Project TEAM
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Pre-Grant Application Webinar
Helping Tribes and State/Local Governments
Create Joint Jurisdiction Collaborations
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Presentation Overview

Project TEAM

• Purpose
• Background
• Services

Shingle Springs – El Dorado County, California

• Project overview and status

Project details including eligibility

Application procedure and selection criteria

Questions & Discussion
The TEAM Mission

Our purpose
To assist tribes, state, and local governments in developing joint jurisdiction justice initiatives

Our intended outcomes
• Improve justice outcomes in the community
• Use resources more efficiently and effectively
• Help repair traditionally difficult relationships between tribes and US governmental bodies
Project TEAM builds on the collaboration model used by Leech Lake Tribal Court Judge Korey Wahwassuckck and Cass County District Court Judge John P. Smith who created the first joint tribal-state jurisdictional court in Northern Minnesota. Over its six years in operation, the Leech-Lake Cass County Wellness Court has reduced recidivism, improved public safety, inspired other joint jurisdiction collaborations in the area, and contributed to greatly improved relations between the Leech Lake Band and the non-tribal community.
TEAM Services

Project TEAM is funded by BJA to:

• Provide onsite TTA services to three communities
• Produce a manual on developing and implementing joint jurisdiction justice projects
• Promote the joint jurisdiction model through
  • Conference presentations
  • Webinars
  • Publications
First Project

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and El Dorado County Superior Court
El Dorado County, California

Hon. Christine Williams, Shingle Springs Tribal Court
Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, El Dorado County Superior Court
Project
A joint-jurisdiction court to provide wrap-around services for juveniles and their families involved in delinquency, truancy, or dependency

Court Vision
One safe, strong community of thriving families created through trust and healing.

Population
• Youth up to age 18 and transitional youth 18-24 and their families
• Members of Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Challenges

- History of conflict between Tribe and County
- California is a PL-280 state
  - Increased conflict with state/local govt.
  - Decreased tribal justice system development
- Continuing lack of trust in both communities
- Tribal youth getting lost in the system
  - Charter school
  - Juvenile records
Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Resources

- Excellent relationship between leading judges
- County experienced in building & supporting alternative courts
- Tribal Wellness Center & Wellness Board for treatment/service options
- Strong support from Tribal Council and Tribal Administration
- Widespread, committed support from both Tribal and county government participants
Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Process

- Applied for Project TEAM technical assistance grant in December 2013
- Awarded grant in February 2014 and planning began immediately
- First step: identify department/agencies from tribal and county sides to participate in planning
- Second step: invite participants.

Everyone accepted!
Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Process

Project TEAM Services
• Facilitated three separate, 2-day meetings in May, July, and October 2014
• Helped us identify our Mission, Vision and Goals and ground rules for planning process
• Helped us draft a court procedures manual

Healing to Wellness Court Training – TLPI, September 2014
• 9 participants from tribe, county and Project TEAM staff attended training
Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co.

Next steps to project completion:
- Judge Williams sworn in as Pro Tem Judge, El Dorado County Superior Court & Judge Kingsbury sworn in as Pro Tem Judge, Shingle Springs Tribal Court
- Group continues to meet to finalize processes
- Working on community outreach/education

Expected court start date: Spring, 2015
Second and Third Projects

Now Accepting Applications

Two sites will be selected from the pool of applicants to receive technical assistance either:

- March - August 2015
- October 2015 - March 2016

TA will include:

- An assessment of collaboration readiness
- Guidance on forming the collaboration team
- Three on-site visits to design, develop and implement the collaboration project
Project Details
Site Visit Objectives

Visit one:
• Build relationships; identify goals, resources and challenges; and develop shared mission statement and project values

Visit two:
• Develop a formal structure for working together including formal agreements, role clarification, and resource commitment

Visit three:
• Finalize collaboration framework/structure; develop work and communication plans; and identify measurable performance objectives and data collection. Develop a plan for implementation.
Eligibility

Joint jurisdiction, justice-related projects are eligible for application including:

- Wellness courts, mental health courts, veterans courts
- Alternative sentencing models
- Juvenile justice program reforms
- Collaborative supervision/reentry programs
- Other projects that meet other eligibility requirements will be considered
Eligibility

Requirements

- Must be joint application from a federally recognized Indian tribe and a state or local government authority
- Must designate project leaders from both the Tribe and state or local government
- Must have resolution from tribal government supporting project
- Must be able to participate in three on-site meetings, either April – August 2015, or October 2015 – March 2016
Application is 5-7 page concept paper

- Statement of commitment from project leaders (20 pts.)
- Description of targeted problem (10 pts)
- Description of proposed joint-jurisdiction collaboration (20 pts)
- List of proposed participants for on-site meetings (10 pts)
- Description of existing tribal-local community relationship and any former or ongoing collaborations
Application

Application available on Project TEAM website

Applications due January 30, 2015 by 5:00 pm, PT

Submit in Word® or .pdf format to leof@ohsu.edu
Selection Process

Initial Review

• Initial review of all applications by 2 TEAM members
• Applications meeting basic requirements and scoring at least 50/70 points will be scored by all TEAM members
• Six top scoring applicants will move on to semi-finalist stage
Selection Process

Semi-finalists will be asked to:
• Complete an on-line, 15 minute collaboration readiness survey
• Participate in a phone interview with Project TEAM staff
• Phone interviews will take place week of February 16-20, 2015
• These steps worth 30 points total
Selection Criteria

Commitment of leadership 20 pts.
Description of problem 10 pts.
Description of proposed joint collaboration 20 pts.
List of proposed participants 10 pts.
Background on existing collaboration relationship 10 pts.
Survey completion/phone interview 30 pts.

The two applications with the highest score (out of 100 pts.) will be selected.

All applicants will be notified of decision on March 2, 2015.
Application Details

Project TEAM [website](#)

Project TEAM [RFP](#)

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Decision announced [March 2, 2015](#)

Questions?

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