

SNOHOMISH COUNTY 2023-2025

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT ACCOUNT PLAN

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2023-2025 Criminal Justice Treatment Account Funding Plan

Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Overview

In 2018, the Washington State Legislature provided counties the option to administer their portion of the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funding. CJTA funds are provided for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support modalities for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Since 2016, CJTA dollars have been contracted and administered by the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO). The Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA) began contracting directly with counties in July 2019 for the administration of CJTA funds.

Under the current HCA contract, Snohomish County is eligible for \$425,820 per year, for a total of \$851,640 for the 2023-2025 biennium. Additionally, supplemental funding continuing SB 6168 approved programs that began in 2020 for enhancements in specialty courts and MAT for jails has been continued. Snohomish County is eligible for a supplemental allocation of \$366,819 per year, for a total of \$792,639 for the 2023-2025 biennium. In total, the allocation for the 2023-2025 biennium is \$1,585,278. Use of supplemental funding is limited to new programs (started in 2020 or later) and specialty courts.

System Design

Snohomish County Human Services will administer the CJTA funding, assuring services are delivered in accordance with RCW 71.24.580 to the identified population. Human Services will subcontract with licensed substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers and enter into a Reimbursable Services Agreements with Snohomish County Superior Court and Snohomish County Corrections. Snohomish County SUD treatment providers were initially solicited regarding their CJTA funding needs, with adjustments made based on utilization. This information has been taken into consideration in the drafting of this plan. Snohomish County will use base CJTA funding to support substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services to eligible offenders. Additionally, within Snohomish County Government, Human Services will coordinate with Superior Court around specialty court funding and Corrections regarding funding for MOUD.

Organization	Initial Annual Allocation	Percentage	Supplemental Annual Allocation	Percentage	Total Annual Allocation
Administration	\$42,582	10%	\$35,924	10%	\$78,506
Snohomish County Therapeutic Court	\$75,000	18%	\$83,316	23%	\$158,316
Evergreen Recovery Center	\$219,300	51%	-	-	\$219,300
SeaMar	\$32,100	7.5 %	-	-	\$32,100
Catholic Community Services	\$36,838	8.8 %	-	-	\$36,838
Snohomish County Jail	-	-	\$247,579	67%	\$247,579
Tulalip Behavioral Health	20,000	4.7%			\$20,000
TOTAL	\$425,820	100.00%	\$366,819	100%	\$792,639

Target Population

Snohomish County's subcontracted outpatient treatment agencies will treat eligible offenders as defined in CJTA guidelines:

- (a) Adults diagnosed with a substance use disorder that, if not treated, are most likely to re-offend, against whom a prosecuting attorney in Washington State has filed charges.
- (b) Substance use disorder treatment services and treatment support services to adult offenders within Snohomish County's Therapeutic Treatment Court system.

Eligible Services

Eligibility for use of CJTA funds is as follows: Offenders who are diagnosed with a substance use disorder that, if not treated, would result in additional re-offenses, against whom charges are filed by a WA State prosecuting attorney, is participating in therapeutic court or is incarcerated in the Snohomish County Jail; is not eligible for Medicaid; and is at or below 250% of the federal poverty level based on the scale currently utilized by contracted SUD agencies.

Substance use disorder treatment services offered to Therapeutic Treatment Court and other criminally involved participants are individualized according to ASAM. Snohomish County will use CJTA dollars to continue supporting and expanding the implementation of evidence-based programs (EBPs) among Snohomish County treatment providers serving criminally involved clients. Most subcontracted treatment agencies utilize EBPs such as Motivational Interviewing and Motivational Enhancement Therapy.

The above-noted CJTA dollars that are allocated to community providers as well as Snohomish County Superior Court and Snohomish County Corrections may be utilized for the following services:

In-Jail Treatment:

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Assessments
- Medications for Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD) and Counseling
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment in the jail, unlimited sessions
- Re-entry coordination with contracted SUD and MOUD providers
- Outreach

Outpatient Services:

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Assessments
- Outpatient Treatment (ASAM Level 1)
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM level 2.1)
- Case Management
- Outreach
- Recovery Support Services
- Trauma Informed Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- MOUD treatment and counseling

Snohomish County Therapeutic Court will be utilizing CJTA dollars for the following recovery support services:

- Housing
- Education & Recovery Coach/Peer Mentor services
- Employment services
- Transportation to inpatient
- Trauma-Informed Moral Reconciliation Therapy Training
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- System enhancements
- Essential needs and recovery support vouchers
- Recovery support services to increase recovery capital and promote community connection

Enhance program equity In April 2021, SB 5476 was passed by the Washington State Legislature. This bill is in response to the Blake decision, and in addition to addressing the justice system responses, it further addresses behavioral health treatment and related services for individuals using or possessing controlled substances. When a police officer has reasonable cause to believe that an individual has committed acts constituting a crime, and the individual is known to have a behavioral health disorder, the officer is authorized and encouraged to find an appropriate diversion opportunity, including referring to Recovery Navigators, a new diversion option funded through SB 5476 and to be delivered through a Snohomish County SUD provider or by referring the individual for voluntary participation in outpatient treatment. Under these circumstances, for individuals who are eligible for CJTA-funded services, CJTA funding may be used for:

- Substance Use Disorder Assessments
- Outpatient Treatment (ASAM level 1)
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment (ASAM level 2.1)
- Case Management
- Recovery Support services
- Outreach
- MOUD Treatment Services

Funding Maximization

CJTA funding will be maximized through the use of the Medicaid Title XIX system for Medicaid eligible individuals. Services for Therapeutic Court clientele will primarily be supported with County Mental Health Chemical Dependency Sales Tax funds, with CJTA dollars augmenting that fund source.

All organizations receiving CJTA funding will be required to submit appropriate monthly invoicing documentation for services provided and will undergo a quarterly utilization review. Funding utilization will be reviewed, and funds re-allocated as necessary each quarter to ensure all CJTA funds are spent.