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Memorandum

To: Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) Grantees

From: ARI Program and FSGU Staff

Date: February 28, 2025

Re: SFY26 ARI Continuation Materials Instructions

We are writing with information about the renewal funding process for State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) for continuing Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) grantees. The materials that must be completed and submitted are provided as links at the end of this memo, including continuation form, budget template, and other required documents. Requests for SFY26 continuation funding are due to CJA.ARIfiles@illinois.gov by Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

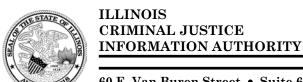
FUNDING LEVELS

SFY26 will be the *third of three years* of funding through the SFY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (# 2115-0323); therefore, the process will be non-competitive, and awards will be based on the current year's funding level. A few things to keep in mind:

- ARI is expected to receive flat funding in SFY26 (\$13 million) to support current sites and expansion in the network.
- Sites are asked to request only the amount they can realistically spend based on the **amount originally awarded** through NOFO # 2115-0323 (if you are unsure of the amount, ask your grant specialist).
- Requests for **additional resources** for proposed structural changes in your program will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Sites should be on track to spend at least 75% of the SFY25 award if requesting additional resources. Please describe changes clearly and identify the budgetary impact(s).
- If your site will lapse grant funding this year due to program **implementation changes or challenges** (e.g., staffing, target population, other funding sources), consider requesting *less than* the original award amount so that funds can be reallocated elsewhere.
- Final award amounts may be reduced based on funding availability and allowability determinations.

REVIEW PROCESS

ARI staff and the ARI Oversight Board (ARIOB) Site Selection & Monitoring Committee will review the submitted forms to develop SFY26 site funding recommendations for the full ARIOB to review. We anticipate letters with approved award amounts, contingent on a sufficient state appropriation for ARI, to be distributed in early-June, based on ARIOB action.



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GRANTS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (GATA)

Sites must continue to ensure they are compliant with the Grants Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), through the completion of an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) for Fiscal Year 2026 or the latest fiscal year available (for more information, go to https://gata.illinois.gov/grantee.html).

PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The completion of the **Continuation Form** provides the program information necessary to process the renewal grant agreements. Please follow the directions carefully. Note that this process will use the form provided and will NOT be in AmpliFund.
- 2. ARI eligibility tables have been updated for the calculation of target populations and 25% reduction goals for SFY26 continuation funding, in the **Goals and Performance Metrics** section. Please use the eligibility tables for SFY22-24, available at the Grants tab on the <u>ARI website</u>. Note: Recent changes to methodology may affect your jurisdiction's eligibility numbers and calculations; if you have questions about the data, please contact CJA.ARIfiles@illinois.gov.
- 3. When completing the **Budget** template, sites are required to include at least a .25 full-time equivalent staff person in Personnel or Contractual to ensure administrative capacity to manage the grant. Sites must also include funds in Travel to attend to the annual All-Sites Summit (or indicate other funding used) and are strongly encouraged to plan for travel to regional training workshops as part of the Training, Technical Assistance and Development program (TBD).
- 4. This memo's appendices include a list of commonly cited evidence-based and promising practices by ARI sites. Please reference this list (not exhaustive) in completing the **Project Implementation** section. Refer to the ARI Performance Standards when completing the **Goals and Performance Metrics** section.
- 5. The form requests information about ongoing challenges affecting program implementation and performance. Please provide as much detail as possible, including any structural changes being proposed, in the **Review of Progress Made SFY25** and in the **Program Activities SFY26** sections, as applicable.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Each of the documents listed below (*=required) is available for download at the Grants tab of the <u>ARI</u> <u>website</u>. Materials must be completed and submitted to <u>CJA.ARIfiles@illinois.gov</u> by the due date of **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

- ARI SFY26 Continuation Materials Instruction Memo
- * ICJIA Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance
- * ARI SFY26 Continuation Form
- * ICJIA Uniform Budget Template
- * Fiscal Information Sheet
- * (If applicable) ARI Subcontractor/Subrecipient Chart
- *(If applicable) Subrecipient Contractor Determination Checklists
- Audit Technical Assistance Information Sheet



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APPENDIX A: Evidence-based & Promising Practices at ARI Sites

(List is for reference and is not exhaustive)

Program Models	Assessments		Probation		Treatment & Therapy		Recovery & Support	
			Methods & Tools					
☐ Adult drug		Adult Risk		Core		Matrix model		Recovery
court		Assessment		Correctional		Dialectical-Behavior		coaching
☐ Adult mental		(ARA), based on		Practices (CCP)		Therapy (DBT)		Twelve-Step
health court		the Ohio Risk		Effective		Medication Assisted		Facilitation
☐ Intensive		Assessment		Practices in		Treatment (MAT)		Therapy (AA, NA)
supervision		System (ORAS)		Community		Integrated Dual		SMART Recovery
probation		Level of Service		Supervision		Disorder Therapy		(Self
with services		Inventory-		(EPICS)		Assertive		Management
(surveillance,		Revised (LSI-R)		Effective		Community		and Recovery
treatment)		Texas Christian		Casework		Treatment (ACT)		Training)
		University (TCU)		Model		Cognitive behavioral		Wellness
		screening &		Motivational		therapy (CBT) (for		Recovery Action
		assessments		interviewing		high and moderate		Planning (WRAP)
		Global Appraisal		(MI)		risk justice-involved		Transitional and
		of Individual		Swift, certain,		individuals)		supportive
		Needs (GAIN)		fair/graduated		Thinking for a		housing
		Substance Abuse		sanction case		Change (T4C)		Wrap-around
		Subtle Screening		management		Moral Reconation		services
		Inventory (SASSI)		for justice-		Therapy (MRT)		Community
		Risk and Needs		involved		Strategies for Self-		Reinforcement
		Triage (RANT)		individuals		Improvement and		Approach
		Client Evaluation		with		Change (SSC)		Cultural
		of Self		substance use		Relapse Prevention		Competency
		Treatment		disorders		Therapy (RPT)		Family psycho-
		(CEST)		Carey Guides –		Moving On	_	education
		PTSD Checklist-		Brief		Co-occurring		Work therapy
		Civilian Version		Intervention		Disorders Program		Employment
		(PCL-C), Trauma		ToolS (BITS)		(CDP)		retention
		Screening				Anger Management		Peer support
		Questionnaire				Motivational		and mentoring
		(TSQ)				Enhancement		
		Suicide				Therapy		
		Behaviors				A New Direction		
		Questionnaire-				Trauma-informed		
		Revised (SBQ-R)				therapy		
		Adverse Childhood				Seeking Safety		
						Trauma Recovery &		
		Experiences (ACES)				Empowerment Model (TREM)		
		(ACES)				Helping		
						Men/Women		
						Recover		
						NCCOVE		
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APPENDIX B: ARI Performance Standards

The following performance standards will be used to review adherence to ARI requirements. Certain conditions related to the performance standards may initiate the need for technical assistance and/or corrective action. The following is for information purposes and will be included in the grant agreement.

Contractual Performance Measure	Technical Assistance and/or Initiator for Corrective Action
Reduction goal:	Failure to meet or risk of failure to meet the
25% reduction of ARI-eligible IDOC commitments from the identified target population for the grant period.	contractual 25% reduction goal for the grant period.
Assessment tools: Risk and needs assessment information utilized for enrollment determinations. Evidence-based practices (EBP): Fidelity of EBP is documented. 100% of enrolled are receiving EBP. % participants assessed as high-risk/need engaged in	 No assessment tool in use. Assessment tool not used consistently. Assessment tool failing to guide enrollment or programming determinations. Failure to use EBP (e.g., failure to assess and use information for enrollment and programming, failure to utilize risk-need-responsivity model, failure to use evidence-based programs or curricula).
appropriate programming (e.g. substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, cognitive-behavioral therapy).	Failure to address technical assistance recommendations in a timely manner.
Appropriate ARI target/service population: Participants are: Probation-eligible Prison-bound Assessed as moderate to high risk Local programs enroll appropriate target population as planned to match interventions (e.g., high-risk/lowneed or high-risk/high-need).	 Analysis of program's unsuccessful exits shows a lower than pre-determined threshold of program revocations committed to IDOC. Analysis of assessment scores shows that less than 80% of participants enrolled are assessed as moderate to high-risk. Analysis shows program is excessively overriding assessment scores.
Provision of program data as required in contracts: Demographics Case information ARI information Probation/ARI conditions Drug testing results Diagnosis information Treatment providers Status/termination of conditions Changes in employment/education levels Technical violations, arrests, convictions Assessment information Client contacts	Failure to provide requested data in the form/detail requested or in a timely manner.

If performance standards are not met, a corrective action plan (CAP) may be indicated, which may involve training, technical assistance, assessment of mitigating circumstances, sanctions, or termination of contract.