

Capacity-Building Funds

Medicaid Justice Re-entry Waiver

Introduction

The Medicaid Justice Waiver authorizes the state of Utah to receive federal funds to build administrative capacity in jails and prisons. DHHS will distribute these funds as grants to jails to assist them in building operational capacity to participate in the Medicaid Justice Waiver. These funds require local matching funds of 1:1; in other words, \$1 of local funds for each \$1 of federal funds.

How much is available for carceral facilities?

The total amount available for the state of Utah is allocated by state fiscal year (July-June). Any unused funds in one fiscal year will be available the following fiscal year. These funds must be used by June 30, 2027.

State Fiscal Year	2025	2026	2027
Federal funds	\$1,423,914.50	\$2,135,871.75	\$2,135,871.75
Required local match	\$1,423,914.50	\$2,135,871.75	\$2,135,871.75

DHHS will award these funds to county jails that submit qualifying proposals. The maximum award amounts have not been set.

What expenditures qualify for grants?

Allowable expenditures can include any of the following, as long as the purpose is to build capacity to participate in the Medicaid Justice Waiver:

- Technology and IT services
- Hiring of staff and training
- Adoption of certified electronic health record technology
- Purchase of billing systems
- Development of protocols and procedures
- Additional activities to promote collaboration
- Planning

When will funds be available?

DHHS will begin requesting applications in January 2025 and awarding grants in the spring of 2025. Facility readiness assessments will help DHHS determine facility needs in this process.