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Court Name	Judicial Circuit Court	Primary Program Accountability Court	Secondary Program Accountability Court	Courtlevel	Implementation Court
Hall County Drug and Veterans Treatment Court	Northeastern	Adult Felony Drug Court	Veterans Court	Superior	

Total Requested Funds

Sources	Requested Funds	Matched Funds	Total Budget Amount
Personnel	763,424	160,778	924,202.21
Contract Services	48,960	0	48,960.00
Drug Testing Supplies	96,626	0	96,626.02
Other Costs	0	0	0.00
Equipment	0	0	0.00
Training and Travel	2,064	0	2,064.00
Transportation	0	0	0.00
Total CACJ funds	911,074	160,778	1,071,852.23

## Budget Priority

Priority level	Budget Priority	Priority Reason
Personnel	First	The personnel positions we are asking for in this grant are vital to the continued operation of our program. Our Counselors, Case Manager, Lab Technicians, Intake Coordinator, and Clinical Evaluator help ensure the continued functioning of the program and future sustainability. They are vital to the agency as a whole and necessary to continue to level of services we currently provide. In our FY25 grant application, we did not receive funding for 2 of our case manager positions. We were able to add a case manager position back in the Enhancement and Innovation grant and now request that this position be continued as it currently serves all programs in our agency and manages a caseload of over 100 participants enrolled in transitional housing and sober recovery residences.
Contract Services	Second	Regular surveillance visits by our community policing officers is an integral part of program success and effectiveness. Treatment Services shares a pool of officers who conduct home visits on a weekly basis for all programs in our county. We apply for funding for each program and share these resources to best maximize the number of visits conducted during each shift. We also utilize contract services to help participants pay Work Release fees to decrease time in custody.
Drug Testing Supplies	Third	Treatment Services operates an in-house drug testing lab which serves all of the programs in our judicial circuit. We divide our funding request for reagents among all of the programs in our county to better utilize funding and sharing of resources. Continued funding to purchase reagents is vital to the operation of all programs as this ensures compliance with program rules and treatment effectiveness.
Training and Travel	Fourth	We require all staff to attend the annual CACJ Conference along with various other trainings throughout the year. grant funding to cover travel expenses directly related to the CACJ Conference will allow us to ease the financial burden to team members and further incentivize attendance.
Equipment	Fifth	N/A - No request made in this category
Transportation	Sixth	N/A - No request made in this category
Other Costs	Seventh	N/A - No request made in this category

## Current Fiscal Year Other Funding Sources

Other Sources	Total Funds	Funds Used	Annual Fundsource	No End Date
Byrne-JAG Funding	12740	Treatment Other	Yes	1/1/2025
Community Service Boards	0			
Date Fund	36161	Drug Testing Equipment Office Supplies Travel Training Treatment	Yes	1/1/2025
Financial Donations	0			
Governors Office of Highway Safety	0			
Independent 501(c)3	500	Other	Yes	1/1/2025
Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant	0			
Local Government (Municipal or County)	434624	Equipment Evaluation Office Supplies Personnel Other	Yes	1/1/2025
Competitive BJA Grant	0			
Participants Fees	200630	Equipment Personnel Travel Training Treatment	Yes	1/1/2025
Private Foundation Grant	0			
Revenue from Lab	50771	Drug Testing Equipment Travel Training Other	Yes	1/1/2025
SAMHSA	0			
All other non-CACJ Funds	206455	Personnel Treatment Other	No	12/31/2025

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding Curent Fiscal Year Other Funding Sources.

Our budget is generated from county funds, DATE funds, participant fees, lab revenue, and grant funding. Our local non-profit, Friends of Recovery (FOR), provides some financial assistance to our programs for such services as trainings, but financial donations have declined over the past calendar and fiscal years. In 2024, the Drug Court program experienced a 7% increase in overall program census and is currently serving approximately 250 participants. With the official addition of Veterans Treatment Track to Drug Court, our census cap has increased by 12%. This increase requires greater funding and continued financial collaboration amongst all of our program budgets for optimal efficiency as an agency.

## Next Fiscal Year Other Funding Sources

Other Sources	Total Funds	Funds Used	Annual Fundsource	No End Date	Status
Byrne-JAG Funding	0				
Community Service Boards	0				
Date Fund	40,132	Drug Testing Treatment    Equipment    Office Supplies    Travel Training	Yes	1/1/2026	Pending
Financial Donations	0				
Governors Office of Highway Safety	0				
Independent 501(c)3	500	Other	Yes	1/1/2026	Pending
Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant	0				
Local Government (Municipal or County)	457,111	Equipment    Evaluation    Office Supplies    Personnel    Other	Yes	1/1/2026	Pending
Competitive BJA Grant	0				
Participants Fees	164,936	Equipment    Personnel    Travel Training    Treatment	Yes	1/1/2026	Pending
Private Foundation Grant	0				
Revenue from Lab	55,722	Drug Testing    Equipment    Travel Training    Other	Yes	1/1/2026	Pending
SAMHSA	0				
All other non-CACJ Funds	41,834	Treatment    Other	No	12/31/2026	Already Approved

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding Next Fiscal Year Other Funding Sources.

We anticipate a similar operating budget in FY26 compared to our approved FY25 budget. The FY26 budget has not yet been reviewed or approved by our BOC so all figures are based on FY25 budgets and are subject to reductions. Treatment Services utilizes various revenue streams to generate an operating budget which is shared among all accountability court programs under our umbrella. Our current budget is generated from county funds, DATE funds, participant fees, lab revenue, and grant funding. By utilizing a combined operating budget, we can share resources and increase services for all participants. For FY26, we will utilize ARPA funding to support some of our personnel positions and utilize Opioid Trust funds to support all agency MAT needs. We collect monthly participant fees at the rate of \$150 to help offset operational costs. While these funds are helpful, they are not lucrative enough to sustain our program independently which is why operating from a shared budget is crucial to our agency operations.

How many years of service does the coordinator position have as of July 1, 2025? Please, use 0 (zero) if the coordinator has less of one year of service

0

Will the certified court coordinator program be completed by July 1st of 2025?

Yes

## Sustainability Plan

How would your program maintain operations in the event state funds were lost and your state grant were reduced or eliminated?

Last July, our agency successfully combined group treatment resources across multiple accountability courts to decrease redundancy in services. This allows for sharing of resources across programs and greatly increases our menu of services. The Treatment Services budget is made up of County General Fund, DATE Funds, participant fees, drug testing lab revenue, evaluations revenue, and grant awards. When federal funding ends, we are hopeful that County Commissioners will absorb the grant-funded positions and benefits under the General Fund budget based on the over \$4 million economic impact of our programs on the Hall County community. Additional assistance comes from Friends of Recovery, a nonprofit organization that supports our accountability court programs. Program participants are charged monthly fees to help offset some operational costs.

How much funding have you requested from your county and how much have they approved?

Treatment Services requests funding annually to support salaries/fringe benefits, building maintenance costs, and operational costs. The county operating budget currently support 12 positions within the accountability courts, including the director and assistant director's salaries and fringe. By sharing a combined operational budget, our agency is able to stretch funds further to provide needed services to participants and maintain staff necessary to operate the various programs. We consider program census to calculate overall percentage for each program's operational budget. No operating budget for FY26 has yet been approved by our local Board of Commissioners at the time of this application submission. We are hopeful to receive a similar budget as approved for FY25.

Have you experienced any barriers in obtaining local funds from the counties within your circuit? If so, what are they?

While we are hopeful that the county would pick up grant funded positions associated with our grants, we have not yet been successful in securing these positions. We are reliant on the additional positions supported by grants to provide the level of services to our participants. Drug Court is the largest program in our county and serves nearly 250 participants with projections to grow close to 280 by 2025 year end. Additional staff is vital to provide services to this large census and maintain fidelity with best practices. Without these positions, we would have to drastically cut back on program census which would remove the chance of treatment for many eligible individuals.

## Court Narrative

Please describe in detail how state grant funds are budgeted and this funding sources work together to create a comprehensive program.

We are requesting funding for 10 total personnel positions. All ten are existing positions and currently filled. All positions are vital to program operations given the massive volume of participants in Drug Court. We are requesting funding for community policing, drug testing supplies and services, and training. Requested grant funds will support field surveillance visits conducted by off-duty Sheriff's Department officers. Funding will also assist in purchasing drug testing reagents for our in-house lab and costs associated with confirmation and specialty testing. We continue to share all resources across our entire agency to effectively manage costs. Treatment Services served nearly 900 participants in 2024, which is the largest amount to date. Based on statewide reporting, our circuit is the largest accountability court circuit in the state in terms of total participants served and served approximately 1/10th of all participants in the state in FY24.

If you are not using a CSB please explain why.

The majority of our treatment is conducted in-house by our staff which allows us to provide more comprehensive and individualized treatment schedules for program participants. We utilize our CSB for some therapeutic and peer services as well as psychiatric services (i.e. medication). Due to billing and financial barriers experienced by some of our participants when working with our CSB, we have been able to partner with a local treatment provider to offer some additional groups each week. These groups are shared with other programs and afford program participants more flexibility with their schedules which has proven to be very beneficial.

Please explain your court's current drug testing methods and why your court chose those methods.

We utilize our in-house lab which is shared among all accountability court programs in our circuit. We currently utilize Thermofisher reagents on our Mindray BA800 analyzer and test for the following assays: Amphetamine, Benzodiazepine, Cocaine, Heroin, Creatinine, THC, EtG, Methadone, Opiate, Fentanyl, Spice, and Tramadol. We have five lab technicians who work 40 hours each week for collections, analysis, and reporting of all tests. In 2024, we collected and analyzed over 49,300 urine drug screens for our programs, which appears to be 7% of all drug screens collected across the state of Georgia. Our lab is operational seven days per week with collections hours of 7 am - 6:30 pm on weekdays and 7 am - 12 pm on weekends/holidays. In addition to urine screens, we utilize sweat patch and oral fluid testing methods. We utilize Abbott/Redwood for all confirmation and specialty testing. We established our lab in 2007 and continue to find that it is the most efficient platform for drug testing, given our volume.

What Resources does your court share with other accountability court programs or agencies within your circuit

Drug Lab  
Drug Tests  
Surveillance Officer Time  
Treatment providers  
Office Space  
Lab Technicians

If your court is requesting an increase of 10% or more than the total amount of state funds awarded in the fiscal year 2024

Our FY26 request reflects a 13% increase from our FY25 award, but a 7% decrease from our FY25 request. In FY25, two of our case manager positions were cut from our application and we have been able to secure temporary alternative funding sources through ARPA for these positions. We added a case manager in the EI grant and are requesting to retain this position as it serves all participants across the agency. The active census numbers for Drug Court have increased by 7% in 2024 with projections to increase another 10% in 2025. Drug Court currently boasts 4 distinct tracks serving approximately 250 participants. Based on CACJ calculations, our FY26 request of \$932,107 is almost 5% less than than the CACJ average cost of \$979,381 per participant based on our current census of 227 Drug Track and 11 Veterans. Based on CACJ FY24 data and total participants served in our circuit, we serve nearly 10% of all Georgia accountability court participants. For this reason, greater funding is needed for our courts.

If your court has de-obligated state funds within the past two fiscal years, please explain the circumstances and the plan to prevent a de-obligation from occurring in the future.

Any past de-obligation was in response to personnel/staffing issues. While we make every effort to stay fully staffed, this situation is sometimes out of our control and vacancies or changes in pay rate/benefits from old to new staff is not something that can projected exactly. Since we are not allowed to move funds from Personnel to other areas in the grant, they are returned to CACJ if not utilized. We make concerted efforts to spend all funds as approved and awarded and will ensure that future grant funds are spent.

If your court received a note/comment from the CACJ Funding Committee on your fiscal year 2024 grant award, please describe how your court addressed the Committee's note/comment.

No comment received.

Please provide any additional information below.

N/A

## Participants Fees

How much did your court collect in participant fees in the previous fiscal year?	Please explain why your court does or does not collect participant fees.	How do those fees support the operations of the court?
199795	Our program collects monthly participant's fees at the rate of \$150. We have found that this financial investment by participants helps foster more engagement in treatment and program requirements.	Participant fee collections for Drug Court are utilized to help offset costs associated with drug testing and treatment. Our lab collected over 53,000 urine drug screens in 2024 and operates 7 days per week. The operational costs of our lab include supplies, personnel time, and contract officers to collect screens during morning/evening hours and weekend shifts. Participants fees directly contribute to funds needed for purchasing reagents, drug testing collection supplies, breathalyzers, and other materials needed for daily lab operation. While these funds are helpful, they are not lucrative enough to adequately sustain program operations.

## Personnel Request

Are you requesting funds for personnel?
Yes

Position Title	Hourly Rate	Hours Per Week	Weeks Requested	New Position	Total Salary Requested
Lab Technician/Drug Screen Collector	23.70	40	52		49,296
Counselor	27.23	40	52		56,638
Counselor	27.23	40	52		56,638
Counselor	27.23	40	52		56,638
Program Coordinator	25.92	40	52		53,914
Counselor	28.19	40	52		58,635
Program Case Manager	27.16	40	52		56,493
Program Coordinator	31.10	40	52		64,688
Program Coordinator	28.89	40	52		60,091
Counselor	27.23	40	52		56,638
Total Personnel Salary Requested					569,670

Please detail what the personnel funds requested will be used for in the box below.

The Drug Court grant supports two full-time Lab Technician positions, five full-time Counselor positions, one full-time Intake Coordinator position, one full-time Clinical Evaluator position, and one Case Manager position, all which are vital to program operations. Our request in FY26 asks to retain the case manager position funded in the FY25 Enhancement and Innovation grant as this position has become essential for our management of participants enrolled in recovery residences and transitional housing. Our Intake Coordinator manages the over 400 referrals to both HELP Court and Drug Court annually and is a shared resource among Drug Court and HELP Court to streamline referrals and internal transfers. The Clinical Evaluator conducts assessments for all participants referred to our Superior Court programs. The two full-time Lab Technician positions are shared across all programs falling under the Treatment Services umbrella



and are imperative to continued operation of the Drug Testing Lab.

## Fringe Benefits

Position Title	Benefit Requested 1	Benefit Amount 1	Benefit Requested 2	Benefit Amount 2	Benefit Requested 3	Benefit Amount 3	Benefit Requested 4	Benefit Amount 4	Total Anticipated Cost
Lab Technician/Drug Screen Collector	FICA	3,771.14	Health Insurance	414.18	Worker's Compensation	443.66	401K/Pension	3,943.68	8,572.66
Counselor	FICA	4,373.46	Health Insurance	10,183.94	Worker's Compensation	514.53	401K/Pension	424.32	15,496.25
Counselor	FICA	4,373.46	Health Insurance	476.58	Worker's Compensation	514.53	401K/Pension	1,132.56	6,497.13
Counselor	FICA	4,373.46	Health Insurance	10,183.94	Worker's Compensation	514.53	401K/Pension	2,043.08	17,115.01
Program Coordinator	FICA	4,124.39	Health Insurance	28,284.36	Worker's Compensation	485.22	401K/Pension	2,257.84	35,151.81
Counselor	FICA	4,527.65	Health Insurance	9,310.34	Worker's Compensation	532.66	401K/Pension	2,422.16	16,792.81
Program Case Manager	FICA	4,362.22	Health Insurance	10,500.00	Worker's Compensation	513.20	401K/Pension	2,200.00	17,575.42
Program Coordinator	FICA	4,950.02	Health Insurance	21,573.24	Worker's Compensation	582.36	401K/Pension	2,588.04	29,693.66
Program Coordinator	FICA	4,597.00	Health Insurance	18,228.34	Worker's Compensation	540.82	401K/Pension	4,807.14	28,173.30
Counselor	FICA	4,373.46	Health Insurance	9,160.58	Worker's Compensation	514.53	401K/Pension	4,637.36	18,685.93
Total Fringe Benefits Anticipated Cost									193,753.98

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding fringe benefits requested.

All requested salary and fringe benefits are based on current employee figures with no foreseeable changes for FY26. Please note that our Lab Coordinator, Intake Coordinator, and Clinical Evaluator are listed as a Program Coordinator due to lack of position options.

Contracts & MOUs

Are you requesting funding for Contracts and MOUs?  
 Yes

Position Title	Rate Unit	Rateperunit	Total Units Requested	Anticipated Numbers	Provider Type	Total Requested Cost
Law Enforcement Surveillance Officer	Per hour	65.00	576	25.00	Sheriff's Department	37,440
Local Police Department	Per participant	144.00	80	80.00	Sheriff's Department	11,520
Total Contracts & MOUs Requested Cost						48,960

Please use the provided space below to describe how the contracts & MOUs requested will be work with your court program.

We wish to continue our surveillance presence by sending four Community Policing officers out into the field for 3 hours per week (4 officers x 12 hours/month x 12 months). This would allow our officers (who work in pairs and average four-hour shifts at \$65/hour) to make visits for all four of Hall County's accountability court programs. We are requesting funds to assist with payment of initial administrative fees associated with Work Release for eligible participants. By removing this cost barrier, participants are able to save funds for residential treatment placement at a faster rate leading to faster release dates from incarceration. Participants repay some of these funds to a designated account which will be utilized to fully sustain this particular project. We anticipate being sustainable within one year and will not have a need to request grant funding for this particular project at that time. \$144/participant x 80 participants = \$11,520.

County Drug Labs

Do you have a fixed-rate, per test contract with a county drug lab for which you are requesting funds?  
No

Rate Per Test	Number of Panels Tested per Rate	Number of Tests Requested	Total
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Please describe how your contract with the county for drug lab services breaks down the cost per test in terms of personnel, testing supplies, and reagents.

Drug Testing Supplies Consummables

Are you requesting funds for Drug Testing supplies?
Yes

Consummables	Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Units Requested	Total Amount Requested
			Total Consummables Amount Requested	0.00

Drug Testing Supplies Monitoring

Monitoring Equipment	Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Units Requested	Total Amount Requested
Total Monitoring Equipment Amount Requested			0.00	

Drug Testing Supplies Confirmation or Lab Test

Confirmation Test or In-House Lab	Average Cost Per Test	Numberof Tests Requested	Total Amount Requested
Redwood	14.00	300	4,200.00
Redwood	50.00	400	20,000.00
Redwood	33.00	200	6,600.00
Total Confirmation or Lab Amount Requested			30,800.00

### Drug Testing Supplies Onsite Devices

Onsite Devices	Company Used	Panel Tested	Cost per Unit	Units	Total Unit Requested	Total Amount Requested
				Total Onsite Devices Amount Requested		0.00

Does Court utilize or Operate Local Lab?

County Run Lab

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding drug testing supplies. If you selected 'other' as an option on this section of the grant, please indicate what 'other' is.

We operate an in-house lab utilizing Thermofisher reagents on our Mindray BA800 analyzer. We pay for consumable supplies such as latex gloves and cups from our county operating budget and are only requesting grant funds for confirmation and specialty testing with Abbott/Redwood and reagents (in the next section). Hall County Drug Court sent off approximately 565 screens to Abbott Labs in 2024. Our lab collected over 53,000 drug screens in 2024, with over 18,000 of those screens belonging to the Drug Court. We wish to maintain or increase this pace to better monitor participant progress by testing for assays which we cannot detect in-house.



## Reagents Drug Testing Supplies

Are you requesting funds for reagents?
Yes

### Typical Drugs

Drugs	Company Used	Cost Per test	Total Units Requested	Total Requested Amount
Barbiturates	ThermoFisher	0.29	9,027	2,617.83
Burprenorphine	ThermoFisher	0.29	9,027	2,617.83
Cocaine/Crack	ThermoFisher	0.29	18,054	5,235.66
ETG	ThermoFisher	0.29	27,081	7,853.49
Methadone	ThermoFisher	0.29	9,027	2,617.83
Methamphetamine	ThermoFisher	0.29	27,081	7,853.49
Optiates	ThermoFisher	0.29	27,081	7,853.49
Oxycodone	ThermoFisher	0.29	9,027	2,617.83
THC	ThermoFisher	0.29	27,081	7,853.49
Other: Please provide an explanation : Benzodiazepines	ThermoFisher			
			Total Reagents Supplies Requested Amount	47,120.94

### Synthetic Drugs

Drugs	Company Used	Cost Per test	Total Units Requested	Total Requested Amount
Fentanyl	ThermoFisher	0.89	10,000	8,900.00
Synthetic Cannabinoids (K2/Spice)	ThermoFisher	0.95	10,000	9,500.00
Tramadol	ThermoFisher	0.29	1,052	305.08
			Total Reagents Supplies Requested Amount	18,705.08

Supplies

Are you requesting funds for supplies?  
No

Cost Type	Cost Per Unit	Total Units Requested	Total Requested Amount
		Total Supplies Requested Amount	0.00

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding the supplies and other costs you are requesting.

Equipment

Are you requesting funds for Equipment?  
No

Equipment Type	Total Units Requested	Cost Per Unit	Total Requested Amount
	Equipments Total Requested Amount		0.00

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding your equipment request.

### Conference Training and Travel

Are you requesting funds to attend the CACJ Annual Training Conference?  
 Yes

Team Name	Mileage Total	Parking Request	Number Team Members	Total Hotel Nights Per Room	Number Hotel Rooms	Total Anticipated Cost
Hall County Drug Court Team A	240		8			
Hall County Drug Court Team B	240		8			
Conference Training and Travel Total Anticipated Cost						0.00

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding your court's request for funding to attend the CACJ Annual Conference

We are requesting funding for travel reimbursement to the annual CACJ conference scheduled for September 14-17, 2025 in Athens. We are requesting funding for our Alpha Track/REACT/Veterans Track team members (Team A) and our Bravo Track team members (Team B). We are less than 51 miles from the conference center so would only be requesting RT mileage for each team member.

**In-State Travel**

Are you requesting additional training and travel funds for your court?  
No

Court Staff/Contractor Name	Training Cost	Mileage(roundtrip)	Numberof Trips	Total Requested
		All Attendee Total Amount Requested		0.00

Please use the provided space to provide any additional details regarding mileage use. If you are requesting mileage between counties, please list the distance between those counties and how many participants were served in each of those counties

## Transportation

Are you requesting funds to assist participants with transportation needs?

No

Mode of Transportation Cost Type	Rate Unit	Rate Unit Explanation	Rate per Unit	Total Units	Under Contract	Total
County Vehicle Mileage						
Driver time (County Vehicle)						
Public Transportation						
Private Transportation (Uber/Taxi)						
Bike Share						
Other						
					Total Transportation Cost	0.00

If you are applying for multiple courts, please list the courts.

How many participants do you anticipate will participate in your proposed transportation project (from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)? If you are applying for multiple courts, please list the court name then the number of participants.

How many new participants will your court add if the proposed transportation project is funded? If you are applying for multiple courts, please list the court name and then the number of participants.

Please fully describe your proposed transportation project. Include why the project is needed and cannot be funded by other sources.

If there are additional items regarding your transportation program, please include them in the space below.

Which evidence-based curricula does your court offer?

Anger Management  
 Celebrating Families  
 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)  
 Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA)  
 Criminal and Addictive Thinking  
 Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)  
 Hazelden Co-Occurring Disorders Program  
 Hazelden Life Skills  
 Individual Therapy/Counseling  
 Individual-Trauma  
 Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment  
 Matrix Early Recovery Skills and Relapse Prevention  
 Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)  
 Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET)  
 Motivational Interviewing  
 MRT - Discovering Life and Liberty in the Pursuit of Happiness  
 MRT - Staying Quit  
 MRT - Untangling Relationships  
 MRT - Winning the Invisible War  
 Peer Support Services  
 Prime for Life  
 Relapse Prevention Therapy (RPT)

Seeking Safety  
Strengthening Families  
Thinking for a Change (T4C)  
Trauma Recovery and Enhancement Model (TREM)  
Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)

Which ancillary services do you court provides?

Resume's Writing Assistance  
Job Interviewing Preparation  
Life Skills Course  
Accountability Court Mentor/Mentee Program