



VERMONT JUDICIARY

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Funding Request

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Request: Substance Use Disorder Training for Judges

Overview: The judiciary is requesting funds to train judges on the nature of substance use disorders and the opportunities within the justice process to address them. According to the research-based best practice standards developed by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, training on the following topics is appropriate for judges in this context:

- Legal, ethical, and constitutional issues in court-based treatment settings
- the disease of addiction
- key elements of evidence-based substance use disorder and mental health treatment
- behavior modification
- community supervision

Budget Amount: \$75,000 annually

Budget Detail: The Judiciary is seeking \$75,000 annually to supplement its judicial education budget to include content on court-based intervention for people with substance use disorders. Key staff may be included in these training activities to ensure a comprehensive approach to the addressing the problem of substance abuse.

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