

Proposal for Legislation -- 2017

Allow Biennial County Matching Grants

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1. What is the problem or issue?

The statute currently requires counties to submit yearly county matching grant applications for local crisis intervention and jail diversion programs to the Department's Addictive and Mental Disorders Division. The application process can be burdensome to county and state resources and discourages longer-term projects.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

Revise laws requiring the Department to contract with counties yearly for the county matching grant program. The change would allow the Department to contract on a biennial basis increasing efficiency at the state and county level.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

This requires changes to 53-21-1203(1).T

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

No additional funding is required.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Not to change this section of statute.