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Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a deflection program, what constitutes as a successful deflection, and what are deflection best practices?

- ✓ All deflection program design, metrics, and standards are up to applicant discretion at this time. The CJC published a best practices report on April 1, 2025, which is linked [here](#).

As part of the required deflection program partnerships, can the CMHP and BHRN be the same organization?

- ✓ Yes

Are counties responsible for setting up a data collection system?

- ✓ No, CJC's research partners at OHSU have developed a BHD database that utilizes the electronic web-based data-tracking system, REDCap, to capture data. Counties must work with OHSU to submit data into the BHD database monthly.

What is REDCap (the statewide data system)? Could our local program use it as a case management system?

- ✓ REDCap is the name of the web-based data tracking platform that houses the BHD database. The OHSU Data Team developed the BHD database in consultation with programs. That team also maintains the database and trains program staff on its use. Local programs receive monthly updates on their data from the OHSU Data Team. The BHD database is not a case management system.

What is the purpose of county program data collection?

- ✓ The REDCap BHD Database is designed to capture the most relevant and important features of participants in programs and to guide CJC as it develops best practices and standards for BHD programs and meet its statutory obligations.

Can a CJC deflection grant pay for the statutorily required Coordinator position?

- ✓ Yes. CJC encourages applicants to prioritize funding a Coordinator as it is a legislatively mandated component to operate a deflection program.

After a grant is awarded, how does a deflection program make changes to its project description, projected budget, or program coordinator?

- ✓ At each quarter's reporting, there will be an opportunity to update the program coordinator's information and request an amendment to the program's project description and/or budget.

What are allowable expenses for the BHD program?

- ✓ For information on allowable expenses, please refer to the [CJC's Grant Administration Guide](#).

What steps do I need to take if my program wants to add a nationally recognized referral pathway to treatment or refine our program's eligibility criteria?

- ✓ The CJC encourages programs to continue to develop programming that will meet the jurisdiction's needs given local capacity, which includes refining eligibility criteria and adding nationally recognized referral pathways to treatment.
- ✓ Please notify CJC staff of any additional pathways or refined eligibility criteria as your program develops, as part of regular quarterly reporting. You may also submit a budget adjustment request as part of quarterly reporting if adding a pathway requires an altered allocation of deflection funds.

Are the IMPACTS and BHD grants the same program?

- ✓ IMPACTS and BHD are separate programs.

Can our jurisdiction apply for funds to plan a BHD program if we have not yet been awarded funds?

- ✓ Yes, Grants may also be awarded for the *development* of deflection programs.

Where can I find additional guidance about program structure, pathways, success measures, and other information about BHD?

- ✓ Check out the [2025 CJC Summit's webpage](#) as well as summary notes from the "Grantee Community Discussion - Deflection Efforts at the Intersection of Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice," [linked here](#). The BHD best practices report, [linked here](#), is also a useful resource.