



2013 Funding Priorities

State Court System – Post Adjudicatory Drug Courts

Issue:

Federal grant funding for the Adult Post-Adjudicatory Drug Court Expansion will expire on June 30, 2013 for the eight counties participating in the program (Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Marion, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, and Volusia). Traditionally, these counties send the most offenders to prison. The program takes 12-18 months to complete. Funding provides treatment services, drug testing, case management, probation supervision, data system development and maintenance, and the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) program monitoring and administration.

Funding Request: \$5,543,957

**Continue Funding Case Management and Treatment Services
Adult Post-Adjudicatory Drug Court Expansion Program**

Rationale:

- As of December 4, 2012, there have been 2,015 offenders admitted into the expansion drug courts. The program is on track to successfully graduate more than the national average of 50% of total admissions.
- The average cost is \$20 per day versus \$53.34 in prison costs per day
- Floridians benefit from a reduction in crime and recidivism
- Safer and healthier individuals, families, and communities

Effectiveness:

- Five independent meta-analyses have concluded that adult drug courts significantly reduce crime by 8-26%. Well-administered drug courts were found to reduce crime rates as much as 35%.
- 2003 National Institute of Justice study of 2,000 graduates from 100 Drug Courts across the country, including 10 programs from Florida, reveal a 16.4% recidivism rate after one year compared to 43.5% of those cases handled in a traditional method. The recidivism rate increased to 27.5% after two years compared to 58.6% of cases handled traditionally.
- March 2009 report released by the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) entitled State's Drug Courts Could Expand to Target Prison-Bound Adult Offenders, offenders who successfully complete post-adjudicatory drug courts in Florida are 80% less likely to go to prison than the matched comparison group over the three-year follow up period studied.
- Three-year cost savings = \$17,886,190