual information or relevant literature.

B. Program Description (up to 4,000 characters, approximately 2 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

This section should address both the scope and intent of the program and how it will address the

problem.

- An agency that applies for a jail-based treatment program must demonstrate and document that it is not able to provide a residential treatment program.
- Clearly describe the planned program and activities to be conducted by the residential treatment program or the jail-based treatment program.
- Describe what risk factors will be addressed by the program.
- Describe the link between research (evidence-based) and the proposed program and the evaluation results of the model program to be replicated. In a difficult budget climate, it is critical that grant dollars are spent on programs whose effectiveness is proven.
- Describe the desired impact of the program and activities. Address the following:
 - What types of short- and long-term changes are anticipated as a result of the program?
 - Is the anticipated impact of the program significant yet reasonably achievable within the program period?
 - Include criteria to determine when clients have successfully completed the program.
- Describe collaborations with community and business groups, government officials, family, faith-based organizations, etc.
- Describe how the agency will ensure that individuals who participate in the RSAT Program established or implemented with these federal funds will be provided aftercare services. Include in this description:
 - The aftercare services that will be provided.
 - How the department will ensure providers furnishing aftercare services are approved by the appropriate State or local agency, and are licensed, if necessary, to provide medical treatment or other health services.
- Describe efforts being or to be made to sustain the program's continuation once federal RSAT funds are exhausted. Include both efforts at obtaining funding as well as non-monetary means for sustaining a program.
- Describe past progress for previous year(s) of funding under the RSAT program

C. Program Goals and Objectives, Activities, Timeline, and Performance Measures

Applicants must clearly state the goals and objectives of what will be achieved with RSAT funding.

Goals: Goals are broad statements that describe the program's intentions and desired outcomes. They suggest the desired end to which the program is directed. The goals of your program should be clearly stated, realistic, and must be attainable and measurable. *In stating your goals, be careful to describe the desired end and not the means to the end.*

Objectives: Objectives describe the program activities that support the goal(s). They describe intermediate results or accomplishments to be achieved by the program in pursuing its goal(s). The event or program activity must answer the questions: Who or what will change? Where will change occur or the event take place? When (period of time) will the event occur? How will the change happen? Objectives may change due to program progression. The more specific your objectives are, the easier it will be to determine if your program has achieved them. Use numbers wherever possible.

Activities and Timeline: List the programmatic activities to be carried out within the proposed program period. Please include:

- Start and end dates and list of major tasks/activities for implementing your program,
- When and where program components will take place,
- Who will carry out/participate in the activities and a description of how long it will take to complete each activity,
- Whom the program will serve, and

- Identification of program personnel involved and their duties. If the position is vacant, a description of the position and information pertaining to how and when the job will be filled must be included in the application.

Performance Measures/Evaluation: List the performance measures that will demonstrate progress toward achieving the goal(s). Performance measures provide program administrators with answers to critical questions regarding the operation of their programs. The purpose of developing performance measures is to determine the extent to which the program's funded activities have achieved the program's goals. Specifically, by collecting data and measuring progress, administrators will be able to identify and document:

- The program's success/failure at meeting its initial goals and objectives,
- Whether the program is serving the intended target population (e.g., number of offenders who completed the substance abuse treatment program),
- Whether the volume of program participants is what was originally intended,
- Whether the program components were implemented as originally planned,
- Problems encountered in implementing the program; and
- Whether the program is achieving its desired impact.

Realistic and adequate performance measures must be developed at the outset of the program. Applicants are expected to explain their plans to collect data and measure their program's progress in this section. The measures should be statements of quantifiable data that demonstrate the extent to which the program is meeting its objectives. Clearly explain data collection methodology, frequency, and analysis in relation to your program's performance measures, and how this self-assessment strategy will be integrated into your overall program operations.

Section III. Budget Narrative and Budget Excel Worksheet

All applicants need to apply for the exact amount as allocated in the chart on pages 2-3. In the online application, the amount requested will auto-populate when the applicant is selected from the drop down.

Budget Narrative and Budget Excel Worksheet

- The Budget Narrative should outline the budget requested and itemize the expenses by cost category as described in this application. For each cost category that has an associated funding request in the Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A), please provide an overall description and justification of that cost category. The budget category narratives should describe what the budget entails, why the items in that category are needed, and how the budgeted amount was determined. Please include any hires under personnel, a particular training, supplies needed, vendor information, or process for selecting a vendor where applicable
- **Applicants should submit a budget for 12 months of funding. Applicants must also complete a Budget Excel Worksheet (Refer to Attachment A).** Please be sure to complete both the summary and detail worksheets and submit with your application response.

Please note: State Agency applicants will be asked to use a State Agency Budget Workbook in which they will need to select "Object Class" for each line item. Please refer to the "Object Class" tab in the Excel Budget Worksheet for definitions and guidance.

Matching Funds

- For each federal dollar awarded, the sub-recipient must provide a match toward the cost of the program. Federal grant funds provided may not exceed 75% of the total cost of your program. A match of at least 25% of the total cost of the program must be provided by your agency.
- The 25% matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. For example, a

total program cost of \$46,667 with a 25% matching requirement would be funded with \$35,000 in Federal dollars and \$11,667 in local match.

- The grant amount plus the match equals the total program cost. Your agency is responsible for ensuring that a commitment for matching funds is available prior to submitting an application. The applicant must certify as part of its application that the required match will be made available for expenditures during the program period as part of this grant program. This certification is made by including the total match amount on the application form and signing the certified assurances document within the Application form.
- Grantees must maintain records that clearly indicate the source, the amount, and the timely expenditure of match contributions. All grant award recipients must provide the required match. There is no waiver provision for the match.

Match Timing

- Matching contributions need not be applied at the exact time or in proportion to the obligation of Federal funds. The full matching share, however, must be obligated by the end of the contract period. Please note that OGR reserves the right to delay the Federal payment portions pending the receipt of documentation of the matching share

Unallowable Costs

- Construction, office furniture, or other like purchases.
- Funds *may not* be spent on food or beverages for trainings, conferences, or staff meetings
- No grant funds may be spent for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel, or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.
- **Twelve-Step Recovery Programs** may not be paid for with these funds.
 - Federal Executive Order 13279, Executive Order 13559, and the DOJ's regulations on the Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, 28 C.F.R. pt. 38, prohibit recipients from using DOJ financial assistance on inherently (or explicitly) religious activities and from discriminating in the delivery of services on the basis of religion. *Twelve-Step recovery programs are considered inherently religious activities.*
 - Thus, RSAT applicants and eventual sub-recipients must carefully structure their programs and activities to ensure that DOJ financial assistance is not being used for literature, classes, meetings, counseling sessions, or other activities that support twelve-step programs. Sub-recipients must also ensure that twelve-step programs take place at a separate time or location and that substance-abuse treatment programs must make clear to both OGR and the RSAT participants that twelve-step programming is separate and distinct from DOJ-funded programs. For further information, please go to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) which may be found on the OJP's Office for Civil Rights' website. One can also contact the Office for Civil Rights at (202) 307-0690.

See below table for **Allowable Cost Categories**. Definitions of each budget cost category are provided.

Allowable Budget Cost Categories	Definitions and Documentation Requirements
Personnel	Full- or part-time regular salaried employees working on the grant. A copy of staff resume(s) and/or job descriptions must be included in the applicant's response.

Fringe Benefit & Payroll Tax*	Eligible costs include the <u>employer share</u> of the following: ✓ Life insurance ✓ Health insurance ✓ Social security costs ✓ Pension costs ✓ Unemployment insurance costs ✓ Workers compensation insurance Cost amounts for direct fringe benefits can be either actual costs or rates per employee calculated by the fiscal or human resource unit in your organization (rate computations must be included). - Include copy of approved rate agreement in the application response.
Indirect **	Costs can only be shown here if the applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. If the applicant's accounting system permits, costs may be allocated to the applicable direct cost category in the budget including the category "other" if the costs being identified do not fit into one of the specific direct cost categories. Include copy of rate agreement in the application response.
Consultants/ Contracts	Consultant or contractor fees. The maximum rate for consultants is \$650 for an eight hour day or \$81.25 per hour (excluding travel and subsistence costs). Any request for compensation over \$650 per 8- hour day or \$81.25 per hour requires prior written approval by EOPSS. This rate is the exception, not the rule.
Travel	Travel directly related to the purpose of the grant In-state travel costs associated with the grant shall include mileage rates not in excess of \$0.62 per mile, as well as the actual costs of tolls and parking. No grant funds may be spent for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel, or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.
Equipment & Technology	Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year; cost based on classification of equipment.
Supplies	Supplies required for program (pens, pencils, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, ink, etc.).
Other	Items (e.g., rent costs, telephone costs, training material costs)

*** Fringe**

- For state agencies, please use the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Fringe Benefit and Payroll Tax Rates.
 - Fringe Benefit – 35.6%
 - Payroll Tax – 2.21%
 - **Total – 37.81%**

**** Indirect**

- Items included in the "Other Costs" category may not also be included in Indirect Costs
- For state agencies, please use your agency's approved Fiscal Year 2026 Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

Subgrantee Risk Assessment

All applicants must complete the Subgrantee Risk Assessment Form to assist OGR in evaluating the adequacy of the organization's financial management system and to identify areas of need for training

and technical assistance.

Applicant Submission Process and Deadline

Please Note: The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the online application form. Emailed submissions will NOT be accepted.

*This AGF and all other required documents can also be found on our website:

[Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners \(RSAT\) Program | Mass.gov](#)

Online Submission

All applicants are required to submit the [online Application](#) via the link below:

[SFY2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners \(RSAT\) Grant Program Application](#)

Online applications must be submitted **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday October 20, 2024.**

Required for all applicants:

- **Attachment A: Budget Worksheet**
 - Applicant will select the appropriate Budget Worksheet from the workbooks posted:
 - All applicants except State Agencies
 - State Agencies
- **Attachment B: Sub-Grantee Risk Assessment**
- **Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate:** Required for all applicants

If Applicable:

- **Attachment C: MOU** (see description on page 5)
- **Fringe Rate Agreement/Breakdown:** Required if fringe costs are included in budget
- **Additional Material** (staff resumes, etc.)

Proposal Review Process

This grant will be subject to a peer review process. Applications will be reviewed and scored by three peer reviewers based on the following criteria:

- **Applicant Information (5 points):** Clear and adequate response in the Applicant Information section, including all contact information and a clear program summary.
- **Statement of Problem/Needs Assessment (25 points):** Clear statement of the problem/ need, including, a statement of the problem to be addressed, description of the target population, effect of the problem/ need to be addressed on the community and target population, the current status of other RSAT programs, if applicable, and other funding resources. Applicants should support all statements with statistical or other factual information and/or relevant literature.
- **Program Description (30 points):** A description of the program to be implemented, including planned programs and activities, risk factors to be addressed, a clear link evidence-based research and evaluation, the desired impact of the program/ activities, and how participants will be provided aftercare services. Applicants should also discuss progress for previous year(s) of funding, if applicable, and how the program will be sustained once federal RSAT funds are exhausted.
- **Program Goals and Objectives, Activities, Timeline, and Performance Measures (15 Points):** Realistic, thorough, and achievable **goals, objectives, timelines, and activities.** Description of

proposed **performance measures** and **data collection methods** used for quarterly reporting of progress and performance metrics.

- **Budget (20 points):** A reasonable and cost-effective **budget** demonstrating allowable costs, compliance with state and federal rules, identification of matching funds and source, and direct support of proposed strategy/activities.
- **Past performance (5 points):** The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, will be taken into account. This includes timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards.

Notification of Awards

All funding decisions are at the discretion of the Executive Director of OGR and Secretary of Public Safety and Security. It is anticipated that grant awards will be announced in November 2025.

Application Check Lists

Electronic Application Elements:

- ☐ Submitted Online Application – Please notify OGR immediately if applicant is unable to utilize the online application.
- ☐ Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A) – in Excel format
- ☐ Risk Assessment Form (Attachment B) - Scanned and uploaded to the online application.
- ☐ MOU (if applicable) (Attachment C) - Scanned and uploaded to the online application.
- ☐ Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement - Uploaded to the online application.

Contact Information

Please contact Emily Haines at Emily.fontaine@mass.gov if your agency has any questions regarding the online form.